

# 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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### **Can we be Jesus' disciple?**

Deitrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran theologian killed in Flossenbürg concentration camp, dedicates a chapter in his book to "Single-minded Obedience". After highlighting gospel stories about those called to give up what they have and serve (the rich young man, Levi, St. Peter) Bonhoeffer continues: *"Only one thing was required in each case—to rely on Christ's word, and cling to it as offering greater security than all the securities in the world. The forces which tried to interpose themselves between the word of Jesus and the response of obedience were as formidable then as they are today. ... But the call of Jesus made short work of all these barriers, and created obedience. That call was the Word of God himself, and all that it required was single-minded obedience."* What if renouncing all that we have, as today's gospel instructs, means not only to let it go, but to use it, to consume it on purpose, to serve God. What if our time, our talent, and our treasure are God's gracious gift to us so that we can return them to God ten-fold by how we give them away to others and so arrive at St. Peter's door empty handed because we spent it all in obedience to God, serving one another?

### **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



**50th ANNUAL  
DIOCESAN MAR-  
RIAGE JUBILEE**  
with Bishop Edward  
B. Scharfenberger  
will be held

**Saturday, October 8th  
4 PM Liturgy with reception  
at**

**The Cathedral of the Immaculate  
Conception**

Questions can be directed to  
518-453-6644

Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org

**Sponsored by the Office of Lay Minis-  
try & Parish Faith formation**

### **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

## 23rd 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 about the many opportunities in the cathedral's music program, please contact Dr. Tim Reno, Director of Music and Choirmaster. E-mail [renot@rcda.org](mailto:renot@rcda.org) or phone 518-463-4447.

### Safe Environment

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is committed to providing a safe environment for all persons, especially children, involved in any ministry. All adults participating in the cathedral's music program are required to complete Safe Environment training, offered through the Diocese of Albany. For more information, visit:

[www.rcda.org/virtus](http://www.rcda.org/virtus)

Lectio Divina group will meet September 7th & 21st at 7pm

PAC Meeting, Monday September 12th at 6:00pm at the Rectory.

### Labor Day

The Cathedral, Rectory, and Food Pantry will be closed Monday September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



### The CHOSEN movie night

All Saints is excited to present its first *Faith in Film* eight-week series starting **Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** in our church at 16 Homestead Street Albany. Attendance is free to all, we will supply water and popcorn! *Thus says the LORD, who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. Isaiah 43:1*

### Holy Hour & Happy Hour

Young adults from across the diocese are invited to a Holy Hour and Happy Hour Gathering in Albany.

When: Tuesday, September 13 at 7 PM

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church; 607 Central Ave, Albany, NY

What: Diocesan Young Adult Holy Hour

Register: <https://forms.gle/1tJMBbMa1C94yUcu7>

For more information, please contact Tom Cronin

at [thomas.cronin@rcda.org](mailto:thomas.cronin@rcda.org).

**September 3, 2022**

**Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings  
and Mass Intentions for the week of September 3,2022-September 11,2022**

Saturday, September 3,

9:00AM Mass

3:00PM Wedding

Sunday, September 4,

11:00AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass

Intention: Ellen Murphy Carruthers

Monday, September 5,

12:15 PM NO Mass

Tuesday, September 6,

7:15 AM Mass

Wednesday, September 7,

12:15 PM Mass

Intention: Andrew Lopez

Thursday, September 8,

7:15AM Mass

Friday September 9,

12:15PM Mass

Intention: Margaret A. Shreckengost

Intention: Matthew Bachmann

Saturday, September 10,

9:00AM Mass

12:30PM Parish Picnic

3:00PM Wedding

Sunday, September 11,

11:00AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass

Intention: Ellen Murphy Carruthers

**September 3, 2022**

**Respect Life: How to Respond in a Pro-Choice Society,**

**Part IV**



When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

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.

**2022 Annual Parish Picnic Saturday, Sept. 10th**

The Annual joint Parish Picnic, St. Francis of Assisi, Cathedral, and Historic St. Mary's will be held on Saturday, September 10th at the Elm Ave. Park in the Town of Bethlehem between 12:30 and 4:00 PM. We'll have kid's games, a 50/50 drawing, a kid's raffle, raffle for door prizes and games for kids and adults, and great food, fun, and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided by the Parishes. All we need is YOU and whatever tasty salads, side dishes, or desserts you decide to bring to share! Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Churches. Just put your name, how many will be attending, and what dish or dessert you will bring to share.

Hope to see you all there!

**Volunteers needed!**

We are looking for a few volunteers to help on the grill at the Parish Picnic, if you are willing to help please email Jim Horan at [horanjim55@gmail.com](mailto:horanjim55@gmail.com)