

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

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Mr. James M. Agnew, Deacon

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:

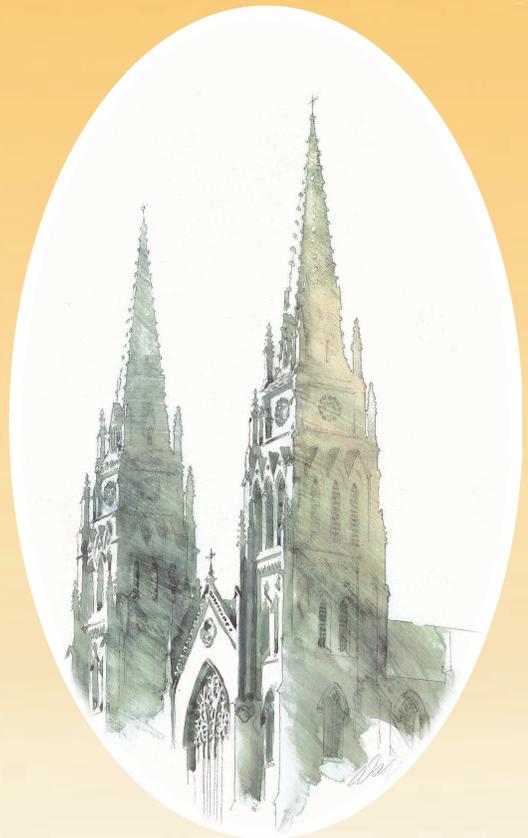
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is said that the internet has a long memory and that all those who post information about themselves should remember that what they post today will be there next week, next month and next year. We then should not post anything that would be embarrassment to us next week, next month or next year. It then becomes important for us to remember who we are as people of faith. And who we are as people of faith should guide our behavior and actions. So, who are we? This question should not simply be answered on a personal and individualistic level, but in reference to our relationship to God. All the scriptures today define who we are by telling us that we are blessed by God, for all blessing come from God.

The Israelites had to be reminded that God had blessed them. When they were in the desert and grumbling because they were hungry and thirsty. Their memories seemed to become faulty in the barren Desert. All the sudden they remembered their enslavement in Egypt as good, how our memories can play tricks on us. They forgot who they were, that they were God's chosen people. But God did not forget, and so God fed them Manna in the desert. "Then the Lord said to Moses, I will now rain down bread from heaven for you." (Exodus 16:2-4,12-15) We have this written down in the Book of Exodus today because ultimately, they remembered who they were, God's chosen people who were greatly blessed for the Lord gave them bread to eat.

Remembering became an important spiritual exercise for the people of Israel, take for example today's psalm, "What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us we will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the Lord and his strength and the wonders that he wrought." (Psalm 78: 3-4) And those wonders the Lord has wrought, is that the Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians says even more bluntly, that we should not be trapped in our minds by the memories that are futile but rather remember the goodness of the Lord.

St. Paul says, "I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in futility of their minds, that is not how you learned Christ." (Ephesian 4:17,20-24) St. Paul tells us to throw off the old self and to remember who we are, that we are a new creation. Let us remember that truth rather than our old selves.

We continue to hear Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse from the Gospel of John, and what we must remember above all else, is that Jesus told us who he is in today's Gospel, "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:24-35) By telling us who he is, Jesus tells us who we are. "For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." The bread that comes down from heaven gives us new life. This bread is Jesus Christ who brought creation into being by the spoken word of God, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word became flesh." (John 1:1-18) It is important for us to remember who Jesus is, if we are ever going to have a hope in knowing and remembering who we are.

Remembrance is at the core of our Eucharistic Theology and can be heard throughout the liturgy. In the liturgy we remember from the first moments of the beginning when we make the sign of the cross, we remember that God is Triune, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We remember also signing ourselves with the cross how our Savior suffered and died for us. The scriptures are proclaimed to remind us of the wonder workings of God and how the people of Israel placed those works of God on paper so that these wonder works of God would never be forgotten. It is in the Liturgy of the Eucharistic that bread and wine are consecrated with the words of institution, Jesus tell us to do this in memory of him.

What we pray in the Eucharistic Prayer when we consecrate the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is all about remembering. What Jesus has done for us in the past, he continues to do for us in the present moment and he will continue to do for us in the future. This is the sign the crowd was asking for, the greatest miracle and sign happens every time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus becomes truly present in his Body and Blood and by our receiving the Eucharist, we remember who we are. So, who are we? We are the Body of Christ and as the Body of Christ we are called to do the work of God. What is the work of God? Jesus answers that question, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." (John 6:32) Jesus is the one who has been sent, he is the bread come down from heaven and when the people ask for this bread, Jesus said, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger." (John 6:35)

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony Ligato

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

Call for Catechists

We are re-instituting a full Faith Formation program here at the Cathedral. So, we are in need of catechists to work with the young people of our community. We are looking at all levels from Kindergarten to High School with the exception of First Eucharist which is already covered. It may seem daunting, but the program almost directs itself. We use Pflaum Gospel Weeklies which explain the readings for that week, apply them to the lives of the children and provide activities which reinforce the message.

In the past our meetings were 10:00 am to 10:50 am on Sunday. This schedule met the needs of parishioners who came either to the 9:00 am or 11:00 am mass. We will use a variation on this schedule for the coming year but with emphasis on parental involvement which may mean a hybrid of group classes and home-based material.

If you are interested, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Thomas Fowler either by phone (518-463-4447) or email (FFCICa@rcda.org).

Registration

To register a child please contact Mr. Fowler at the above phone number or email address. The earlier you enroll the sooner we can order material.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
Utilities

The parishes of Blessed Sacrament and St. Vincent de Paul are sponsoring a summer film series, *Faith on Film*, at the Madison Theatre. Each of the films offers a message or insight into the values of our faith as well as being entertaining. The remaining films will be shown on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm:

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood- 10 August

My Italian Secret- 31 August

You can park on the street or in St. Vincent's lot but not in the Price Chopper lot. Admission is free but you are asked to bring a donation to their food pantries (the Price Chopper market is just a few doors away.)

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

August 1, 2021

Cathedral Liturgical Celebrations, Meetings and Mass Intentions for the week of July 31, 2021 – August 8, 2021

Saturday, July 31,

Sunday, August 1,

11:00AM Mass

Intention: Frances Bincianco

5:00PM Mass

Monday, August 2,

12:15PM Mass

Intention: Connie Hanlon

Tuesday, August 3,

7:15 AM Mass

Intention: For all the deceased in the Cathedral Parish

7:00PM Concert for Vocations

Wednesday, August 4,

12:15 PM Mass

Intention: Robert Hershey

Intention: Marge and Donald Nardacci

Thursday, August 5,

7:15AM Mass

Intention: For all the deceased in the Cathedral Parish

Friday August 6,

12:15PM Mass

Intention: For all the deceased in the Cathedral Parish

Saturday, August 7,

Sunday, August 8,

11:00AM Mass

Intention: Theresa and Tom Ingrao

Intention: Sacred Heart of Jesus

5:00 PM Mass

Intention: For all the deceased in the Cathedral Parish

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Best Wishes

Pablo Gorin informed us last week that he will be moving on from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Pablo' last day will be August 2, 2021. We want to thank Pablo for his ministry and service of Sacred Music at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. May the Lord bless him and keep and let his face shine upon him.

Book Donations Wanted



On Saturday August 7th, 2021 from 9 am to 3 pm, the Latham-Colonie Columbiettes will hold a Book Sale at 328 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, N.Y. 12110.

We welcome your book donations! Please deliver them by August 6th to the Knights of Columbus Council, to the covered area behind the building.

*We will not accept Text Books, Encyclopedias, Magazines, CD's, DVD's , VHS tapes or any old Audio Tapes.

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