

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.

Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, D.D.
Bishop of Albany

Very Reverend David R. LeFort, S.T.L., V.G. Rector
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Reverend Paul Mijas, Parochial Vicar
Mr. Timothy J. Kosto, II, 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:

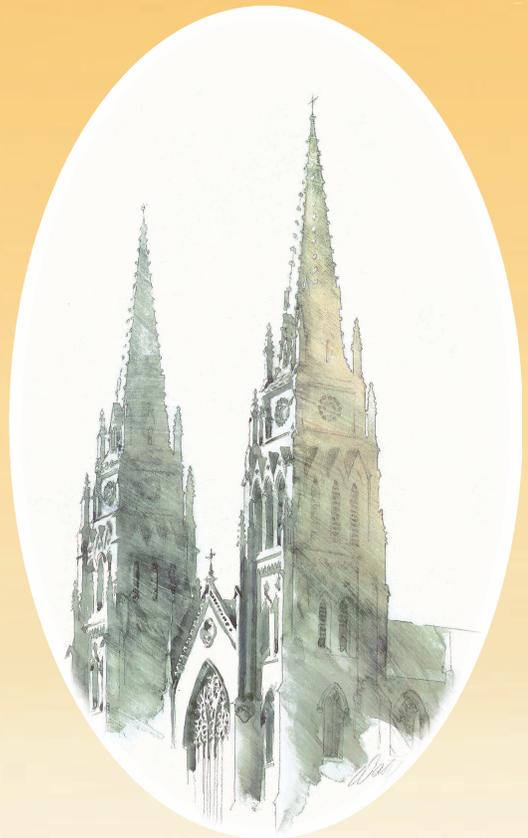
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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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Third Sunday of Lent

We commonly learn, read, and follow the Ten Commandments out of context. Whether in a religious education session or on a courtroom wall, they often stand alone like a timeless, universal statement of perfect morality. But the Bible places them firmly in their context within the story of Israel. In exodus 3, God tells Moses that he is coming to deliver Israel from their oppressors. Exodus 4-11 narrates the struggle between Moses and the pharaoh before the deliverance. The first Passover celebration comes in chapters 12-13. The spectacular rescue from the Egyptians and its aftermath appear in Exodus 14-15, and the events of the journey to Mount Sinai, including the first manna and the water from the rock, happen in chapters 16-18. Finally in Exodus 19 the people reach Sinai, where God tells them through Moses, “You have seen...how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation”. Then follows in chapter 20 the text we read today.

The proper setting for understanding the Decalogue is the mighty act of salvation and the covenant that God established as its result. Its Ten Commandments presuppose that one is already participating in the covenant. People obey out of love, faithfulness, and gratitude. The very first commandment emphasizes the context of salvation: “I, the Lord, am your god, who brought you out of the land of Egypt...you shall not have other gods besides me”.

Moses sealed the people’s participation in the covenant by sprinkling them with the “blood of the covenant”. Jesus renewed that as “my blood of the covenant which will be shed for many”. For Christians, the context for understanding and obeying is the Paschal Mystery of our Lord, who through the Eucharist gives us the wisdom and power to obey.

Diocesan Appeal

This is just a reminder of changes in our annual campaign; the Bishop’s Appeal is now the Diocesan Appeal:

Pledges and payments are no longer processed through the parish but directly by the Office of Stewardship. All pledges and payments go directly to that office at 40 N. Main Ave., Albany NY 12203.

We understand this year was difficult for all, we ask that you only give what you can. The appeal year will end on June 30, 2021 rather than ending in March as in the past.

RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services began its annual Rice Bowl appeal on Ash Wednesday. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to the church. Please take one with you and return it at the end of Lent.

This past year has been a difficult one for many of us. We ask only that you give what you can, remembering, that for millions throughout the world, hardship and deprivation are not just a short term occurrence but a way of life. Even the smallest contribution can make a major difference in the life of a child who has never been to school or a family without health care.

We encourage you to visit CRS’s website (crsricebowl.org) to learn more about their ministry.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired one million volunteers. You can join them and be involved by attending the daily vigil (7am-7pm) in Lent at 855 Central Ave. Contact Michael or Anthony for information (518-443-9935) or at alb40days@gmail.com. Learn more by going to 40daysforlife.com/albany

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THE SCRUTINIES

Over these next three Sundays (the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent), those parishes with adults and older children preparing for initiation into the church at Easter will celebrate rituals called the "scrutinies" during Mass. They are part of a series of rites belonging to the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) that are celebrated during the season of Lent.

Some people feel quite uncomfortable with the term "scrutiny". The word "scrutinize" means to examine in minute detail, and we may feel that it is intrusive or hypocritical to pry into the lives and motives of those who wish to join the church. Because of those misgivings, the term "rites of healing and strengthening" is sometimes used instead. The ritual book says that the purpose of the scrutinies is to "heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life". The rite also describes the scrutinies as "rites for self-searching and repentance".

Every time we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we ask the questions, "Do you renounce Satan... and all his works...and all his empty promises?" These are serious questions. We should consider them carefully before answering. And that is what the elect, those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, spend much of Lent doing. For those who are making their final preparation for baptism, Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment. In the light of God's word, they examine their lives and ask the entire Christian community to pray that whatever is weak and sinful within them may be eliminated and that whatever is good and holy may be affirmed.

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After the homily, in a litany of intercession, the power of Jesus over all sin is proclaimed. A prayer is then said over the elect asking for their deliverance and strengthening. The presider, catechists, sponsors and other members of the community may also lay their hands on the heads of the elect in an ancient sign of forgiveness, healing and empowerment. Because the entire community will renew its baptismal promises at Easter, we all take this opportunity to examine our way of life and ask ourselves whether we are truly living as Christ's disciples, as people of the Gospel. When we and the elect are asked at Easter to renounce Satan, evil works and empty promises, our answer can be a thoughtful, strong and heartfelt "I do".



Please pray for our sick; Mary Caluori, Seamus Gallagher, John Travis, Fr. Farano, 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 Degasparis, 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 Iwanie, 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

March 7, 2021

Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings and Mass Intentions for the week of March 6, 2021 – March 14, 2021

Saturday, March 6,

Sunday, March 7,

11:00AM Mass

Intention: Beverly Dittmer

5:00PM Mass

Monday, March 8,

12:15PM Mass

Intention: Matildia Nagengast

Intention: Thomas Pendergast

Tuesday, March 9,

7:15 AM Mass

Intention: Jane Palumbo

Wednesday, March 10,

12:15 PM Mass

Intention: Katherine M. Timerson

Thursday, March 11,

7:15AM Mass

Friday March 12,

12:15PM Mass

Intention: Ernest Michael Green

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13,

3:15PM Wedding

Sunday, March 14,

11:00AM Mass

Intention: Beverly Dittmer

Intention: Grace and James Phillips

5:00 PM Mass

March 7, 2021

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Feast of St. Patrick
Sunday, March 14
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Holy Eucharist

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for the liturgy.





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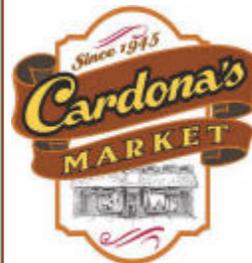
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