

# 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:**

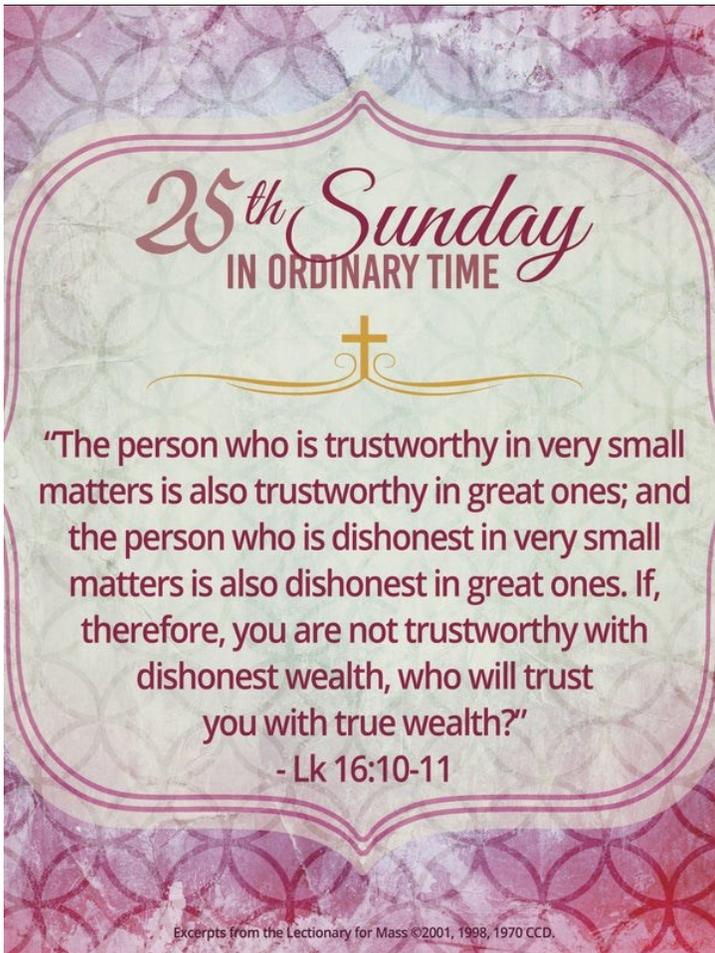
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### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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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**Saturday Morning Mass**

Beginning Saturday, 24 September 2022 the Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00am will be discontinued.

The reasons for this decision are that this Eucharist, initiated by Fr. Ligato, was considered temporary having begun only this past Lent. I am also taking into consideration the number of liturgies that can occur on a Saturday at the Cathedral as well as for Sunday. My concern, and I hope yours, extends to the health and well-being of the senior priests who assist across the three parishes. The people who gather for this Eucharist are very encouraged to gather for other forms of prayer such as The Liturgy of the Hours, a Liturgy of the Word and faith sharing or a devotional form of prayer such as the Rosary.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter, Fr. David

**The Blessing of Animals  
in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi**

**Saturday, 1 October 2022 at 11:30am  
on front steps of the Cathedral of the Immaculate  
Conception  
the corner of Eagle Street and Madison Avenue**

*In case of inclement weather...we will gather in the Cathedral.*



**FAITH FORMATION 2022-23**

We will soon begin a new season of Faith Formation for the children and youth of the Cathedral parish. It's an exciting time and we look forward to offering some innovations this year, including encouraging families to play a bigger part in developing their children's lived faith. We offer catechesis from Kindergarten through High School including sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation and Baptism for older children. The classes meet from 10:00 am to 10:55 am Sunday to facilitate mass attendance. In the next few weeks I will give a more detailed picture of the program. I will be available to register youngsters after a both masses on Sunday 11 September but feel free to register early by calling 518-463-4447.

We will also offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children through the age of nine. This is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's relationship with God. Sessions will be 2 hours. Day and time TBD.

Thomas Fowler PhD  
Director of Religious Ed and Youth Ministry

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### DO YOU SOMEONE WHO LIKES TO SING??

The cathedral's choirs are a wonderful way to sing together, make friends, and participate in worship with our community. There are experiences available for musicians of all ages!

The Troubadours are a "training choir" as an introductory experience for children in grades K-3. They learn the basics of natural singing tone, and experience music from the sacred music of the cathedral to folk songs and music games. Choristers are provided with an age-appropriate introduction to choral singing and cathedral etiquette. Troubadours rehearse Wednesdays 3:45-4:45 p.m., beginning September 14th, and sing approximately once per month during the 11 a.m. mass at the cathedral.

Boys and girls in grades 4-8 are invited to participate in the Treble Choir. Choristers continue to develop their vocal skills, advance their musicianship (music theory and sight singing), and knowledge of choral repertoire. The Treble Choir rehearses both as a group of young people and in combination with the Cathedral (adult) Choir. Treble Choir sings at mass approximately twice per month, as well as many holy days throughout the season. Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. (5:30-6:30, weekly dinner provided, then 7-7:30 with the adults). A brief informal hearing is required.

Parents and guardians should be able to commit to bringing the child(ren) to all scheduled rehearsals and services throughout the year. Children should have an interest in singing, or willingness to try and the ability to follow simple directions. Families are invited to meet with Dr. Reno and Ms. Benninger to discuss enrolling their child(ren) in the Choir School program. We welcome enrollment throughout the year, and often a trial or observation week may be arranged.

Private Instrumental Instruction is available to all children (regardless of their participation in the cathedral choirs). Instrumental instruction is offered in piano (at beginning and intermediate levels); organ (some piano experience recommended); and violin or viola.

The cathedral also welcomes experienced high school, college, and adult singers to join the Cathedral Choir, which rehearses Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. each week, beginning September 8th. The adult choir engages with a broad variety of repertoire from plainchant and renaissance polyphony to newly composed works. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Tim Reno for a brief audition. To learn more please contact Dr. Tim Reno, Director of Music and Choirmaster. E-mail [renot@rcda.org](mailto:renot@rcda.org) or phone 518-463-4447.

### Respect Life: The Truth About Planned Parenthood

Many people think that Planned Parenthood is in organization that provides prenatal care for women. Studies have proven that 97% of women who visit Planned Parenthood terminate their pregnancies through an abortion. An abortion can be performed at any time during the pregnancy up to 24 weeks in New York State (or after 24 weeks if a doctor deems it necessary). As Catholics, we believe in the sacredness of human life and that all human life, in all its stages, is a gift from God.

We are currently in the midst of forming a Respect Life Ministry in our parish. Anyone who is interested in joining our Respect Life Ministry, please email Sister Laurie-Marie at [laurie-marie.parisi@rcda.org](mailto:laurie-marie.parisi@rcda.org) or call the rectory.



### Cathedral Food Pantry

The Cathedral Food Pantry served over 200 people during the month of August! Please know that your generous help is always appreciated. The food pantry is in most need of the following personal care items: feminine products, adult and child-sized toothbrushes, toothpaste for adults/children, shampoo for men, women, and children, deodorant for men and women, and dish detergent. Please do not donate items that

are expired or nearly expired, severely damaged, or unusable. Donation boxes can be found at the entrance ways of the Cathedral. Gift cards to local supermarkets (such as Aldi and Hannaford) and to stores (such as Wal-Mart) 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 [lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org](mailto:lauriemarie.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!

## ***September 18, 2022***

### **Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings and Mass Intentions for the week of September 17,2022-September 25,2022**

Saturday, September 17,

9:00AM Mass  
3:00PM Wedding

Sunday, September 18,

11:00AM Mass  
5:00 PM Mass

Intention: Ellen Murphy Carruthers

Monday, September 19,

12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, September 20,

7:15 AM Mass

Wednesday, September 21,

12:15 PM Mass

Thursday, September 22,

7:15AM Mass

Intention: Robert Hershey

Friday September 23,

12:15PM Mass

Intention: Margaret A. Shreckengost

Saturday, September 24,

9:00AM Mass  
3:00PM Wedding

Sunday, September 25,

11:00AM Mass  
5:00 PM Mass

Intention: Ellen Murphy Carruthers

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**Catholic University of America Collection, Sept 24/25, 2022**

Your gift to the second collection will support Catholic University of America students who go on to serve the nation and transform the world. Catholic University serves dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as the Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please be generous.

Thank you for your support and for helping to shed Christ's light upon the region by your parishes support of the **2022 Catholic University of America Collection**

**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