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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.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading:

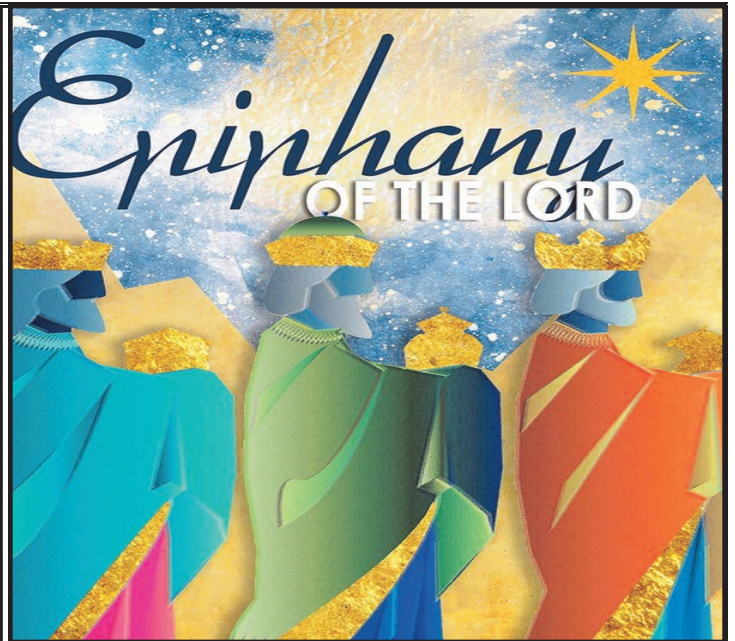
Isaiah poetically describes the light that has shone on Jerusalem. The exiles have returned and they must not be downcast, but walk with eyes raised. There has been a total transformation. The heart of the text is a reminder of the Glory of God in Israel's- and our- midst.

Second Reading:

The author of Ephesians reminds the community that God has made mystery known to him by revelation. He was not a companion of Jesus; the Spirit has brought him the grace to speak of Christ to the community and to proclaim that Jesus is not just the Savior of the Jewish people but of all-gentiles included.

Gospel:

The story of the visit by the Magi appears only in the Gospel according to Matthew. Here we see wise figures, most likely astronomers, seeking out the newly born king to pay him homage. The number three is a late interpretation, as are names for these mysterious figures. The gifts acknowledge the infants regal stature, and hint at the anointing that will await him in death. This story underscores the universality of the Messiah, who has come to redeem all.



Epiphany

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. Isaiah 60

May the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute, the kings of Arabia and Seba offer gifts. May all kings bow before him, all nations serve him. For he rescues the poor when they cry out, the oppressed who have no one to help. He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor. Psalm 72

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Ephesians 3

This great feast - celebrated in the East as the Baptism of the Lord - is a feast of "revelation." Jesus is the beloved Son of God, a light for the whole world, the very one who comes to us in time, this year, to be our savior: to rescue the poor, to hear our cry, to save us in our need, in our poverty.

May we bring him the gifts of our faith and trust and hope; May we recognize him as our savior who gave his own life to set us free from the power of sin and death.

Come, let us adore him!

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

March as a diocese with Bishop Scharfenberger at the March for Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. Reserve your bus ticket ASAP and view more info at: www.rcda.org/life. Join Bishop Scharfenberger, the Diocese of Albany, and hundreds of thousands across the nation for the USCCB's annual 9 Days for Life Novena, starting January 14, 2019, with daily postings for you to follow at facebook.com/RCDARespectLife. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and information. More info: 9daysforlife.com

Please join us on Saturday, January 12, 2019 for a FREE presentation entitled **“Ministering in Times of Spiritual Distress”** which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany AND will be broadcast to the following six videoconferencing sites for viewing:

- Our Lady of the Annunciation/Queensbury-
- St. Edward's/Clifton Park
- St. Francis de Sales/Herkimer-
- St. Patrick's/Catskill
- St. Mary's/Oneonta-
- St. Henry's/Averill Park

The crisis of our time has left so many people in spiritual distress. In pastoral ministry, sadly, we often encounter such people. Please join Father Joseph Mali and Sister Kitty Hanley as they explore this topic and how not to lose sight of the “treasures” in darkness.

To register for this free presentation or for additional information: <https://www.rcda.org/offices/pastoral-care-ministry/ministering-times-spiritual-distress> or email MariaSchollenberger@rcda.org or call her in Pastoral Care Ministry at (518) 641-6818.

All faith traditions welcome.

Stewardship Treasure

Due to the early Publication of this bulletin The collection for December 30th will be listed in next weeks bulletin.

Thank you for all you have given to the Cathedral.

House of Formation & Pre-Seminary

The former Cathedral Convent will be receiving its new director and several residents this Thursday. With its new role—St. Isaac Jogues House of Formation and Pre-Seminary—our facilities continue to provide quite generously for the good of our parish, our neighborhoods, and our diocese. Please keep each of these men in your prayers.

POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

January is Poverty Awareness Month and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that the good news which God proclaims is proclaimed to all our brothers and sisters. This Gospel message challenges us to create systems and structures that allow all to thrive. You can learn more at <http://www.usccb.org>. Just type “Poverty Awareness Month” in the search box of the website.

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, Sophie Hanley, Jacqueline Heisler, 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

January 6, 2018

Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings and Mass Intentions for the week of Janu- ary 5, 2019 – January 13, 2019

Saturday, January 5,

5:15PM Mass

Sunday, January 6,

9:00AM Mass

Living Intention: Joey and Connie Duhamel
Requested by Dianna and Thomas Liberty

10:00AM Faith Formation

11:00AM Mass

Intention: Mary Q. Reagan

Intention: Peter Razanousky

5:00PM Mass

Monday, January 7,

12:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, January 8,

7:15 am Mass

Wednesday, January 9,

12:15 PM Mass

Thursday, January 10,

7:15AM Mass

Friday January 11,

12:15 PM Mass

Saturday, January 12,

5:15PM Mass

Sunday, January 13,

9:00AM Mass

10:00AM Faith Formation

11:00AM Mass

5:00PM Mass

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Here's an opportunity for you to help make a difference! On Saturday, February 9, 2019 Capital Area Council of Churches will be hosting "Bowling for Bed's Bowl-A-Thon" to raise money for the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter in Albany. The event will be held at Del Lanes, 4 Bethlehem Court in Delmar. Children, Youth and Adults from around the Capital Region will be working together with a goal of raising over \$10,000. For more information or to Register please call 518-442-4491.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Oct 18-20, 2019 in ALBANY, NY and For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://wwmenyalb.org/>.

The Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus Council at 328 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York, 12110, will host their January, "**All You Can Eat Breakfast**". On Sunday January 13th, 2019 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

Menu items; omelet station, pancakes, French toast served with warm syrup, fruit cup, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, hash browns, corned beef hash, large variety of breads, pastries and cereals.

Adults \$9, Children 5-10 \$4 and under 5 Free.

Congratulations to the family of
Grey Agnas & Cruz Martins

who were baptized at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on December 29th, 2018.

May God continue to bless these beautiful children and their families. May they grow in grace, faith and holiness.