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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:

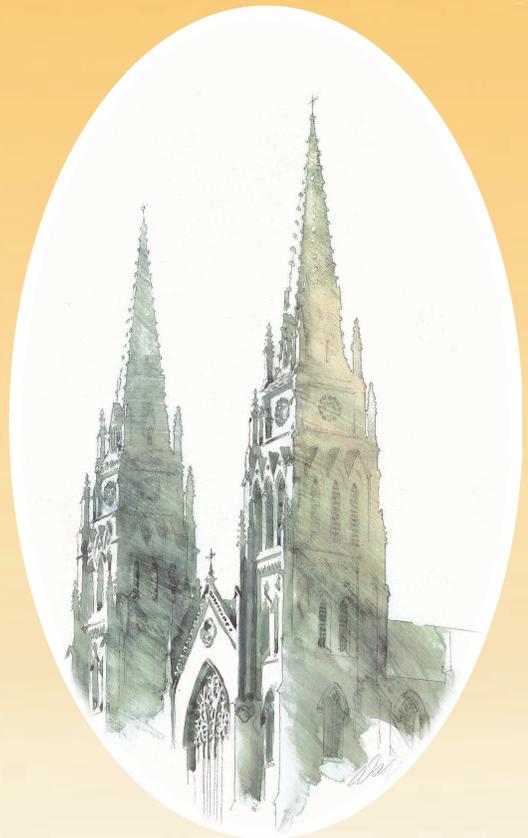
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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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From Fr. Anthony Ligato
“Go, prophesy to my people”

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

God’s plan of salvation is given to us in the scriptures and in the tradition of the church which has been handed onto us by the Apostles. This extraordinary plan is heard in today’s second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (1:314), “In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in his beloved.” We hear that God has a destiny for humanity and that destiny is union with God. That destiny is brought about through acceptance of God’s will in our lives. For destiny does not mean predestination, that all has been decided and we have no choice. Rather it is an acceptance of God’s will for us through union in the Holy Trinity.

For this destiny to occur, many people through the ages had to accept God’s will for themselves in their lives, from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to Moses and the prophets such as Amos who we hear of in the first reading. Amos is sent with a message to the King of Israel, Jeroboam to turn away from false Gods and corrupting the people of Israel. Amos had a destiny laid out for him, but he had to be willing to accept that destiny which was part of God’s plan of salvation. Amos states how difficult it was to accept God’s plan for his life, “I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores.” (Amos 7:12-15) He tended sheep and trimmed trees; I doubt that he saw his life as a prophet who was to confront Israel for her lack of faithfulness.

He accepted in his free will the destiny God had for him and because he chose to follow God’s perfect will for him, he helped further God’s plan of salvation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself had to accept the Fathers will for himself by being obedient to that will. Jesus’ obedience can be seen in the Agony in the Garden the night before he was crucified. Jesus’ acceptance of the Fathers will can be heard in his prayer in the garden, “Father, if it is your will, take this cup from me; yet not my will be done but yours be done.” (Lk.22:42) When Jesus sends out the twelve two by two in today’s gospel (Mark 6:7-13), “He instructed them to take nothing for the journey,” that would weigh them down and stop them from fulfilling their destiny of furthering God’s plan of salvation by bringing Christ’s loving forgiveness and healing into the world. As the gospel passage states, there were people who did not accept the destiny God had planned for them, “whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust from your feet.” The Apostles followed the will of God by announcing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, it was the choice of the people to accept or reject the message. We have that very same choice today to accept or reject the destiny God has waiting for us just the same as the prophets and Apostles.

But when we say no to the will of God, his plan of salvation does not go forward. I can’t help but wonder if more people accepted God’s destiny for their lives, abortions would be stopped. If we accepted God’s destiny by embracing his plan of salvation, how many more families might be together today. If we followed Jesus’ example in the garden when he gave his life over to save the world, by being as generous with the poor and starving; how many people might be lifted out of poverty. If we surrendered our wills to God in the same way the Apostles surrendered their lives in service to Jesus Christ by willingly going out two by two and speaking the truth, our religious freedoms would not be taken away. Our loving Father has a plan for us all and the plan is to accept salvation and so let us invoke today’s responsorial Psalm (Ps. 85) in our prayers, “Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.”

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Ligato

Welcome Sister Therese McDonough

Medical Missionaries of Mary

The Medical missionaries of Mary are an international congregation of Religious Women who are coming to the Cathedral on **July 11th, 2021** to invite you to support their missionary work.

Sister Therese McDonough, MMM will be telling you about their work in Africa and Latin America bringing God’s healing love to our wounded world. This is done by providing health care as doctors, nurses, surgeons, midwives, administrators, social workers and more.

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Save the date for the Annual Joint Parish Picnic!

Saturday, September 18, 2021 | Elm Ave Park

More information to come



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Please pray for our sick; Lary Daly, Frank Therio, John Adraince Sr., Dave Worden, Mary Caluori, Seamus Gallagher, John Travis, 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

July 11, 2021

Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings and Mass Intentions for the week of July 10, 2021 – July 18, 2021

Saturday, July 10,

2:30PM Wedding

Sunday, July 11,

11:00AM Mass

5:00PM Mass

Monday, July 12,

12:15PM Mass

Tuesday, July 13,

7:15 AM Mass

Wednesday, July 14,

12:15 PM Mass

Thursday, July 15,

7:15AM Mass

Intention: Steezhana Longwell (living)

Intention: Cathy Richichi (Living)

Friday July 16,

12:15PM Mass

Intention: Stacey Touhmey (living)

Intention: Troy Latour (living)

Saturday, July 17,

Sunday, July 18,

11:00AM Mass

Intention: Chet Lasek

Intention: John O'Donnell

12:30PM Baptism

5:00 PM Mass

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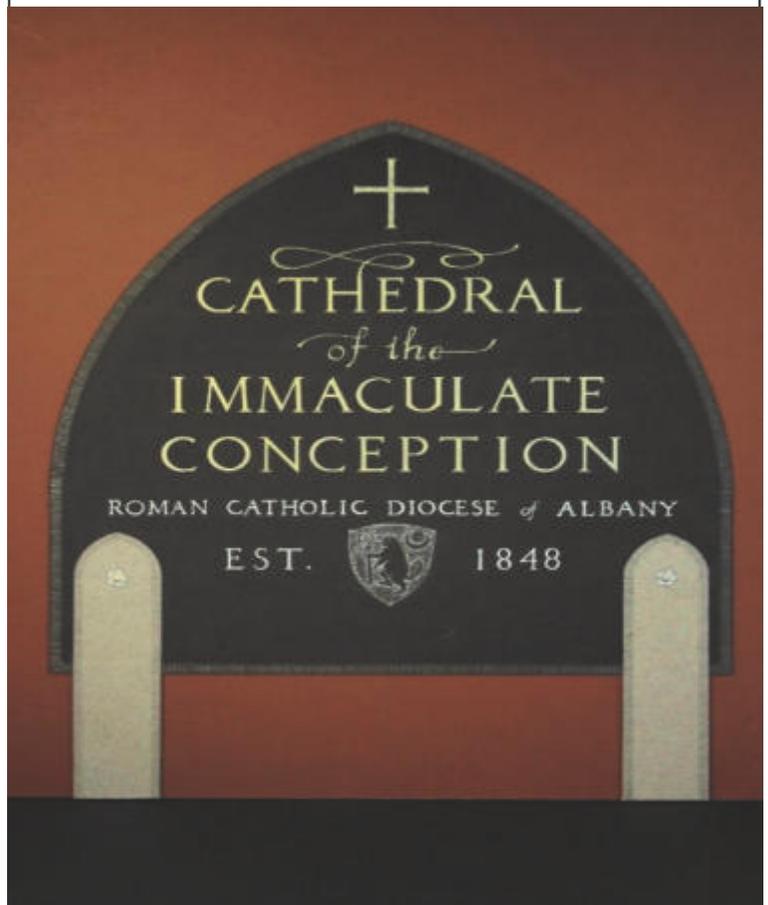


He instructed them
to take nothing for the journey—
but a walking stick—
no food, no sack,
no money in their belts.

MARK 6:8

FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 11, 2021

Jesus' command to the disciples is a sign of what they must cultivate in their hearts - a radical dependence on God. May we do the same!





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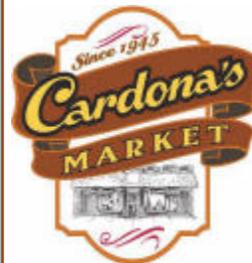
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