

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!

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Today is the official day of our Albany CROP Hunger Walk! If you plan on walking on May 4th, walkers will register at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave.,

Albany at 1:30PM in the church hall. The official start of the walk is at 2:30PM. There is still time to sponsor a Walker. Just go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-francis-of-assisi-parish>. A group of us are walking at the Crossings of Colonie on Sunday, May 18th, so if you didn't get a chance to donate you still have time. You don't have to be a member of St. Francis of Assisi – Members of our cluster parishes and friends are invited as well. It's all for a wonderful cause.

Thanks to all the Walkers and their sponsors for participating!

I AM THE LIVING BREAD WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN
JN 6:51



Did you know our Cathedral is home to a spectacular monstrance nearly five feet tall? This striking receptacle is designed to hold the consecrated Eucharistic Host, the Body of Christ, for adoration and veneration of Our Lord outside of the Mass and outside of the tabernacle.

Restoring this remarkable heirloom for its intended purpose will require significant repairs. It will need to have a luna installed which will hold Our Lord's Body for public adoration and veneration. Given the remarkable size of our monstrance, we will need to have a suitable post fashioned so that Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament may be conducted, and Our Lord may be carried in Eucharistic Procession. The monstrance will also need to be adorned with a cross, to show the relationship of the Eucharistic Mystery to Our Lord's Passion.

Would you prayerfully consider making these repairs possible with a financial contribution?

LORD, GIVE US THIS BREAD ALWAYS.
JN 6:34

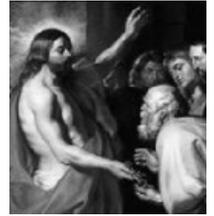


Lectio Divina: We meet in the rectory for the prayerful contemplation of Sunday's Gospel. May 7th at 7pm.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

MAY 4, 2025

Jesus said to Peter the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" ... Peter said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:17)



Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love Me?" because three times Peter publicly denied following Jesus and even knowing Him. Each denial deeply wounded not only Jesus but also Peter, who wept bitterly after Jesus looked sadly at him after his denials (Luke 22:62). Yet Peter's bitter tears signaled the beginning of a new and repentant love for Jesus.

Thanks be to God that the human race has one person who perfectly loves Jesus as He deserves: His Mother, the Immaculate Virgin Mary is the masterpiece of His Mercy, entirely aflame with God's Love, the Holy Spirit, which she desires to share with us. In fact, entrusting ourselves totally to Mary is the quickest, easiest, surest, and most perfect way to belong to Christ and become a saint. Just as Jesus came to us through her and subjected himself to his mother for 30 of His 33 years on earth (Luke 2:51), we follow Jesus's example by going to Him through her and placing ourselves totally under her care.

The Eucharistic Revival and the 2025 Jubilee Year will be maximally fruitful for us if we ask our Blessed Mother to dispose us and open us to the Holy Spirit. Please join me in a 33-day preparation (starting Memorial Day, May 26) to consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The consecration will take place at a Saturday morning Mass at the Cathedral on June 28, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please look out for more information online and in our bulletin, including signup forms in the next two weeks. We will also offer weekly Monday meetings starting May 26 using the book 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley (which you can order online), but you can use another approach if you like. You can also use the app "Hallow" and search "33 Days" and find the audio series "33 Days to Morning Glory" or "33-Day Marian Consecration," both read by Sr. Marian James.

The Lord is risen! He calls us to follow Him! And the one who leads us to follow Him is His Immaculate Virgin Mother in Heaven.

Peace in Jesus
through Mary,

"The knowledge of my own misery allows me, at the same time, to know the immensity of Your mercy. In my own interior life, I am looking with one eye at the abyss of my misery and baseness, and with the other, at the abyss of Your mercy, O God." (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 56)



Catholic Charities Collection is in Two Weeks

We will have a second collection on May 17 & 18 to benefit the work and mission of Catholic Charities in supporting families in need. Many of our neighbors are struggling to put food on the table, or are having to decide between medication, food or utilities.

For more information, (or to make an online donation) text **CCCcollection25** to 41444 or scan the QR code to the right.

To read more about what we do scan the QR code to the right!



Third Sunday of Easter — 4 May 2025

GIVE US THIS DAY NOW AVAILABLE!

Pick up your copy of Give Us This Day at the back of church!

Mass Intentions		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Saturday, May 3 4:00 PM		
Sunday, May 4 9:00 AM		
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sunday, May 4 10:30 AM	<i>Lucy & Paul Tudico</i>	<i>Requested by Daughter</i>
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sunday, May 4 11:00 AM	<i>Mary Murphy</i>	<i>Requested by Veronica Killcommons & Family</i>
Sunday, May 4 5:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</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.



**SAVE THE DATE:
CONSECRATION TO MARY!**

Starting Memorial Day, Monday May 26 until June 28, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will use the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* and the app "Hallow" (search for "33 Days"). Orientation meeting Sunday May 18 after 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. Monday meetings start 5/26, 6:30-8 pm, Mater Christi Parish.

MAY IS BLESSED MOTHER'S MONTH!

Blessed Sacrament has First Saturday Devotions and Mass:
7:30 a.m. Confession and Adoration; (meditate 15 minutes on the rosary); 8:30 a.m. Rosary; 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass; 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour



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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—May 3 & 4**

Regular Offertory	\$4,590.00
PayPal	\$1,471.01
Maintenance & Utilities	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$6,076.01
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$2,123.99)

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

Attendance	
11:00 AM 140	5:00 PM 415

**Saint Francis of Assisi
Weekly Offering—May 3 & 4**

Regular Offertory	\$3,721.67
PayPal	\$500.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,373.67
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,126.33)

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

Attendance			
<i>Delaware</i>	4:00 PM 55	9:00 AM 79	10:30AM 181
<i>South End</i>	10:30 AM 68		

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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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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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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275 State Street, Albany, New York

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The Cathedral



St. Francis

Prayers for...

Kathleen Fiorillo, 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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