



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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Saint Francis of Assisi**

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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!



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.



Next week our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and

developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Albany to fund local communications efforts, while the other fifty percent supports projects around the world. In our diocese your support allows our diocesan Communications Office to work with various departments, parishes, schools and organizations to promote their ministries. You have a direct hand in our efforts to spread the word about vocations, respect life, Catholic schools, youth ministry, special liturgies, and more. With your help we are able to inform and inspire, educate and evangelize. Please give generously to this special collection next week.

MEMORIAL DAY

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT OUR CHURCHES AND PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON **MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025**, IN HONOR OF **MEMORIAL DAY**.

AS WE OBSERVE THIS DAY, LET US TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR ALL THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS AND SERVICES WILL RESUME ON **TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025**.

WISHING YOU A PEACEFUL AND REFLECTIVE MEMORIAL DAY.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

MAY 25, 2025—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:26-27)

Jesus links the Holy Spirit with the peace that only God can give. The beautiful reality is that the more that we are closer to the Virgin Mary, the closer we are to the Holy Spirit. St. Louis de Montfort says that "the more the Holy Spirit finds Mary His dear and inseparable spouse in a soul, the more active and powerful He becomes in producing Jesus Christ in that soul and that soul in Jesus Christ." He also says, "When the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a soul, He hastens there and enters fully into it. He gives himself generously to that soul according to the place it has given to His spouse."

This is another reason why consecration to Mary helps us to be most conformed to Christ. The second Vatican Council calls Mary "our mother in the order of grace" and says about her: "Redeemed in a more sublime manner in light of the merits of her Son, and united to him by an intimate and indissoluble bond, she is endowed with the supreme office and dignity of being the Mother of God and therefore the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit, by which gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all other creatures, both in heaven and on earth." (Lumen Gentium) Pope Leo entrusted his "heartfelt appeal" for peace to Mary, "Queen of Peace, that she may present it to the Lord Jesus to obtain for us the miracle of peace."

That is the purpose of Consecration to Jesus through Mary, or "Marian Consecration." Our parish network (Cathedral, Historic St. Mary's, St. Francis of Assisi) is offering Marian consecration retreats this summer and fall to all people! The first consecration retreat begins on Memorial Day, May 26, as "Day 1," when you can start reading the book 33 Days to Morning Glory (by Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC) or listening to his book on the app Hallow (look for our Cathedral community and/or search for "33 Days to Morning Glory").

We will have optional retreat meetings for six Mondays at Mater Christi Church (40 Hopewell St., Albany) from 6:30-8 pm starting on Memorial Day, May 26 (but you don't have to attend the meetings to consecrate yourself to Mary). The Mass of Consecration will be on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 28, 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

"Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace...Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy" (St. Faustina, Diary n. 1074, 300)

No Memorial Day Mass at Historic St. Mary's due to lack of parking

There will be 7:00 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church and 10:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery (near Colonie Center)

Ascension Thursday Masses

Wednesday Vigil Mass May 28 at 5:30 PM	St. Francis — Delaware Ave. Adoration & Confession at 4:30 PM
Thursday Vigil Mass May 29 at 12:05 PM	Historic St. Mary's Adoration & Confessions at 11:00 AM
Thursday Vigil Mass May 29 at 5:30 PM	The Cathedral Adoration & Confessions at 4:30 PM



Sixth Sunday of Easter — 25 May 2025

Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Saturday, May 24 4:00 PM	† Mary Sontz	Requested by Sontz Family
	† John Skovira	Requested by Family
Sunday, May 25 9:00 AM	† Lorraine Klein	Requested by Sue Fouhy

Saint Francis (South End)

Sunday, May 25 10:30 AM	People of the Parish	
The Cathedral		
Sunday, May 25 11:00 AM	† Hon. William H. Keniry	Requested by Mary Keniry
	† Tom Dorsey	Requested by Tom Dorsey's Family
Sunday, May 25 5:00 PM	† Frederick & Christine Galloway	Requested by Daughter

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 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 or the app "Hallow" (search for "33 Days" and the Cathedral network).

Six weekly Monday meetings start 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.



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Catholic Charities Collection Weekend

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STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—May 17 & 18

Regular Offertory	\$2,526.00
PayPal	\$175.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$877.00
TOTAL	\$3,578.00
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,622.00)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM 138	5:00 PM 144
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—May 17 & 18

Regular Offertory	\$3,728.00
PayPal	\$10.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$586.01
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,324.01
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,175.99)

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

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM N/A	9:00 AM 66	10:30 AM 175
South End	10:30 AM 64		

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:

Saint Mary

10 Lodge Street, Albany, New York

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Trinity Alliance

15 Trinity Place, Albany, New York

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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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