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.

Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, D.D.
Bishop of Albany
Very Reverend David R. LeFort, S.T.L., V.G. Rector
Reverend Juanito Asprec, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Paul Mijas, Parochial Vicar
Mr. Timothy J. Kosto, II, Deacon
Mr. James M. Agnew, Deacon

Schedule of Liturgical Celebrations
The Holy Eucharist (Mass)
The Lord’s Day:
Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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:
Monday-Wednesday-Friday 11:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
and other times by appointment

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Scriptures set us in the midst of raging sea, a mighty force of nature that only the Word Of God can restrain. Anyone who has witnessed the violent winds and lashing waves of a storm at sea understands the terror of the disciples and the fearful hearts of the sailors described in today’s Responsorial Psalm.

In Biblical tradition, the sea—particularly its stormy side—symbolizes chaos, all that threatens peace and wellbeing. Such was the experience of both Job and the disciples. Job’s whole life had become an uncontrollable storm, having suddenly lost both family and possessions. And the disciples, while attracted enough to Jesus to leave all and follow him, were still perplexed by his power and perhaps troubled by the negative reactions he sometimes received.

In today’s Scriptures, God’s power over the storm is revealed in the midst: “The Lord addressed Job out of the storm”. Jesus was in the boat with his disciples, during the storm. Like the sailors of Psalm 107 “they cried to the Lord in their distress: from their straits he rescued them.” The Word of God hushes the storm and stills the sea. In the midst of the storm, Job, the sailors, and the disciples all receive at least a glimpse of who God is and experience God’s “kindness and wondrous deeds.”

What wisdom for us as we encounter the storms of our own lives! What seems to be chaos, to threaten our very lives, is but the setting in which the power of the Divine can be revealed. Let us not forget that the Teacher will not let us perish. The power of his Word can still our storms as well.

CATHEDRAL PARKING LOT TO BE CLOSED STARTING JUNE 14 FOR LONG-TERM REPAIRS

The state’s Office of General Services has announced that, beginning Monday, June 14, the Madison Avenue parking lot adjacent to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (often referred to as “Cathedral Parking Lot”) will be closed for up to five months while repairs are made to leaks that have caused the collapse of portions of the lot.

Parking options:

· The Madison Avenue lot adjacent to the west side of the New York State Museum, accessed via Madison Avenue, is open seven days a week. Parking is free on weekends after 1:30 p.m. on weekdays. The cost is $5 between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on weekdays.

· The East Parking Garage (located near the northeast corner of the Cathedral, access from Eagle Street and/or Hamilton Street) due east from the Empire State Plaza is free after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

· Street parking around the Cathedral is available during religious services. Check signage and/or meters when parking.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this period!
Re-Igniting Our Faith: Cathedral Signage
Plans are fairly complete and contracts are being drawn up for the fabrication and installation of our new signage at the base of the north tower. Hopefully, next month you will see the beginnings of this enhancement. Thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Re-Igniting Our Faith campaign. Even though costs have grown significantly during pandemic, we are—because of your generosity—able to bring this project to completion. To whet your appetite, here is a rough draft of what the signage will look like.

Congratulations to the five new Priests ordained for the Diocese of Albany. May God Bless them in their new assignments and may they always be Joyful and Holy priests of the Church.

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit [http://www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).

Please pray for our sick: Lary Daly, Frank Therio, John Adraince Sr., Dave Worden, Mary Caluori, Seamus Gallagher, John Travis, James Frueh, Jack Krieger, Jean Rounds, Fr. William Pape, Fr. Frank O’Connor, Jeffrey Abraham, Robert Buell, Lucy Apisa, Stephen Beattie, Carol Bruce, Grace Isabelle Caruso, Mary Faith Colvin, Patricia Contti, Theresa Cooney, Marc Daniels, John Dare, Jr., Denise Degaspars, Michael Dolan, Ann Doherty, JoAnn DeLucia, Diane Fontanelli, Janette Fusco, Bernice Girma, Carol Greenshields, Jean Gutbrodt, Bryan Hanley, Jacqueline Heisler, Kelly Hemming, Kenneth Hockeson; Douglas Hoffeler, Alfred Iwane, 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, James Murphy, Mary Murphy, Shane O’Donnell, Josephine Pitcherale, Marcia Pedone, Catherine Rappazzo, Mark Roman, Megan Ruthman, Elaine Spoor, Adam Ventura, Sebastian Vicencio, Richard Warner, Raphael Warner, Rosa Maria Santos, Mary Redmond
June 19, 2021

Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings and Mass Intentions for the week of June 19, 2021 – June 27, 2021

Saturday, June 19,
11:00 AM Priesthood Ordination

Sunday, June 20,
11:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Mass
Intention: Tori Ferro

Monday, June 21,
12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, June 22,
7:15 AM Mass

Wednesday, June 23,
12:15 PM Mass
Intention: Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 24,
7:15 AM Mass

Friday June 25,
12:15 PM Mass
2:00 PM Bishop Maginn Graduation

Saturday, June 26,
2:30 PM Wedding

Sunday, June 27,
11:00 AM Mass
Intention: Dorothy Norovich
Intention: Fr. Michael Farano
5:00 PM Mass
A Message from Father LeFort

Four years ago, I was grateful to receive this assignment to the Cathedral as Rector. And during these 4 years, I have been greatly blessed to witness your faith, your diversity and unity, as well as your commitment to ‘service to the poor’. In the next few weeks, I am assuming new responsibilities which will take me away from this parish. At the same time, Bishop Scharfenberger has seen fit to assign a new rector to our Cathedral; Father Anthony Ligato will begin his tenure with you on July 1. Fr. Anthony is currently a pastor in Rensselaer County and also the Vicar for Vocations.

As I begin this new chapter—continuing as Vicar General and assuming responsibilities as diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies—I will take up residence with Bishop Scharfenberger and serve throughout the fourteen counties of our diocese by visiting different parishes each week.

Although my last weekend here will be July 4th, please know I will always hold you dear to my heart. Thank you for your faith and your witness... and, let us always pray for one another.