

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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**The Cathedral
Saint Francis of Assisi**

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South End Site: 93 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202



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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"

We Need You: Ministry Opportunities

Please take to prayer sharing your time and talent by volunteering for one or more of these Cathedral ministries:

Altar Server: Communal worship is an outward expression of our dedication to Jesus Christ and His Church. Ministering as an Altar Server is an opportunity for you to explore the Sacred Mysteries and deepen your understanding of the faith. Our Cathedral has a particular need for those who are able to lift and carry 15-25lbs.—ensuring both processional cross and candles at every Mass. To learn more please contact Gerry or Patrick after Mass.

Live Stream: Our Livestream is working! We currently stream Sunday morning Mass as well as various Diocesan liturgies on the RCDA YouTube. To improve the quality of the broadcast our Livestream Ministry is being reformed. Creative camera work and smooth transitions are much more important than technical knowledge. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Please reach out to Patrick for more info.

OCIA: You can help adults on the journey to become Christian, enter full communion with the Catholic Church, or complete the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. We will soon be initiating the new Order of Christian Initiation of Adult (formerly RCIA) ministry. We are in need of both catechists and sponsors. If you are called to this ministry, please contact Gerry Johnson or Deacon Jim Agnew at the Cathedral office or after the 11 AM Mass.

Visitation: The homebound and sick cannot attend Mass in person, but you can bring Jesus to them. Our Cathedral is forming a Visitation Ministry and more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed. Those discerning interest to this sensitive ministry should already have a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Body of Christ. Please email Patrick to be included in our upcoming mini-retreat and training.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

June 29, 2025

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

On this Sunday falls the great solemnity of the two major apostles: Saints Peter and Paul. Both said they were great sinners, yet both became great saints and martyrs, witnessing to Jesus in their preaching and shedding their blood for the Lamb of God. We believe that Saint Peter was crucified upside down (because he didn't feel worthy to be crucified exactly like Christ), while St. Paul was beheaded with a sword.

Pope Benedict XVI explained that Sts. Peter and Paul together represent the whole Gospel of Christ. They were very different, but they "illustrate a new way of being brothers...made possible by the grace of Christ's Gospel working within them." Only by following Jesus can we be brothers and sisters with those who are very different and even conflict with us.

I am so grateful to Jesus, our Lord and God, and to the many people who participated in our Corpus Christi procession, Adoration, and 40 Hours of worship of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. He unites us by His grace and mercy, empowering us to forgive and love our enemies. Together we can share the "good news," the Gospel message that God is merciful towards us sinners and desires to make us holy if we allow Him to reign totally in our hearts.

This feast day also reminds us of our connection with the universal Church through our bishop, the successor of the apostles, and our Diocese. June 30 is the last day to contribute to our 2025 Diocesan Appeal, which supports our parishes to give glory to God and save souls in so many ways: canon law expertise on weddings and broken marriages, human resources guidance regarding state laws, property management and leases, and many other areas. Our Diocesan Appeal also supports our seminarians who are in formation to serve as our priests. None of the Appeal goes toward settling our bankruptcy. Please join me in supporting our Diocesan Appeal (<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>), so that we can continue our important local mission.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,



"O my Jesus...give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord." (St. Faustina, Diary n. 1052)



Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles — 29 June 2025

Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Saturday, June 28 4:00 PM		
Sunday, June 29 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sunday, June 29 10:30 AM	† <i>Adamari 'Adi' Carroll</i>	<i>Requested by Amanda Torelli & John Carroll</i>
The Cathedral		
Sunday, June 29 11:00 AM	† <i>Gerard Horan</i>	<i>Requested by Judith & James Horan</i>
Sunday, June 29 5:00 PM	† <i>William Horan</i>	<i>Requested by Judith & James Horan</i>

Confession Times

St. Francis of Assisi (Delaware)	Saturdays: 3:15 PM
St. Francis of Assisi (South End)	Before or after Mass (by request)
Historic St. Mary's	Saturdays at 3:15 PM Weekdays at 11:30 AM After Mass (by request)
The Cathedral	Sundays: 10:30 AM-10:50 AM 4:15 PM—4:50 PM

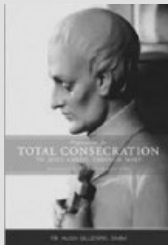
BECOME HOLY BY CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY!

Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, easiest, and most perfect way to holiness?

St. Louis de Montfort knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Immaculate Virgin Mother, Mary, as Mother of the Incarnate Word and Spouse of the Holy Spirit. Join us on Monday, July 7, as we begin a six-week retreat for Marian Consecration using the book *Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ Through Mary*: According to St. Louis De Montfort by Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM. (You can purchase online, or at our meeting on July 7 while supplies last.) We will meet six Mondays through 8/11, 6:30-8:00 pm, at Mater Christi Church, 40 Hopewell St., Albany, and listen to talks by Fr. Hugh Gillespie SMM. The consecration Mass will be on the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15 at Historic St. Mary's at 12:05 p.m. and the Cathedral at 5:30 p.m.; there will also be a vigil Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Delaware Ave. on August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

If you desire deeply to transform your relationship with Christ, this is the easiest and most perfect way. □ Please look out for flyers and signup sheets in church. You may also follow similar readings the app "Hallow" (search for "33 Days" and the Cathedral network). All are welcome! (You do not have to attend the meetings to make your consecration.)

For more information, or to sign up to attend in person, scan the QR code, or contact Jo Hepinstall at st.louis.demontfort777@gmail.com, or go here <https://forms.office.com/r/NNWQFNEFZE> or check our Cathedral social media for online signups. All are welcome! If you cannot meet with us in person, use the book and watch Father Hugh Gillespie's videos at <https://visitationproject.org/pages/divine-invitation-33-day-total-consecration-to-jesus-through-mary> Click the "Preparation for Total Consecration" image to view .



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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

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—June 21 & 22

Regular Offertory	\$3,065.04
PayPal	\$135.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$36.00
TOTAL	\$3,236.04
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,963.96)

*The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25).
(Cathedral income is also supplemented by other sources.)*

Attendance

11:00 AM 140	5:00 PM 148
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—June 21 & 22

Regular Offertory	\$2,716.77
PayPal	\$0.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,736.77
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$7,763.23)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM N/A	9:00 AM 84	10:30 AM 130
South End	10:30 AM 48		

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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88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202

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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:

Saint Mary

10 Lodge Street, Albany, New York

518.462.4357

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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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Cathedral Church Hours

The Cathedral is open daily.

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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