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 pm on Saturday
9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm on Sunday
Weekdays: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 12:15 pm
Tuesday-Thursday 7:15 a.m.
Stations of the Cross during Lent, Friday 5:15 pm
Holy Day Masses: Please check the bulletin and
Website for Holy Day Mass times.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Monday-Wednesday-Friday:
11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm 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 Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, D.D. Bishop of Albany
The Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, D.D. Bishop Emeritus
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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:
The Religious Education Office:
436-7918

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 am - 12:00 noon.

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

Contact the rectory office to schedule a tour.

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

Handicapped-Accessible

www.cathedralic.com
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

First Reading: The prophet’s particular ministry is to speak the word of the Lord; his gift is a “well-trained tongue.” Every day the word of the Lord comes to him; his proclamations rouse the people, encouraging them to hear the word and live by it. But another reaction ensues. He is insulted and abused. But he stands firm, affirming his trust in the Lord. He will not be deterred from his ministry. The choice of this text for today had an obvious reference to the situation of Jesus who was persecuted for what he said and what he did.

Second Reading: Paul offers a Christological reflection. In the first part he describes the divine-human nature of Jesus. Although Jesus was “in the form of God” he took on the human form of a slave; he “humbled himself” and became obedient “to the point of death.” This, Jesus did willingly, surrendering to the will of the Father. The action of God is described in the second part of the text. Jesus is exalted and his name placed above every other name; every tongue, every knee will honor him.

Gospel: Matthew’s Passion narrative is a series of events that unfold in several locations. As Jesus and his disciples move from one situation to the next, it becomes obvious that Jesus is in charge of the events, surrendering to the outcome of the actions of others. He is not a victim but a servant choosing to do the will of the Father. This supreme expression of love, for the Father, for his followers and for us is the heart of this narrative. The authorities secure the tomb and post a guard. The Gospel reader knows what the authorities did not know; even these measures would not contain the plan of God.

Readings for the week of April 9, 2017

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Friday: Is 52:13–53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Palm Sunday of the Passion Of The Lord

April 8
Nicholas David Farry
Maria Gaffney
Erwin D. Rivera
Jeffrey Bethea Selitto

April 9
Paul Larrabee
Eugene Tacelly
Vivian Cecilia Tidd

April 10
Christopher Sinclair
Rachel Wakeman

April 11
Cameron Horton
Jacob Roy Rivers, Jr.

April 12
Regina Esconde
William Leary

April 13
Margaret Schumacher

April 14
Carlos G. Lauzell, Jr.
Joann Nash
Alexander John Oliver

Join the Cathedral Parish Family for a Cathedral Brunch.
Hosted by Father Pape, Rector, and Father Farano, Administrator.
Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 12:30 pm at the Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany.
Registration forms can be found at the doors of the church.

Cathedral e-News. Please join our e-news system in order to promote better communication with our parishioners and supporters. The Cathedral e-News will be sent to you through your e-mail. You will receive them periodically to provide important updates and reminders about all that is going on in our parish community. If you did not find the e-News in your Inbox, you may want to check your Junk folder to make sure it was not treated as junk and ended up in that folder. It may also mean that we do not have your current e-mail address. To update your e-mail address, please call the rectory at 463-4447, e-mail the rectory at ecathedr@nycap.rr.com, or fill out the form below, indicating you want to be added to the Cathedral e-News, and just drop it in the collection.
From the Administrator’s Corner
With the observance of Palm Sunday, we enter into the most solemn week of the year. Holy Week offers us an opportunity to pause in the midst of our overly hectic life and to give some thought to the great love and mercy that was poured out on us through the events that we commemorate.

To prepare for the observance of the Sacred Triduum, that is, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our Cathedral Church this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Scharfenberger will lead us as we ask for forgiveness for our sins, faults and failings and renew our belief in the absolute and infallible mercy of God through the merits of his divine Son, Jesus Christ. Please join in this wonderful celebration of God’s merciful love. Come as individuals, as a family, as a group of friends. Invite anyone and everyone to this celebration of God’s mercy; the mercy symbolized so powerfully by the cross and empty tomb.

On Holy Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. we gather with Bishop Scharfenberger to celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed, led by Deacon James O’Rourke. At 5:30 p.m. we will join Bishop Scharfenberger for the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and Death. The Great Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Holy Saturday at 7:30 p.m. During this liturgy we will baptize and receive into the Church those catechumens and candidates who have been preparing all year for the Rites of Initiation and Acceptance. On Easter Sunday we continue the celebration of Christ’s resurrection at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the 11:00 a.m. Mass (Presided over by Bishop Scharfenberger), and 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Please make a special effort to come together for these special celebrations. They speak to the heart of our faith. The effort you make to be with our parish community for these observances will be rewarded time and time again throughout the year. God’s peace be yours.

Fr. Farano


If you know of any of the above-listed persons having been restored to good health, please contact the rectory office. Thank you!

Food Pantry/Social Services
Thank you very much for your generous and much needed donations of money, food and supplies. We need cloth bags that our guests can use on every visit. Please consider purchasing a cloth/recyclable bag (they are available at most cash registers), and drop the bag in the food pantry containers in church. God bless you for reaching out to the less fortunate in the South End.

CONGRATULATIONS!
We received the Golden Sneaker Award for making the most improvement over last year. Seven walkers collected $1,993. The six Maginn students collected $296.00. Because part of the money stays here in Albany, we received $1,500 from the Crop Walk.

Easter Flowers and Decorations
A wonderful way to remember your deceased relatives and friends, as well as the living, is to place flowers in their memory or honor in the Cathedral. Please fill out the flower envelope that was included in your latest set of monthly envelopes or use one of the Easter flower envelopes found at the entrances of the church and return it in the collection basket or to the rectory. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

ALBANY MED DAYCARE GYM-
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, St. James Place, Albany
Palm Sunday, April 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Adults, $6; Children 12 and under, $3; Children under 5 eat for free! Presented by Boy Scout Troops 46 & 149 and Cub Pack 211
Collection Report

Due to the early transmission of the bulletin to the publisher for Palm Sunday and Easter, the collection for April 2, 2017 will appear in our next bulletin.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

Please help by giving to the Holy Land collection on Good Friday.

Second Annual Road To Emmaus Men’s Conference
“In the Footsteps of the Saints”
Saturday, April 29, 2017 Program: 9:00 a.m., Lectures, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY. Registration Fees (includes a Box Lunch)
Pre-registration by 4/14/17: $55.00; at the door: $65.00;
Students: $10.00. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
Register online: www.albany.emmaus.org

Carondelet Confections Party at St. Joseph’s Provincial House
385 Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110
Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
“Big Money Raffle”, 50-50, Numerous raffles, Special quilt raffle, Tickets are $15.
Call the Development Office at (518) 389-2654.
DELICIOUS DESSERTS!

My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes
One-Time Screening -Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Proctors,
432 State Street, Schenectady, NY
Tickets are $5.00 each.
To reserve your seat, call the Proctors box office at (518) 346-6204 or visit Proctors website at www.proctors.org/events/my-Italian-secret-forgotten-heroes

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**Cathedral Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service**
**Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Easter Triduum**

**Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017**
5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

**Good Friday, April 14, 2017**
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Deacon James O’Rourke
5:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy  
Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

**Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017**
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil  
Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

**Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**
9:00 a.m. Mass-Fr. Michael Farano  
11:00 a.m. Mass-Bishop Edward Scharfenberger  
5:00 p.m. Mass-Fr. Paul Smith