

The Parish of
Saint Francis of Assisi

The Cathedral Church
of The Immaculate
Conception

Historic St. Mary's
Church

Welcome! - Bienvenido! - Mabuhay!

Parish Network Mass Times			
Historic St. Mary's	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	M-F 12:05 PM
St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Spanish)	
<i>South End</i>	Sun 10:30 AM		
The Cathedral	Sun 11:00 AM 5:00 PM		

Confession Times	
St. Francis (Delaware)	Saturdays: 3:15 PM
St. Francis (South End)	Before or after Mass (by request)
Historic St. Mary's	Saturdays at 3:15 PM Weekdays at 11:30 AM After Mass (by request)
The Cathedral	Sundays: 10:30 AM-10:50 AM 4:15 PM—4:50 PM

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The Cathedral

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Saint Francis of Assisi

Delaware Site:

391 Delaware Avenue
Albany, New York 12209

South End Site:

93 Fourth Avenue
Albany, New York 12202

Historic Saint Mary's

10 Lodge Street,
Albany, New York 12207

Cathedral Church Hours

The Cathedral is open daily.
Sunday: 9:00 AM—6:00 PM
Monday—Saturday: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

The Cathedral and Parish Offices will be closed on National Holidays and other days throughout the year as noted in the bulletin.

Saint James Food Pantry

St. James Place, Albany, NY 12209 | 518.414.1929
Monday & Wednesday: 10:00am—12:30pm

Saint John's/Saint Ann's Center

88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202 | 518.472.9091
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:am—12pm; 1:pm 3pm

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WELCOME TABLE

Tuesday and Saturday: 11:30am—1:00pm

St. Mary's Food Pantry

10 Lodge Street, Albany, New York 12207 | 518.462.4357
Tuesday & Friday, 9:00—11:30 AM

Study the lives of the saints, and you will discover that each had a sincere devotion to the Mother of God.



“For me, I know of no better way of establishing the kingdom of God, Eternal Wisdom, than to unite vocal and mental prayer by saying the holy Rosary and meditating on the mysteries.”—
St. Louis de Montfort

Consecration to Mary: Weekly Retreat

The retreat begins Labor Day, Monday September 1, and continues until Monday October 6, with the Mass of Consecration on October 7. Our retreat book is entitled ***Total Consecration through the Mysteries of the Rosary*** by Fr. Ed Broom. The six meetings will be held at the Parish of Mater Christi (40 Hopewell St., Albany), 6:30-8:00 pm. All are cordially invited! (*You do not have to attend the meetings to make your consecration*).

The book will be available for purchase (\$15) on September 1 at the meeting, and then at the Cathedral office (125 Eagle Street, Albany) September 2-5, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Please sign up in advance so that we can estimate the required number of books. Books purchased at the rectory may be paid for by check or cash. **The reading begins on September 1**, pp. 3 - 53, the Introduction and the Joyful Mysteries. We will share our reflections and meditations on those mysteries in a small group setting on the following Monday, September 8. For further study, watch the YouTube video series “Secret of the Rosary” by Father Hugh Gillespie, SMM: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8FeofaoluteP16m_T3iEAi_uVArc82ex&si=k2fu39c1TIRrQQAU

The Consecration Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Delaware Avenue in Albany.

For more information,
email Jo Hepinstall at
rosary.retreat777@gmail.com
or scan the QR code to the right.



PASTORAL REFLECTION

August 10, 2025

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” (Luke 13:24)

Ancient cities had fortified walls with gates regulating access. Main gates allowed large caravans of people and animals. The smaller gates were narrower for pedestrians without the encumbrance of many things.

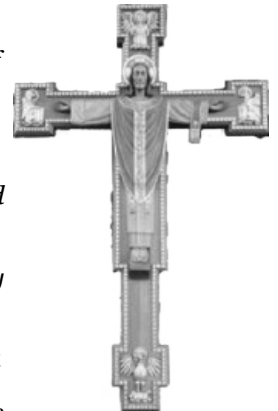
This is like the spiritual life. Jesus says we can only enter eternal life through the “narrow gate,” which is His Cross, which doesn’t have room for extra baggage like obsessing over wealth, or idolizing luxury and human praise. Rather, God the Father has created us for loving Him with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves: “Do this, and you will live.” (Luke 10:28)

We can ask the Lord to help us love Him like the words from the Old Testament Song of Songs: “Set me as a seal upon your heart...For Love is strong as Death...Deep waters cannot quench love, nor rivers sweep it away. Were one to offer all the wealth of his house for love, he would be utterly despised.” (8:6-7)

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Torres

“I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People were walking along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it. And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and strewn with thorns and rocks; and the people who walked along it had tears in their eyes, and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings.” (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 153).



Pastoral & Finance Council Nominations

Is God calling you to discern our Lord’s mission in our parish network in downtown Albany? Our pastor Fr. Rendell Torres invites you to pray and nominate people (even yourself) to consider serving on the Network Pastoral Council or Finance Council. Nominees should be team players who embrace the universal call to holiness and seek the bigger picture of Jesus’s mission to save souls. To nominate someone, please email Deacon Tim Kosto at timothy.kosto@rcda.org or put in the collection basket at Mass a slip of paper with the **name, parish, phone number, email, and for which council (pastoral/finance/either)**; there are also printed forms in our churches. Thank you and God bless you!

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit!



We are excited to host the International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World as designed by Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis September 5-7 at each of our four churches (Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Francis's two locations). Eucharistic Miracles are extraordinary events or phenomena which manifest the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. For example, a consecrated Host may become human heart tissue, a person may be miraculously healed after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, the power of Christ in the consecrated Host may stop a flood or fire, or in a saint may live solely on the Eucharist for years. Blessed Carlo photographed many of these miracles and designed this exhibit to spread devotion and faith in Jesus in the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament. Come and witness the love that Jesus has for you. We will have interests for all ages.

HARVEST DINNERS

We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to "Host" a Harvest Dinner within the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, Historic St. Mary's, and Cathedral. Last year, at St. Francis, this event was a success. The attendees at all the dinners given were deliciously delighted with each dinner they attended. Dates being considered are September 15 to November 14. If you are interested and have never hosted a Harvest Dinner, contact Georgeann at gpaynei@nycap.rr.com, and I will be glad to explain. This is a great way for parishioners of each church to get together for a social & entertaining time.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) method of faith formation for the 2025-26 year for children from ages 3 to 9. God is deeply present to very young children, and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God. A specially prepared environment, the "atrium," is filled with materials of people, places, and things from Scripture and Liturgy which nurture this relationship between the child and God. The program is organized into three levels: ages 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12. Presentations are designed to draw the child into Biblical and Liturgical themes, whose materials are then available to the children to further absorb the lessons. The Cathedral will offer a Level I Atrium for children ages 3-6 on Fridays from 4:00-5:30 pm and a Level II Atrium for children ages 6-9 on Fridays from 6:00-7:30 pm. Both sessions will begin September 26. For more information, email Jody Agnew at agnewj@apcsd.org. To learn more, visit <https://www.cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/>. Catechists can answer questions and take registrations after the 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses on August 24.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS IN OUR NETWORK

We invite you on each First Friday, to come and spend some time with our Lord Jesus in quiet adoration and prayer as we pray for our Church, and our World. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00am until 11am at Historic St. Mary's, and continues at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 11:30am until 3:00pm with Benediction and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

391 DELAWARE AVE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM

Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 AM

Primer Domingo del mes: Bendición a todos los niños y jóvenes al final de la Santa Misa

* **Hora Santa:** Todos los primeros Sábados de cada mes a las 5:15pm.

- **Inscripción para clases de catecismo (Primera Comunión y Confirmación) durante todo el mes de Agosto.**

STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—August 16-17

Regular Offertory	\$2,157.75
PayPal	\$545.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$708.00
TOTAL	\$3,410.75
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,789.25)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)

Attendance

11:00 AM 165	5:00 PM 110
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—August 16-17

Regular Offertory	\$3,576.81
PayPal	\$360.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$192.00
Food Pantry	\$550.00
TOTAL	\$4,678.81
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,821.19)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 35	9:00 AM 64	10:30 AM 165
South End	10:30 AM 57		

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The Cathedral



St. Francis



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Mass Intentions		
Saint Francis (Delaware)		
Sat, August 23 4:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Sun, August 24 9:00 AM	† Ted Hallman	<i>Requested by Christina Schmit</i>
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, August 24 10:30 AM	† Ralph & Laura Stewart	<i>Requested by Paul & Stacy Brodfuehrer</i>
The Cathedral		
Sun, August 24 11:00 AM	† Patrick Raciborski	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Sun, August 24 5:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Historic St. Mary's		
Sat, August 23 4:00 PM	† Donald O'Grady	<i>Requested by Barbara O'Grady</i>
	† Glen Evans	<i>Requested by Robert M. John</i>
Sun, August 24 8:00 AM	† Thomas Kelly	<i>Requested by Family</i>
	† Anthony Elacqua	<i>Requested by Wolfgang Family</i>
Sun, August 24 10:30 AM	† Citron Family	<i>Requested by Family</i>
	† Ronald Francis Owen	<i>Requested by Gurney Family</i>
Mon, August 25 12:05 PM	Christina Wellen & Siena Lambert (Living)	
Tues, August 26 12:05 PM	† Rita Dee	<i>Requested by Bill Shannon</i>
Wed, August 27 12:05 PM	† Ronald F. Kennedy	<i>Requested by Family</i>
	† Jadwiga Pulkotycki	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Thurs, August 28 12:05 PM	† Richard J Melita	<i>Requested by Leo & Mary Wong</i>
Fri, August 29 12:05 PM	† Joseph Pulkotycki	<i>Requested by Urszula Pulkotycki and daughters</i>

Why request Mass intentions? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the **Eucharistic sacrifice [the Mass]**, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God” (CCC 1032).

To request a Mass intention give us a call at 518-463-4447 or send an email to CICAlban@rcda.org

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