

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.

Covenanted Cathedrals

On 16 June 1987, David S. Ball, Episcopal Bishop of Albany and Howard J. Hubbard, Roman Catholic Bishop of Albany signed a covenant between the two Cathedral Churches in the City of Albany, The Cathedral of All Saints and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to mutually pray for each other, work together for social justice and the common good and to grow in mutual understanding.

Text of the Covenant

www.episcopalchurch.org/eir/covenant-between-the-episcopal-diocese-of-albany-and-roman-catholic-diocese-of-albany

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]

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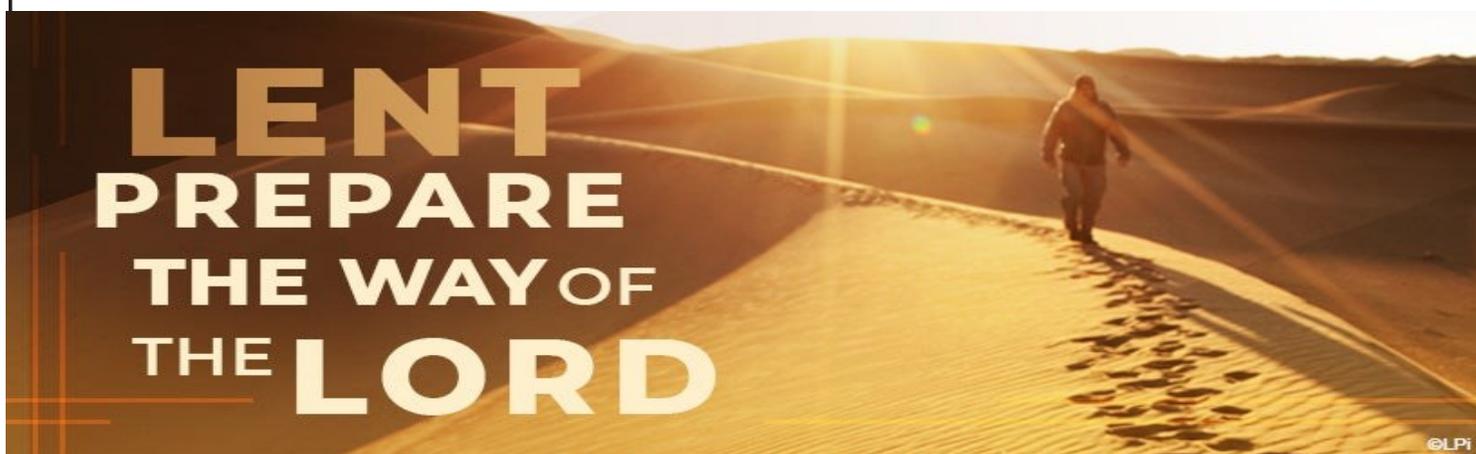
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From Pope Francis' Message for Lent, 2023

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two “paths” to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal. The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: “Listen to him” (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

On hearing the Father’s voice, the disciples “fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’ And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone” (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow “him alone”. Lent leads to Easter: the “retreat” is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord’s passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: “Rise, and do not be afraid”. Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be “artisans of synodality” in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendor and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.



Eucharistic adoration will be held on Wednesdays during lent starting at 5:15pm, Benediction at 6:00 pm.



Cathedral Food Pantry

The Cathedral Food pantry is currently in need of: fruit juice, coffee, tea, canned beans (black beans, kidney beans, pork and beans), canned pasta, soup (any kind), winter hats, scarves, and gloves for children, bar soap, shampoo and deodorant for men and women.

Monetary donations of any amount are always welcome. These donations can be sent directly to the Regional Food Bank (965 Albany Shaker Rd, Latham, NY 12110) to be put into the Cathedral Food Pantry account. You can also put a check made out to the Regional Food Bank in the collection basket and it will be sent directly to the Food Bank (please put the check into an envelope labeled "Food Pantry"). Every dollar you donate to the Regional Food Bank on behalf of the Cathedral Food Pantry purchases seven times the amount of food we could purchase otherwise.

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

For more information about the Cathedral Food Pantry, please call (518) 463-2279.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, 29 March 2023

All Saints Church [formerly Saint Margaret Mary], 16 Homestead Street, Albany, New York

at 6:00pm.

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger presiding.

Collection Report:

The Collection For February 26th was \$1550
The Collection for Ash Wednesday was \$1252

St. Vincent DePaul Society

We are dedicated to helping those struggling. If you are someone you know is in need of assistance please call 518-807-5058.

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent focuses on two closely related matters: the pre-baptismal and the penitential. The pre-baptismal character is evident when the parish accompanies catechumens and elect through the Period of Purification and Enlightenment as they prepare to enter the Catholic Church and receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Lent's penitential character is seen when the baptized reflect upon their faithfulness to the Gospel, seek God's mercy and forgiveness for their failings and the Holy Spirit's guidance in following Jesus' way more closely. All the Lenten practices of the Catholic Church, such as prayer, fasting and acts of charity are directed to support these ends. It is summed up well in the prayer that is said as the ashes are given: "Repent, and Believe in the Gospel."

please pray for our sick;

Angelina Graziano, Maureen Peck, 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, 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

25TH ANNIVERSARY

CATHEDRAL CLASSIC

Golf Outing to Preserve Albany's Historic
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

SAVE THE DATE

Date:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

NEW Location:

Normanside Country Club



This year's Cathedral Classic is dedicated to the memory of Father William Pape. Father Pape started the Cathedral Classic 25 years ago as a fundraiser to help to preserve Albany's Historic Cathedral.

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THE
PIPES
ARE
Calling

at the
Cathedral

Feast of St. Patrick
Sunday, March 12
11:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Members of the
Schenectady Pipe Band
and the Cathedral Choir
will provide the music
for the liturgy.

Hospitality following Mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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**Donations of baked goods for the Pipers mass
reception are appreciated. Please drop off at
the hospitality table before mass.**

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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

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