



The Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi

The Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception

Welcome! - Bienvenido! - Mabuhay!

*From wherever you have traveled or have been led on your spiritual journey,
we, the Catholic communities of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Saint Francis of Assisi,
welcome you to our parishes.*

*We are located on the land of the Mohawk People of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Mohican People
who were the first stewards of the land upon which our Churches were built in what we now call the City of Albany.*

*We invite you to make yourself at home in one of our parish communities
and consider joining our Christian way of life, worship and service in Jesus Christ.*

Welcome College Students!

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Stay Connected with Your Parish!



Would you like to receive important announcements, messages from the Rector/Pastor/Bishop, newsworthy items, and our weekly bulletin directly in your inbox?

We are excited to introduce a new way for the Cathedral community to stay connected. This program has been highly successful for Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, and now we want to invite members of the Cathedral community to join us. And, if you're a member of Saint Francis and haven't signed up before, please join now!

Simply send your name and email contact to Bobby at:

Cathedral: CICALban@rcda.org.

Saint Francis: SFAAlbany@rcda.org

Stay informed and engaged with all the latest updates from our parish!

Dear parishioners,

We recently subscribed to the app Hallow and to the media platform Formed.org. These will be great ways for all of us to grow in our faith, including through the Marian consecration retreats. For example, using Hallow, you can go to the community page for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and look for the prayer challenge for "33 Days to Morning Glory." You can also use the app for other prayers and ways of growing closer to God.

The online platform Formed.org also has a videos for the Marian consecration series "33 Days to Morning Glory" and other wonderful programs. I hope that this these to offerings may help you grow closer to Jesus through Mary, and may God bless you!

Fr. Rendell Torres

HALLOW APP

For current subscribers:

1. Open app, find Community tab (bottom of screen), create profile
2. Search for parish (zip code is fastest), join parish

For people completely new to Hallow:

1. Scan QR code (hallow.com/parish)
2. Find parish (zip code is fastest), set up profile
3. Follow prompts to \$1 trial (to opt out and be on the free version, hit "skip" when prompted)
4. Take note of login credentials (phone # or email address) and be sure to use these same credentials when logging in once the app is downloaded.



For current users on the free version who wish to remain on the free version:

1. Open app, find Community tab (bottom of screen), create profile
2. Search for parish (zip code is fastest), join parish

FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

1. Go to formed.org
2. Click on "Find Your Parish Subscription"
3. Enter your email address and click "Next"
4. On the sign in page, enter the code that was sent to your email
5. Click "Next"
6. Enter your parish's zip code and click on your parish name
7. Click "Sign up"

PASTORAL REFLECTION

June 1, 2025—Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17:20-21)

Jesus prays to His Father in heaven "that they may all be one." How much the Lord Jesus desires that we be united in loving God and loving each other. Only by loving each other in a truly Christian way will the world believe that we are Christians, and that Jesus is truly God, Who offers us the power and grace to love as Jesus loves, laying down His life for us so that, if we trust in Him completely, we may live with Him forever beyond death.

Our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XVI, desires that the Catholic Church to be "a sign of unity and communion"; his papal motto is In illo Uno unum — "In the one Christ we are one." He echoes St. John Paul II who wrote about Jesus's desire "that they may all be one," that all Christians might be one. Although there are many things that unite Catholic and non-Catholic Christians in our faith and morals, there are still some significant things that prevent all Christians from being fully united in faith, worship, and life.

Christians can be a convincing witness for the world and bring people to God only if we are united in the Truth which is the person of Jesus. Saint Paul VI said, "Evangelization is bound up with the witness of unity given... The division among Christians is a serious reality which impedes the very work of Christ." But if we are united, through God's grace, this unity will not only help the world to believe but ultimately give glory to God, as St. John Paul II wrote: "The phrase 'that the world may believe' has been so strongly emphasized that at times we run the risk of forgetting that, in the mind of the Evangelist, unity is above all for the glory of the Father."

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

"Even for those who have torn the garment of Your unity, a fount of mercy flows from Your Heart. The omnipotence of Your mercy, O God, can lead these souls also out of error." (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, n. 1219)

Thank you for your help



We would like to report that our large monstrance has been professionally repaired, and returned safely to the Cathedral. The restoration of this precious heirloom was made possible through your generosity. We would like to thank all of those who supported this project including the local area Order of Malta, and The O'Brien Insurance Agency whose generosity helped this project move forward expeditiously.

The Ascension of the Lord , Seventh Sunday of Easter — 1 June 2025

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Saturday, May 31 4:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday, June 1 9:00 AM	† <i>Lorraine Klein</i>	<i>Requested by</i> <i>Sue Fouhy</i>
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sunday, June 1 10:30 AM	† <i>Peter Williams</i>	<i>Requested by</i> <i>Lucille Williams</i>
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sunday, June 1 11:00 AM	† <i>John Skovira</i>	<i>Requested by</i> <i>Family</i>
Sunday, June 1 5:00 PM	† <i>James Nesfield</i>	<i>Requested by</i> <i>Wife</i>

Why request Mass intentions? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the **Eucharistic sacrifice [the Mass]**, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God” (CCC 1032).

The dead in purgatory can no longer pray for themselves. Pope Francis said that offering Masses for the dead “is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.” Masses can also be offered a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God; in thanksgiving for a prayer from a saint; or for a prayer intention (that does not contradict Church teaching). The efficacy or fruitfulness of a Mass in a person's life depends on that person's interior openness to God's will and not merely on the external performance of a sacrament (CCC 2111). We allow normally one intention per Mass, except that two Masses per week may have two intentions.

If we are ever unable to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion (either because we are physically unable to be at Mass or are spiritually not in a state of grace), we can ask the Lord to make a “spiritual communion” such as the following:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my
soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You.

Amen.

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Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM
Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 AM
Primer Domingo del mes: Bendición a todos los niños y jóvenes al final de la Santa Misa

STEWARDSHIP

Due to the early bulletin submission deadlines set by our publisher for Memorial Day, the financial and attendance data typically provided each week under stewardship will be delayed. Stewardship for June 1st will instead be provided in a bulletin insert. Our normal schedule will resume the weekend of June 7-8. Thank you for your understanding.



COUPLE TO
COUPLE LEAGUE

CHECK IT OUT! NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING, ONLINE COURSE

Couple to Couple League offers an online course where you can learn natural family planning, an accurate and moral way of knowing how to achieve or delay pregnancy. Natural Family Planning is not the rhythm method; it is scientifically accurate and helps open hearts in marriages. Find out more at www.ccli.org. Our parish is willing to help subsidize the course cost for you—please call if you're interested!



BECOME HOLY BY CONSECRATION TO MARY!

From Memorial Day, Monday May 26 until June 28, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You can use the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* or the app “Hallow” (search for “33 Days” and the Cathedral network). Six weekly Monday meetings started on “Day 1,” May 26, 6:30-8 pm, at Mater Christi Parish. All are

welcome! (You do not have to attend the meetings to make your consecration.) For more information, email Jo at johep@ymail.com, or check our website or social media for online signups <https://forms.office.com/r/iBZh3uMyYq> or scan the QR code on this bulletin.



Our Parish Network Mass Times:

Historic Saint Mary's		Saint Francis		The Cathedral
Saturday	4:00 PM	Saturday	4:00 PM Delaware	
Sunday	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday	9:00 AM Delaware 10:30 AM Delaware (Spanish) 10:30 AM South End	Sunday 11:00 AM 5:00 PM
Mon-Fri	12:05 PM			

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Saint John's/Saint Ann's Center

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518.472.9091

CENTER

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:am—12pm; 1:pm 3pm

WELCOME TABLE

Tuesday and Saturday: 11:30am—1:00pm

In need of juice and hygiene products

Reminder: We cannot accept outdated, opened or used items.

Other Area Food Pantries include:

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10 Lodge Street, Albany, New York

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Trinity Alliance

15 Trinity Place, Albany, New York

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www.trinityalliancealbany.org/food-pantries

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The Cathedral



St. Francis

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Sunday: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Monday—Saturday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Cathedral Church and Parish Offices will be closed on National Holidays and other days throughout the year as noted in the bulletin.

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