



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Established 1848

A Welcome...

From wherever you have traveled or have been led on your spiritual journey, we, the Catholic community of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, are glad you are among us. We invite you to make yourself at home and consider joining our Christian way of life, worship and service in Jesus Christ.

Our 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.

Our Sacramental Life...

The Holy Eucharist

*The Lord's Day [Sunday]
11:00am and 5:00pm*

Weekdays

*Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:15am*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession]

*Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday 10:30am – 10:50am & 4:30pm – 4:50pm
By appointment*

The Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage

Please call the Parish Office [518.463.4447] and speak with staff to make arrangements and prepare for the celebration of these sacraments.

Do you have questions about Jesus or Catholic Christianity?

Is your spiritual journey leading you to being formed into a Christian or are you inquiring about coming into communion with the Catholic Church from another Christian community? Please call the Parish Office and speak with staff. [518.463.4447]

On Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to be joyful both that God sent the Son into the world for us and that on a day in the future Christ will come again in glory to invite all holy people to eternal life with God. In the words of the first reading, we are ransomed by the Lord and so we, too, may enter heavenly glory singing the praises of God. Even the desert and the steppe, the very earth itself, will rejoice at the coming of the Lord. Such joy. The joy of creation. The joy of human people. The joy of God.

Do you remember the parables about the kingdom of God, like the lost coin and the pearl of great price? Do you recall the joy of the woman who found her lost coin or the joy of the merchant who discovered the pearl? Often, we imagine their joy to be our joy at realizing God's salvation. What, though, if we turn it around for a moment. What if their joy is God's joy at our repenting our error and sin. What if their joy is heaven's joy at our choosing what is good and what is holy? Imagine this immense joy of God when we accomplish what God desires. Imagine Jesus smiling at the throne of judgment. How could we choose anything except what is good and holy with this image before us?

Monthly Hospitality

It has been 3 years since we had Hospitality and are planning to resume a monthly event beginning the 2nd Sunday in January after the 11am Mass.

We hope to have parishioner's volunteer to serve on the Hospitality Committee. We need people to bake or purchase items to share, help with unloading, set up and clean up and serving.

If you wish to help in any way, please contact Connie Duhamel 518-482-0804 or conmom13d@gmail.com. Let's work together to make our Church a welcoming place

St. Vincent DePaul Society

If there is a family or person you know in our area who needs assistance, please encourage them to call the St. Vincent De Paul Society "hotline" number for assistance. 518-807-5058

Collection Report:

The collection for December 4th was \$1,806
The second collection for Utilities was \$542
Thank you to all who have given to the Cathedral.

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at 7:00pm
at the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception

Christmas Liturgy Schedule:

December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:15 p.m. Family Mass

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger,
Presiding

11:30 p.m. Preludes

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass of Christmas

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger,
Presiding

December 25 – Christmas

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, Presiding

January 1- Solemnity of Mary

11:00 a.m.– Fr. David Mickiewicz,

Presiding



Third Sunday of Advent

It is with heavy heart that we share the news of the passing away of Fr. William H. Pape. Fr. Pape served as Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 1994 to 2018, during which time he oversaw the massive restoration phase from 2008-2010. To say that his knowledge of the Cathedral building and its history was encyclopedic is an understatement. Even more importantly, he loved the Cathedral parishioners with the heart of a pastor. He was known to work tirelessly, and he thought of his beloved parishioners and prayed for them ceaselessly. He always answered the phone and was known to drop whatever he was doing to make sick calls, which are examples of the personal presence he believed anyone should experience from the Church. Please join us in praying for the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Pape, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him for ever. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Parish Office Hours

Beginning on December 2nd the Cathedral Rectory and office will be closed on Fridays. Pilar will be available Friday's via email at cicalban@rcda.org

Cathedral Food Pantry

THANK YOU to everyone who as donated to the Cathedral Food Pantry! We could not continue our ministry without you!

The Cathedral Food pantry is currently in need of: boxed stuffing, canned and dry beans, chicken gravy, instant potatoes, fruit juice, coffee, tea, winter hats, scarves, and gloves for men, women, and children, bar soap, men's shampoo and deodorant, and toothpaste for children.

Gift cards to local supermarkets (such as Price Chopper and Hannaford) and to stores (such as Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree) are most appreciated. Monetary donations of any amount are always welcome. These donations can be dropped off or mailed to the rectory. Your monetary donations can also be placed in the collection basket in an envelope labeled Food Pantry.

VOLUNTEERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED AT THE FOOD PANTRY. For more information, please email Sister Laurie-Marie
God bless you for your generosity and support of the Cathedral Food Pantry!



The giving tree this year will go to support the clients and families of the Cathedral Food Pantry. Soon you will see a Christmas Tree Decorated in the church with Tags describing what each family is requesting; You will find that most of the families are requesting warm clothing rather than all the extras. If

you feel led to donate you can help in a couple of ways. You can take a tag or tags from the giving tree and purchase the items listed. Alternatively, you can donate gift cards or make a monetary donation which will be used to purchase items off of the giving tree. We have also created an amazon wish list where items can be purchased online and will be mailed directly to the Cathedral Rectory. There will be envelopes located on the back tables that you may drop in the offertory basket or you may mail a donation to the rectory. **Please return gifts by Dec. 12th.** If you have any questions please contact Pilar Dell at 518-463-4447 or by email at CICAlban@rcda.org We thank you in advance for sharing your hearts this holiday season!

Please pray for our sick;

Maureen Peck, Catherine Holmes, Luca James Holmes, Tod Fowler, Frank Therio, Dave Worden, Mary Caluori, John Travis, James Frueh, Jean Rounds, Fr. Frank O'Connor, Jeffrey Abraham, Robert Buell, Lucy Apisa, Stephen Beattie, Thomas Bendon, Grace Isabelle Caruso, Mary Faith Colvin, Patricia Contti, Theresa Cooney, Marc Daniels, John Dare, Jr., Denise Degasparis, Michael Dolan, Ann Doherty, JoAnn DeLucia, Diane Fontanelli, Janette Fusco, Bernice Girma, Kelly Hemming, Thomas Bendon, Jean Gutbrodt, Bryan Hanley, Jacqueline Heisler, Kelly Hemming, Douglas Hoffeler, Dorothy Jordan, Reny Jose, Bill Keane, Amy Keegan, James Laung,, Gayle Leonard, Rebecca Leno, Therese Lenz, , Ted Murawski, Marie-Ann Melenfant, John McGrath, Mary Grace Meneses , Stephanie Merenda, Diane Mueller, Shane O'Donnell, Catherine Rappazzo, Mark Roman, Megan Ruthman, Adam Ventura, Sebastian

December 10, 2022

**Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings
and Mass Intentions for the week of Decem-
ber 10, 2022-December 18,2022**

Saturday, December 10,

7:00PM A festival of Lesson and
Carols

Sunday, December 11,

11:00AM Mass
5:00 PM Mass

Monday, December 12,

12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, December 13,

7:15 AM Mass

Wednesday, December 14,

12:15 PM Mass
Intention: John Sulzman
7:00PM Penance Service

Thursday, December 15,

7:15AM Mass

Friday December 16,

12:15PM Mass

Saturday, December 17,

Sunday, December 18,

11:00AM Mass
Intention: Rosemary A. Bennett
Intention: Salvatore Alessi
12:30PM Baptism
5:00 PM Mass
Intention: Ellen Murphy Carruthers



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HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

The Cathedral Staff

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Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Office will be closed on National Holidays and other days throughout the year. Please check the bulletin.

Cathedral Hours

The Cathedral will be open daily according to the following schedule:

Sunday: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30am – 4:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

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The Cathedral Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00am – 12:00noon.