



**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!

Central Offices & Mailing Address:
125 Eagle Street Albany, New York 12202

Offices Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am—3:00pm
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The Cathedral 125 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12202
Saint Francis of Assisi *Delaware Site:* 391 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY 12209
South End Site: 93 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202



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Six minutes a day... that is all we are asking! A reflection on Scripture, and a fun fact about Catholic traditions. This Lent, we are providing *Little Black Books of the Diocese of Saginaw* as a way to journey through the season. Spending time with the Lord Jesus in Scripture... and a little learning, too. Free copies are located in the back of all three churches. **(Available in both English and Spanish).**



During this lent season we invite you to consider supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This group of parishioners provides emergency assistance, such as rent and utilities payments, for people who've fallen behind. The folks they help are all local. Supporters can either write a check made out to the Society and add it to the collection basket or drop their donations in one of the poor boxes. Your generosity makes a direct impact on those facing hardship. Thank you for your kindness and support!

If you have any questions, please call Dan Persico at (518) 390-0416.

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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY **Na Píobairí Ag Glaoch**

PIPER'S MASS
AT THE CATHEDRAL
MARCH 16 11:00 AM

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Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential.

Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope

Exciting Update: Phone Systems Enhanced!



We are thrilled to announce that our phone systems have been successfully upgraded! (I know, I know... it's about time!) A special thank you to Eric and Lance from ECB Communications for their days of diligent work in inspecting and correcting our system. They also collaborated with Spectrum to transfer the phone lines from the former offices at Saint Francis of Assisi parish to the network offices at Cathedral.

What does this mean for you?

- If you dial the old Saint Francis phone number, your call will now be directed to our main office, ensuring it can be promptly answered.
- All outgoing calls from our offices will display the main number (518) 463-4447, making it easier for you to recognize and reach us.

We are confident these improvements will enhance our communication and service to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your patience and continued support!

GIVE US THIS DAY NOW AVAILABLE!

Give Us This Day is a monthly publication centered on the Word of God. Drawing inspiration from a multitude of voices, it provides a relevant and trustworthy understanding of Scripture. Whether you have five minutes or a half hour, *Give Us This Day* supports your desire to pray. Look for copies in the back of the church.

Charismatic Mass & Healing Service

Come and join us at the Monthly Charismatic Healing Liturgy

Christ Our Light RC Church
1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm Prayer & Praise Music by Joyful Heart
7:30 pm Liturgy, Healing Prayer to follow

There will be individual prayer teams available after Mass.

For more information about the Charismatic Renewal
Check out the website: www.AlbanyCCR.Org



**National Grid Foundation Awards
Catholic Charities \$550,000**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany announced an unprecedented investment from the National Grid Foundation, which has awarded two grants totaling a record \$550,000 to support the organization's Emergency Assistance services. This milestone underscores the growing need for financial assistance in the face of rising living costs and increased demand for basic necessities like fuel, electricity, and housing.



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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

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Weekly Offering—March 1 & 2

Regular Offertory	\$3,389.49
PayPal	\$0.00
Maintenance & Utilities	101.00
TOTAL	\$3,490.49
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,709.51)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2023-24)

Attendance

11:00 AM 313	5:00 PM 86
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Saint Francis of Assisi
Weekly Offering—March 1 & 2

Regular Offertory	\$4,426.35
PayPal	\$186.86
Maintenance & Utilities	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,633.21
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500
SHORTFALL	(\$5,866.79)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2023-24)

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 55	9:00 AM 63	10:30AM 165
South End	10:30 AM 66		



Saint James FOOD PANTRY

Corner of St. James Place & Summit Avenue, Albany, NY 12209

518.414.1929

Monday & Wednesday: 10:00am—12:30pm

Saint John's/Saint Ann's Center

88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202

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:

Saint Mary

10 Lodge Street, Albany, New York

518.462.4357

Trinity Alliance

15 Trinity Place, Albany, New York

518.364.1103

www.trinityalliancealbany.org/food-pantries

FOCUS Churches of Albany

275 State Street, Albany, New York

518.443.0460

www.focuschurches.net



Thank you for your generous support!

If you would like to make a financial contribution to your parish through your smartphone, please point your camera at the QR codes below and tap the link.



The Cathedral



St. Francis

Prayers for...

Jon Collins, Nathan Williams, Harold LaMountain, Rev. Frank O'Connor, Sue Moss, Cynthia Notaro, Honey Kausar, Mary VanSchiack Agnew, Maria Aricipa, Mary Dolan, Charles Duffy, Church Dyer, John Fanning, Joyce Flanagan, Gina Garrison, Katherine Gilligan, Chris Godfrey, Marge Hepp, Michael Horgan, Alison Horgan-Zepeda, Rev. David Jones, Alice LaChapelle, Betty McSweeney, Joe O'Clair, Jaxson Rivera, Sr. Natalie Runfola, Michele Sloman, Rev. Paul Smith.

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Central Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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.

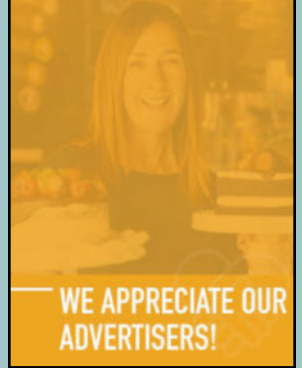


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