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CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

in the city and Diocese of Albany

Established 1848 • Corner of Eagle Street and Madison Avenue (at the Empire State Plaza), Albany, NY

Mission Statement

We, the worshipping community of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, rooted in the Gospel and the celebration of the Eucharist, seek to make known God's love in the world through serving one another, sharing our faith and welcoming all.

Schedule of Liturgical Celebrations

The Holy Eucharist (Mass)

Sunday Masses:

(Anticipated Mass) 5:15 p.m. on Saturday
 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday

Weekdays: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday 7:15 a.m.

Holy Day Masses: Please check the bulletin and Website for Holy Day mass times.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday-Wednesday-Friday:

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

and by appointment

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Call the church office to make arrangements for appointment and instructions.

Please pass the bulletin on to a neighbor or friend.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Couples should contact the parish office six to eight months in advance of the proposed marriage.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

If you are anticipating surgery, please contact the parish office.

Religious Education

To register, and for information, call: **518-463-4447**

Parish Food Pantry

93 Park Avenue; Basement, Entrance at north side of building

Food and personal care items collected on the last Sunday of the month. Food distributed Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Pastoral Visits

At home or in the hospital, please call the parish office.

Contact the rectory office to schedule a tour.

Tours of the Cathedral available by appointment

Personal amplifying units for the hearing impaired are available in the sacristy.



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First Reading:

Ezekiel offers his prophecy in the form of a poem about trees. The Lord is portrayed as the one who tends to the grove of trees. There is no interpretation of the poem but we can make a few inferences. Christians could see in the young shoot that the Lord tears off and plants on a high mountain a reference to Jesus. This shoot eventually becomes a "majestic cedar." The prophet also communicates reverse wisdom similar to that we frequently hear from Jesus. God will level the high trees and make them low. The low trees God will raise. The shriveled trees will bloom and the blooming trees will die. Perhaps a question for us on this Sunday is what kind of tree are we now and what kind do we want to be?

Second Reading:

Twice Paul tells the Corinthians that they are courageous. While they live in the body they long to be closer to the Lord. They walk by faith, though, not by their sight. They live confidently that one day they will be at home in the Lord. As they live in the interim before their death and before the Lord comes again, Paul encourages them to continue to please the Lord through their actions. Do good while you are in the body, for God will compensate you according to whether you choose good or evil.

Gospel:

While teaching the crowds about the Kingdom of God, Jesus uses parables so that they might understand its meaning. He offers his disciples private explanations of their meaning. The Gospel reading begins with Jesus describing how a sower scatters seed on the land and then one day discovers the land bearing fruit so the sower knows it is harvest time. Such is it with God's Kingdom, which is like a mustard seed, the smallest of the seeds, which grows into a large plant. Birds will come to make their home in the large plant because of its shade. With the Kingdom of God, as with nature, we need to understand that God is at work in our midst-in us, in the people around us, in the Church, and in all of creation.

Happy
Father's
Day

Blessing of Fathers

*God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble hearts.
You are our model of a loving father.
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,
you are always there at the end of the day with
open arms,
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day
and to encourage us to try again and not to give
up.*

*We hold up these men in our midst who act in the
world
as fathers to their children or models of fathers
for others.*

*Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustra-
tion with their children.
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive fail-
ures.
Provide them with the words needed for encour-
agement and perseverance.
We ask all this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.*

COMPASSIONATE CARE CONFERENCE The Albany Catholic Lawyers and Medical Guilds offer a Catholic Professionals Conference and Mini Retreat on Saturday, June 30th at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. The morning conference begins at 9:30 and is titled "Compassionate Care at the End of Life: Medical and Legal Perspectives". The afternoon Mini-Retreat is entitled "Empowering Us: Spiritual Healing and Compassion" and begins at 1:30. The day concludes with Adoration and Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger. General Registration: \$25 (includes lunch) Attorneys and Doctors \$65 (NY CLE and CME accreditation pending) Go to: <https://albanycig.eventbrite.com>

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Sister Margaret Mary

Healthy Foods. Last Friday 15 volunteers attended a workshop given by the Regional Food Bank. The Healthy Pantry Initiative is an educational grant program with the aim of helping volunteers to guide guests in choosing foods that are healthy and easy to prepare. Our coordinator, George Webd, will implement different ideas that were presented. The volunteers who attended are very enthused and we believe their enthusiasm with spread to our guests.

SOCIAL MEDIA "JOIN THE CONVERSATION"

Are you following Bishop Scharfenberger and the Diocese of Albany on social media? Go to the links below and join our local faith community online.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AlbanyBishopEd
www.facebook.com/DioceseofAlbany
Twitter: @AlbBishopEdward@AlbanyDiocese

ATTENTION SINGLE WOMEN: Could God be calling YOU?

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life – a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at laurie-marie.parisi@rcda.org or call (518) 453-6690 for more information. Our Lady of Vocations, pray for us!

HEARTS AFLAME EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has announced a major event for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany: the Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress to be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. 136 Shrine Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010 In our Catholic tradition, a "Eucharistic Congress" is a special gathering led by the bishop focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity. This will be a time of spiritual renewal for our whole diocese. All Catholics in the diocese are invited to attend. Hearts Aflame is a free event open to all; there is no cost to attend. Lunch available for purchase or bring your own.

Stewardship Treasure

The collection for June 10th was \$4,520.52. The attendance was 529.

Thank you for all you have given to the Cathedral.

The Cathedral offers on-line giving. You can make your charitable donations online. Just go to the Cathedral website at www.cathedralic.com. It is quick, easy and secure! Thank you to all who demonstrate such generous care for our Cathedral parish.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION

Cathedral Classic Golf Outing

We have finalized preparations for our 20th Annual Cathedral Classic Golf Outing to be held at Wolferts Roost Country Club on Monday, June 25th. All are welcome to join us for a wonderful time of lunch, golf, antics, fun, drinks and dinner...with lots of prizes, including 2 tickets to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City! Whether you golf or simply want to enjoy a social event and dinner with us, please consider joining us! Visit cathedralic.com/cathedral-classic/ or call 518-463-4447 for more information and/or registration.

Please pray for our sick; Jeffrey Abraham, Robert Buell, Shirley Anderson, Lucy Apisa, Stephen Beattie, Grace Isabelle Caruso, Carmella Cervera, Mary Faith Colvin, Theresa Cooney, Sr., Gertrude Cosenke, RSCJ, Marc Daniels, John Dare, Jr., Denise Degasparis, Michael Dolan, Ann Doherty, JoAnn DeLucia, Diane Fontanelli, Angelo Frattianni, Janette Fusco, Michael Gilman, Bernice Girma, Karen Goral, Carol Greenshields, Jean Gutbrodt, Bryan Hanley, Sophie Hanley, Jacqueline Heisler, Kenneth Hockeson; Douglas Hoffeler, Dorothy Jordan, Reny Jose, Bill Keane, Amy Keegan, James Laung, Mary Lauria, Donald Law, Gayle Leonard, Rebecca Leno, Therese Lenz, Diane Lo Prete, John McGrath, Mary Grace Meneses Sr., Maria Mercurio, CSJ, Stephanie Merenda, Diane Mueller, James Murphy, Mary Murphy, Shane O'Donnell, Josephine Pitcherale, Marcia Pedone, Catherine Rappazzo, Mary Rose Robolatto, Mark Roman, Matthew Rosato, Megan Ruthman, Joe Shea, Elaine Spoor, Jane Strodel, Adam Ventura, Sebastian Vicencio, Richard Warner, Raphael Warner, Rosa Maria Santos

June 17, 2018

**Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings
and Mass Intentions for the week of June
17,2018 – June 23,2018**

Saturday, June 16,

5:15PM Mass

Intention: Jane Gurley

Requested by: Lucy&Don McHenry

Sunday, June 17,

9:00AM Mass

Intention: Rev. Robert Condon

11:00AM Mass

5:00PM Mass

Monday, June 18,

12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, June 19,

7:15AM Mass

12:00PM AA meeting (rectory)

Wednesday, June 20,

12:15 PM Mass

Thursday, June 21,

7:15 AM Mass

Friday, June 22,

12:15 PM Mass

Saturday, June 23,

5:15PM Mass

Sunday, June 24,

9:00AM Mass

11:00AM Mass

5:00PM Mass

The Gift of Faith

To those who have been Baptized, made their First Communion or Confirmation this year: we hope you always feel at home here at the Cathedral and in the Catholic Church. The Church needs you, your passion for life and your sharing of your personal gifts and talents. The Holy Spirit gives to you a gift today to renew the world around you. God's power now lives in you and you need only to ask for His help and He'll give it. Congratulations; you will always have our support!

To those who were Baptized and made their First Communion and/or Confirmation some time ago: as you witness first communicants or confirmandi and their renewed faith, understand that the same power of God that dwells in them today and that dwelt in the Apostles at the first Pentecost still dwells within you now. Ask the Holy Spirit for aid, to renew your life and your faith, and the Holy Spirit will surely enliven you!

To those who were never Baptized or made their First Communion or Confirmation: it is never too late to seek out the Sacraments of initiation! Every year we have people of all ages and walks of life prepare for these sacraments. Reach out to us today and this time next year, these gifts can be shared with you as well!

To those who may be here with us today and might not believe: thanks for supporting those people in your life who possess the gift of faith; we hope your relationship with them is filled with mutual love and support. If you have questions about what we believe, there are many here who would love to share with you their thoughts and their faith. They'd also love to listen to you, your ideas and experiences. If you've been hurt by Christians in the past, we offer you sincere apologies, and we hope that we can do our part to heal that hurt. You are always welcome here!

To those Christians who are here with us but who aren't Catholic: we're so grateful to have you here with us, united in our faith in Jesus Christ through the Word and the Sacrament of Baptism. Let's always be united in prayer, confessing Jesus as our Lord and Savior. If you'd like to know more about our Tradition and its sacraments, many of us would love to share with you what we believe from our Catholic perspective. Still, we are most grateful to share our prayer and worship with you.