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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

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)

The Lord's Day:

(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 Days: Please check the bulletin and website.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

...and other times by appointment

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

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, ext. 4

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, 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Pastoral Visits

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

Tours of the Cathedral are available by appointment; please contact the Rectory Office for information and/or to schedule a tour.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

The Lord saves Saul's life as he went into the desert with three thousand Israelites to search for David. David finds Saul asleep with weapons nearby. Abishai, who accompanied David in the desert, wants to use the weapons against Saul, but David recognizes him as God's anointed one and refuses to inflict harm on him for fear of divine retribution. David's words at the end of the reading proclaim that the Lord will reward the just and faithful.

Second Reading:

We continue a proclamation from the next to last chapter of 1 Corinthians as Paul continues to develop his teaching on Jesus' Resurrection. Paul uses the Adam-Christ typology as he speaks about the first man, *Adam*, as a "living being" and the last *Adam* as a "life-giving spirit." The first was earthly and the second was from heaven. When we live we bear the image of the earthly man, but in the future we will bear that of the heavenly one. We will share in Jesus' Resurrection. Our eternal home will be in him.

Gospel:

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount continues as he teaches his disciples to love their enemies and bless those who curse them. His wisdom turns the way the disciples are used to relating to people upside down. In conveying his wisdom, Jesus attempts to distinguish what is required of his followers from the way sinners live. Jesus' disciples are to extend mercy in the same manner in which the Father does.

Ministry Recruitment

Consider taking part in the liturgy beyond the pews! Help us enhance the liturgical experience here in our Cathedral parish.

Please visit the Recruitment table in the back of the Church on Sunday March 3rd. Our Liturgical Coordinator Melissa Martinez will be available after each Mass to provide you with more information on our many Ministries here at the Cathedral!

Eucharist Ministers Needed at St. Peter's Hospital

~ St. Peter's Hospital Volunteer Services Department is in need of Eucharistic Minister volunteers to bring communion to patients. Days and hours are flexible, usually about an hour per visit, either weekly or monthly. Substitutes are also needed. If interested, please contact Amanda Weller, Volunteer Recruiter, 518-525-1002 to schedule an interview.

Tutoring Positions. Regina Caeli Academy

(www.rcahybrid.org), a homeschool resource center in Scotia, seeks **high school tutors in all disciplines**. RCA offers tutoring in a Socratic classroom setting on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am - 3pm. Free child care is provided for infants through 2 years! Wages commensurate with experience. Requirements include a love of classical learning and the subject matter, dynamic engagement with students, and an Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic Church. Please contact Sister Laurie-Marie at (845) 379-0680 or Imparisi.alb@rcahybrid.org



On Sunday, March 17, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the Cathedral will celebrate **Saint Patrick's Day with the Pipers' Mass**. Hospitality will follow. The hospitality table will be filled with a wonderful variety of goodies. If you are interested in helping with this Hospitality please contact Connie Duhamel or Judy Gilligan.

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stations of the Cross

All are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross as a community each Friday of the Lenten Season, beginning at 5:30pm in the Cathedral (our children and youth will lead us on March 29th). Additionally, station booklets are available throughout the entire season, simply stop by the main sacristy to borrow one.



The next life-saving campaign of **"40 Days for Life"** will be held March 6 through April 14. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

Will you speak for those who cannot speak for themselves? Visit rcda.org/40days for the many events happening locally.

Take Action! Sign the Petition to Repeal the Abortion Law!

Express your firm opposition to NY's new abortion expansion law –the so called "Reproductive Health Act" (RHA)– by signing the petition provided by the New York State Catholic Conference for your convenience! Go to www.nyscatholic.org and click **"Take Action!"** to sign the petition today and share it with your friends! Urge the governor and the legislature to repeal the radical new law in its entirety.

A Few Dates to Save

Our annual Cathedral Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 28, again at Wolferts Roost Country Club.

Our annual Cathedral Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 17, again at Wolferts Roost Country Club.

Our annual Joint Parish Picnic with St. Francis of Assisi Parish will take place on Sunday, September 22, at Bethlehem Town Park.

Stewardship Treasure

The Second Collection for February 17th, 2019 was \$3,251.60

The Second Collection for February 17th, 2019 \$1,207.18

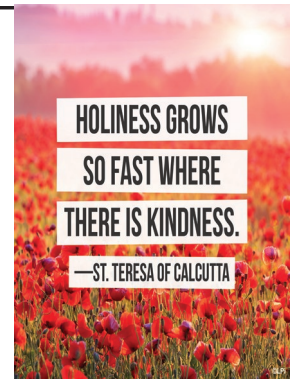
Thank you for all you have given to the Cathedral.

Next Weekend's Second Collection:

UTILITIES

Cathedral Social Services

The cold weather is well and truly with us, so we are happy to accept donations of new or used Coats, Hats, Blankets, Scarfs and Gloves. Thank you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you for your many acts of kindness.



Please pray for our sick; Jeffrey Abraham, Robert Buell, Shirley Anderson, Lucy Apisa, Stephen Beattie, Judi Barlow, Carol Bruce, Grace Isabelle Caruso, Carmella Cervera, Mary Faith Colvin, Patricia Contti, Theresa Cooney, Sr., Gertrude Cosenke, RSCJ, Marc Daniels, John Dare, Jr., Denise Degasparis, Michael Dolan, Ann Doherty, JoAnn DeLucia, Diane Fontanelli, Janette Fusco, Bernice Girma, Karen Goral, Carol Greenshields, Jean Gutbrodt, Bryan Hanley, Jacqueline Heisler, Kelly Hemming, Kenneth Hockeson; Douglas Hoffeler, Dorothy Jordan, Reny Jose, Bill Keane, Amy Keegan, James Laung, Donald Law, Gayle Leonard, Rebecca Leno, Therese Lenz, Diane Lo Prete, Maria Marchio, Marie-Ann Melenfant, 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, Mark Roman, Matthew Rosato, Megan Ruthman, Elaine Spoor, Jane Strodel, Adam Ventura, Sebastian Vicencio, Richard Warner, Raphael Warner, Rosa Maria Santos

February 24,2019

Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings and Mass Intentions for the week of Febru- ary 23, 2019 – March 3, 2019

Saturday, February 23,

5:15PM Mass

Intention: Mary Palmisano

Sunday, February 24,

9:00AM Mass

Intention: Marjorie Nardacci

10:00AM Faith Formation

11:00AM Mass

5:00PM Mass

Monday, February 25,

12:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, February 26,

7:15 am Mass

12:00 pm AA Meeting (Rectory)

Wednesday, February 27,

12:15 PM Mass

Intention: Rose Tacelly

Thursday, February 28,

7:15AM Mass

Friday March 1,

12:15 PM Mass

First Friday Devotions

Saturday, March 2,

5:15PM Mass

Sunday, March 3,,

9:00AM Mass

10:00AM Faith Formation

11:00AM Mass

Intention: Mr and Mrs Michael Condon

Intention: Deacon Richard Matthews

5:00PM Mass

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is Wednesday, March 6th, **2019**. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at each of the following Masses on March 6th: 7:15am, 12:15pm and 5:15pm.

The Lenten Season

The season of Lent focusses on two closely related matters: baptism and reconciliation/penance. The baptismal character of Lent is evident as our parish accompanies catechumens and elect through their Period of Purification and Enlightenment. Lent's penitential character is seen when the baptized reflect upon their faithfulness to the Gospel, seek God's mercy and forgiveness for their failings and the Holy Spirit's guidance in following Jesus' way more closely. The three main Lenten practices of the Catholic Church, namely prayer, fasting and acts of charity, are directed to support these ends. It is summed up well in the prayer that accompanies imposition on our foreheads: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (limiting the consumption of food) and abstinence (refraining from eating meat). As a sign of our penance, there is also the custom of not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. Therefore, all Catholics, 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the other Fridays of Lent. All Catholics who are 18 years of age and not yet 59 are obliged to fast. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting allows for eating only one full meal per day. Two additional, smaller meals may be eaten and there is no eating in between meals. By following these traditions, it is not intended that they be interpreted simply as laws or just as a duty; but rather as customs and signs of faith from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are ways of expressing our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, and to love our neighbor. Finally, it is helpful to remember that the ability to freely decide how much or how little one will eat is in itself a gift.