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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)*

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:**

Moses instructs the people of Israel to keep the Lord's commandments. Land, prosperity, and progeny will be theirs. Only the Lord is God. The Lord is the God of Israel whom the people shall love with their heart, soul and strength. Moses' words call us to take the Lord's statutes into our hearts this day.

**Second Reading:**

Jesus the high priest is unlike the Levitical priests who needed to offer repeated sacrifice for their sins and the sins of their people, and whose priesthood ceases at death. Jesus' Death on the Cross is a "once for all" sacrifice which he never needs to repeat His priesthood is eternal and the salvation he offers to people, constantly available.

**Gospel:**

Jesus' words in response to the scribe who inquires about the most important commandment echo the Moses' words in the First Reading. To the commandment of honor the Lord God alone with love of one's heart, mind, and strength, Jesus adds the second commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. Understanding these commandments brings one near to the kingdom of God.

**DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT**

On Wednesday, November 14th, the Diocese of Albany will hold an Information Night for men interested in learning more about the ministry of the Diaconate from 7-9pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Ave, Albany. Go to [initial.formation@rcda.org](mailto:initial.formation@rcda.org).

**ANNUAL RED MASS**

On Friday, November 16th, at 9:00am Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Red Mass at Historic St. Mary's. The Red Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials. The Mass asks the Holy Spirit's guidance for all who seek justice and reflects on the God-given responsibility of the legal profession.

# HISTORY & HERITAGE

## **Cathedral Celebrates New York State History Month in November**

November is New York State History Month and the Cathedral Parish Community will be recognizing the role that the Diocese of Albany, our Cathedral, and people of the parish have played in the history of the Empire State.

Parishioners and visitors are invited to view the historical displays featured in our gathering area. We are excited to share two "newer" objects from the Cathedral's historical and archival collections, which we believe the public has never seen: Bishop Thomas Cusack's Study Bible and a zucchetto worn by Pope Pius XII. Our other displays present information on relics at the Cathedral and the story of a Cathedral parishioner in World War I.

This annual historical exhibit is designed and curated by volunteers of the Cathedral's History & Heritage Program.

Please watch for interesting aspects of the Cathedral and our parish history in the bulletin throughout November.

## **ALBANY DIOCESE MARIAN CONSECRATION**

RCDA Marian Consecration & Renewal with 33 Days to Morning Glory or a Marian Consecration book of your choice – Bishop Ed is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33- day preparation period beginning around Monday, November 5, 2018. The preparation will be culminated with the renewed Consecration to Jesus through Mary at the Cathedral on the holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, December 8th at 11:00 AM. This Consecration Mass fulfills the holy day obligation. Please check out [www.rcda.org/marianconsecration](http://www.rcda.org/marianconsecration) for more information.

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For I was hungry  
and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty  
and you gave me drink,  
I was a stranger  
and you welcomed me.  
—Matthew 25:35



### **Food Pantry**

We are making preparations for Thanksgiving Food Baskets to be distributed to our guests and would greatly appreciate the donation of \$10.00 Price Chopper Gift Cards. We put one card in each basket so that the guest may purchase something festive for the occasion as our baskets do not contain any desert items.

### **Why Catholic?**

Too many of us cradle Catholics can't answer the above question in a substantial way but just ask a convert. They know why they entered the Church. "Convinced" is a video about converts. They tell us why they came in, and, for us, it's a short course on Catholicism that we need. You won't be bored. Join us on Friday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at The Cathedral Of The Immaculate Conception Rectory (125 Eagle Street, Albany) to get to know more about your Faith. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction will follow.

### **THE MASS: Video Series**

In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) from the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist is called the source and summit of the Christian life.

Next month on the first Sunday of Advent we begin a new Church year.

We begin Cycle C when the Sunday gospel readings will be taken from Gospel of St.

Luke. This new beginning is a good time to stop and take a deeper look at the Eucharistic sacrifice and the whole mass. We participate in it so regularly that it can become mechanical and this is something we should seek to avoid.

We will offer a three week series on The Mass, a video series by Bishop Robert Barron. This will be held on three successive Wednesdays in November: 14, 21 and 28. There will be two sessions each week for your convenience: 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Location will be determined by the numbers so if you are interested, please contact Thomas Fowler: 518-463-4447

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### **Stewardship Treasure**

The collection for October 28<sup>th</sup> was \$2,907.51. The second collection was \$778.45. **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](http://www.cathedralic.com). It is quick, easy and secure! Thank you to all who demonstrate such generous care for our Cathedral parish.

### **Emergency Collection**

An emergency collection will be taken up the weekend of November 10<sup>th</sup> for humanitarian aid and the needs of Churches devastated by the storms in the South and Southeast regions of the United States in September and October. This emergency collection is intended to cover needs created by future 2018 domestic storms/calamities. To donate, make your check payable to the parish— in the memo portion write: **2018 Disasters Emergency Collection.** Our parish will send one check to Catholic Charities and 100% of the donations will go to the 2018 Disasters Collection.

**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, Theresa Cooney, Sr., Gertrude Cosenke, RSCJ, Marc Daniels, John Dare, Jr., Denise Degasparis, Michael Dolan, Ann Doherty, JoAnn DeLucia, Diane Fontanelli, Angelo Frattiani, 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

**November 3, 2018**

**Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings  
and Mass Intentions for the week of Octo-  
ber 27 2018 – November 4,2018**

Saturday, November 3,

5:15PM Mass  
Intention: Laura Cerone  
Intention: Shirley Riley

Sunday, November 4,

9:00AM Mass  
Intention: Tricia Dougherty  
Requested By: Edith Brady  
10:00AM Faith Formation  
11:00AM Mass  
  
5:00PM Mass

Monday, November 5,

12:15 PM Mass  
Intention: Maurice Downey  
Intention: Jennie Castaneda  
6:00 PM PAC Meeting

Tuesday, November 6,

7:15AM Mass  
12:00PM AA meeting (rectory)

Wednesday, November 7,

12:15 PM Mass  
Intention: Janusz Walowski  
Intention: Wilhelmenia Golden  
Intention: Fr. Robert Condon  
Intention: Joseph Shea

Thursday, November 8,

7:15 AM Mass

Friday November 9,

12:15 PM Mass  
7:30PM Why Catholic Video

Saturday, November 10,

5:15PM Mass  
Intention: Constance Below  
Intention: Margaret Schumacher

Sunday, November 11,

9:00AM Mass  
10:00AM NO Faith Formation  
11:00AM Mass  
Intention: Joseph Aguece  
5:00PM Mass



***November 3, 2018***

**A statement by Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger of the Diocese of Albany regarding the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh :**

**“The gruesome attack on families celebrating the life of a newborn at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh this morning was a despicable act of anti-Semitism and of violence against the sanctity of all human life. We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters as they pick up the pieces of their shattered community in the aftermath of this hate-driven crime. We pray, too, for those whose lives were cut short, for those who lost loved ones, and for those who put themselves in danger in an effort to protect others. We will continue to be a force for good, replacing hatred with love, evil with goodness, and curses with blessings. Our faith in a loving God who created us all reminds us that we belong to each other as members of one human family. Summoned by a God who loves each one of us personally and unconditionally, we will not let hate win.”**

**Introducing Our New Liturgical Coordinator**

**Last month, our parish welcomed parishioner Melissa Martínez to the staff as Liturgical Coordinator. Melissa, along with her husband and son, arrived at the Cathedral Parish as new parishioners about eighteen months ago and have enjoyed the life of prayer and worship with us. As Father LeFort got to know them throughout this time, he was impressed by Melissa’s passion for the profound nature and expression of the liturgies of our Church. Currently she is taking a course in liturgy at St. Bernard’s, our diocesan school of theology, and already she has begun meeting with the coordinators of our various ministries in order to familiarize herself with our traditions. Welcome Melissa!**

**The Great East Window of Our Cathedral**

**We have received updated information from our architects: the restoration of the Great East Window in the façade of our Cathedral should be completed in mid- to late-November. We will all be happy to see its majesty once again!**