



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



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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!



**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 ccli.org. Our parish is willing to help subsidize the course cost for you—please call if you're interested!

**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*



**COURAGE:** A support group for persons with same-sex attraction striving to follow the teaching of the Church, and **EnCourage for parents & families of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For confidential inquires, phone: Courage 518-496-4771, or EnCourage 518-928-0256, or email courage.albany@yahoo.com.**

**PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

**MAY 11, 2025**

**Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)**

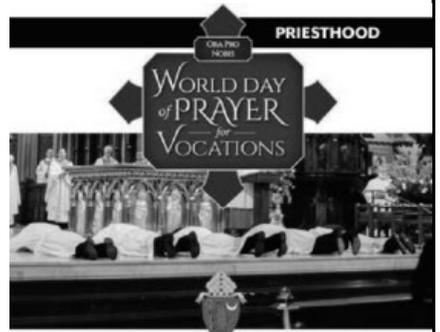
This Sunday, May 11, 2025, "Good Shepherd Sunday," is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, to fulfill the Lord's instruction, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." (Matt 9:38; Luke 10:2). Pope St. John Paul II said, "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation!"

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Please pray, especially during Adoration and the Holy Mass and at Holy Communion, that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call. St. John Paul II said, "Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

Today is also Mother's Day, an opportunity to thank God for our mothers and especially for our Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Queen Mother in the Kingdom of God. She so desires to have our permission to be our mother and to help us to follow God's call every day. A simple daily prayer is simply her words, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

*"Lord, give us holy priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness." (St. Faustina, Diary n. 1052)*



PRAY FOR OUR SHEPHERDS



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY** Catholic Charities Collection Next Weekend

In our large 14-county diocese, Catholic Charities extends our reach to our neighbors in need. Please consider making a donation during the second collection on May 17–18 to support their work of feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and caring for children.

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter — 11 May 2025

<b>Mass Intentions</b>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Saturday, May 10 4:00 PM	† Walter M. Hart	Requested by Hart & Durgeniers Family
	† Jane Lemme	Requested by Children
Sunday, May 11 9:00 AM		
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sunday, May 11 10:30 AM		
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sunday, May 11 11:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, May 11 5:00 PM		

**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.



**CONSECRATION TO MARY!**  
Starting Monday May 26 until June 28, the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We'll use the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* or the app "Hallow" (search "33 Days").

Info meeting: Sunday May 18 after 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. Six weekly Monday meetings start on "Day 1," May 26, 6:30-8 pm, at Mater Christi Parish. All welcome! For more info, email [johep@ymail.com](mailto:johep@ymail.com), or check our website or social media for online signups <https://forms.office.com/r/iBZh3uMyYq> or scan the QR code to the right.



**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	\$3,054.45
PayPal	\$20.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$644.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,718.60</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$4,481.40)</b>

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

Attendance	
<b>11:00 AM</b> 309	<b>5:00 PM</b> 131

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

Regular Offertory	\$4,952.70
PayPal	\$180.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$544.35
Food Pantry	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,677.05</b>
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>(\$4,822.95)</b>

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

Attendance			
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> 55	<b>9:00 AM</b> 79	<b>10:30AM</b> 157
<b>South End</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> 71		

***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			

**GIVE US THIS DAY NOW AVAILABLE!**  
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### **Saint James FOOD PANTRY**

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

518.414.1929

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### **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](http://www.trinityalliancealbany.org/food-pantries)

#### **FOCUS Churches of Albany**

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518.443.0460

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***The Cathedral***



***St. Francis***

#### ***Prayers for...***

Noah Langan, 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 Runfolo, 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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