

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Established 1848

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.

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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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Today's gospel delivers a kick in the pants – like a grazing deer that hears a sound. The small shock of imagining one person taken and another left, especially knowing this is the last and final judgment, without a second chance, makes us stand up and look around. It makes us take stock and becomes a crucible moment, a time to choose. Once alerted, we have a chance to see ourselves clearly, what about us is good and what needs further refining. In this crucible, the beautiful, positive images from the other readings and the psalm invite us to choose for God. Because it is easy for the devil to get in the way we need the shock. Once alerted, we can choose to turn our swords into plowshares. We can choose to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. We can choose to go rejoicing into the house of the Lord. Or we can choose to put our head back down and continue grazing on the same grass, like a deer that will not see the danger. The gospel tells us it is urgent that we make holy choices. St. Paul, Isaiah, and the psalmist tell us how beautiful holy choices are. What is left is the choice – as Advent begins our preparation for Christ's coming, what will be our choice?



Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. – Romans 5:5

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I know this is a difficult time with reports surfacing on Bishop Hubbard's request to return to the lay state. Emotions are varied. Questions are many. How do you resolve the impact on yourself? What do you say to the people you serve? I urge you to look to the cross, follow the example of Jesus. We are called to love through it, to be His heart, His hands, His feet in the world, especially when it is difficult.

Jesus suffered. If you are joining in the Marian Consecration, you know today begins the focus on Mother Teresa of Calcutta. In fact today's reading shares her thoughts on suffering and the message that in our suffering, He is with us. In her own words, she said, "Suffering has to come because if you look at the cross, he has got his head bending down – he wants to kiss you – and he has both hands open wide – he wants to embrace you."

We are not alone. We are a community in Christ. Let's pray together. Pray for Bishop Hubbard, that his decisions and actions are in accord with God, our loving Father. Pray for his close circle, that they have the compassionate heart of Christ to guide him in his decisions. Pray for healing in our Church, for all who have been hurt in one way or another. The needs are many – those abused, the abusers, the people who don't understand, people who are angry that this happened.

Hope and healing are needed but won't come if we stand by and wait for them. We are part of the solution. Joined with Christ, we must continue His mission here and now. Pray, lean on the Sacraments, Scripture, Mass – receive Him into your minds, hearts, and souls. Nurture your connection to Him so you can share that connection with others. And teach all how to listen for His guidance. Jesus is the answer. He is with us, right now. He is standing at your side, embracing you, walking with you, sharing your pain, sharing His love. Share that.

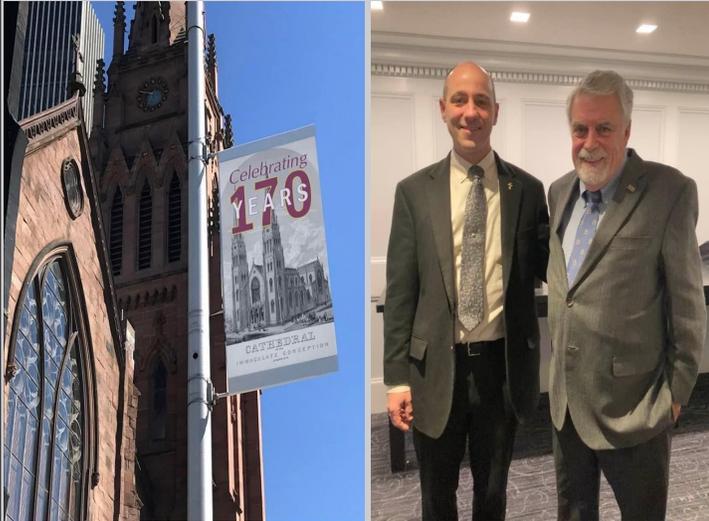
Let's BE that community in Christ, walking with Him, walking together, helping each other to grow stronger – to heal. Through Him, with Him, in Him, healing IS possible.

Yours in Him,

Bishop Ed

First Sunday of Advent

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended and supported the 170th Anniversary of The Cathedral. A special thank you to the planning committee, Fr. Ligato and Jack McEneny for being our keynote speaker. It was a beautiful day celebrating your Cathedral.



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. 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, Matthew Kryzkowski, Catherine Holmes, Luca James Holmes, Tod Fowler, Frank Therio, Dave Worden, Mary Caluori, John Travis, James Frueh, Jean Rounds, Fr. William Pape, 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 Vicencio, Richard Warner, Raphael Warner , Mary Redmond

November 27, 2022

**Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings
and Mass Intentions for the week of Novem-
ber 26, 2022-December 4,2022**

Saturday, November 26,

10:30AM Baptism

Sunday, November 27,

11:00AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass

Monday, November 28,

12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, November 29,

7:15 AM Mass

Wednesday, November 30,

12:15 PM Mass

Thursday, December 1,

7:15AM Mass

Friday December 2,

12:15PM Mass

Saturday, December 3,

4:00PM Wedding

Sunday, December 4,

11:00AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass

Intention: Ellen Murphy Carruthers



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"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?...Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me." (Matthew 25:37,40)

Christ calls us to serve everyone who is in need, and the Cathedral Food Pantry strives to respond to this call as we serve over 115 households each month. It is through the Cathedral Food Pantry that our parish community extends itself to meet the needs of the people who live in the Mansion Hill area.

To enhance our awareness of this parish ministry, the Cathedral Food Pantry's donation receptacles have been moved near the Image of the Divine Mercy located in the Cathedral Narthex. The receptacles have also changed so that the needed donated items (that are listed in the bulletin) can be placed in one of the three labeled receptacles: food, clothing, and personal care items.

The Cathedral Food pantry is currently in need of: boxed stuffing, canned and dry beans, chicken gravy, instant potatoes, fruit juice, 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 at laurie-marie.parisi@rcda.org or call Cathedral Social Services at (518) 463-2279.

God bless you for your generosity and support of the Cathedral Food Pantry!