



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)	
St. Francis South End		Sun 10:30 AM	
The Cathedral		Sun 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	

Confession Times	
Historic St. Mary's	Sat: 3:15 PM Mon, Wed, Fri before Mass Tues & Thurs (after Mass by request)
St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat: 3:15 PM
St. Francis South End	Before or after Mass (by request)
The Cathedral	Sun: 10:30 AM-10:50 AM 4:15 PM—4:50 PM

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Open daily

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

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=k2fu39c1TIRQQA_U

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS

(For couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special anniversary) with Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will be held Sunday, September 14th, 2025 at 3 PM Liturgy with Reception.

**Christ Our Light Catholic Church
1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, New York**

There will be opportunity for photos with Bishop during reception
Questions can be directed to: 518-453-6660

MarriageJubilee@rcda.org

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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.



¡Feliz Centenario a la Sra. Rosa Quinde! Por favor, oren para que Dios bendiga a Rosa y a su familia en este momento de gran alegría.

Happy 100th Birthday to Mrs. Rosa Quinde! Please pray for God's blessing upon Rosa and her family in this time of great joy.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

August 31, 2025

“When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Luke 14:13-14)

To invite the poor and others who cannot benefit you in a worldly way is Godlike because it is pure love and mercy. God the Father invites us to a banquet even though we cannot “benefit” Him with anything, because all the good things we have are already gifts from Him. The only thing we can truly offer Him is our free will and love.

Since we can offer God only our love, heaven is like a wedding (Revelation 19:6-9), and the wedding banquet is the “marriage supper of the Lamb.” The heavenly banquet hall is joined with the church during Holy Mass, where the congregation is invited to the feast. And the Lamb is the Body of Christ in Holy Communion.

In heaven the invitees all receive their seats at the banquet table. On earth the bridegroom had prepared them, saying, “When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’... For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Every day, let’s “take the lowest place” (Luke 14:10) by prioritizing God first our neighbor next, and ourselves third—and allow the Lord to seat as with Him as He desires, when He returns in glory at the resurrection of the dead.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Jones



“I invite Him to the dwelling place of my heart, humbling myself profoundly before His majesty. But the Lord lifts me up from the dust and invites me, as His bride, to sit next to Him and to tell Him everything that is on my heart.” (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 1805)

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 this event was a success. Dates being considered are September 15 to November 14. If you are interested, contact Georgeann at gpayne1@nycap.rr.com. This is a great way for parishioners of each church to get together for a social & entertaining time.

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!

LABOR DAY

The churches and parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025.

We will reopen Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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.

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.



2025 Pulpit Announcement for Parish Picnic

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 6th (the Saturday after Labor Day) at the Elm Ave. Park in the Town of Bethlehem from 11:30 'til 3:00. We'll have games, a 50/50 drawing, raffles, 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.

You must sign up this by weekend's Masses, Aug. 30th and 31st in order to have a headcount to buy supplies.

We hope everyone decides to attend. Please remember to sign up. Thank you.

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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 23-24

Regular Offertory	\$2,181.90
PayPal	\$411.71
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,593.61
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,606.39)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM 128	5:00 PM 137
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—August 23-24

Regular Offertory	\$3,514.36
PayPal	\$100.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$3,614.36
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,885.64)

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

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 42	9:00 AM 84	10:30 AM 112
South End	10:30 AM 43		

Thank you for your generous support!

If you would like to make a financial contribution to your parish through your smartphone, please point your camera at the QR codes below and tap the link.



The Cathedral



St. Francis



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Peter Edic, Noah Langan, Kathleen Fiorillo, Jon Collins, Nathan Williams, Harold LaMountain, Rev. Frank O'Connor, Sue Moss, Cynthia Notaro, Honey Kausar, Mary VanSchiack Agnew, Maria Aricipa, Mary Dolan, Charles Duffy, Church Dyer, Joyce Flanagan, Gina Garrison, Katherine Gilligan, Chris Godfrey, Marge Hepp, Michael Horgan, Alison Horgan-Zepeda, Rev. David Jones, Alice LaChapelle, Betty McSweeney, Joe O'Clair, Jaxson Rivera, Sr. Natalie Runfola, Michele Sloman, Rev. Paul Smith.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		
Sat, August 30 4:00 PM	<i>St. Francis</i>	
Sun, August 31 9:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		
Sun, August 31 10:30 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<i>The Cathedral</i>		
Sun, August 31 11:00 AM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sun, August 31 5:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<i>Historic St. Mary's</i>		
Sat, August 30 4:00 PM	† <i>David Evans</i>	<i>Requested by Alexanian Family</i>
	† <i>Vincent Perry</i>	<i>Requested by Patty & Bob</i>
	† <i>Raeann Dinardi McElveen</i>	<i>Requested by Mom, Dad, & Siblings</i>
Sun, August 31 8:00 AM	† <i>Anthony Elacqua</i>	<i>Requested by Matt Castiglione</i>
	† <i>Mary Jane McGraw</i>	<i>Requested by Wolfgang Family</i>
Sun, August 31 10:30 AM	† <i>Helena Marchewka</i>	<i>Requested by Margaret Leoniuk</i>
Tues, September 2 12:05 PM	† <i>Jane Palumbo</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Wed, September 3 12:05 PM	<i>People of St. Mary's</i>	
Thurs, September 4 12:05 PM	† <i>Edward Hallman</i>	<i>Requested by Ed & Joan McMahon</i>
Fri, September 5 12:05 PM	† <i>John Bellamy Taylor</i>	<i>Requested by Leo & Mary Wong</i>

MORNING PRAYER is recited each Monday at 8:30 am at St. Francis of Assisi's South End site (93 Fourth Ave., Albany). It's a way to unite our prayers with the universal Church and offer praise to God at the start of our day/week. No experience necessary! Come join us!

We hope everyone has had a restful summer. We will reconvene our Hospitality Sundays on September 7, following the 10:30 AM Mass, but it will be bittersweet.

We will be wishing our parishioner, colleague, and trusted caretaker, Tim Balfe, farewell as he takes on a new position at a parish in Half Moon. Please join us for the reconnection and to wish Tim well in his new adventure. He will be missed by all!

Please remember to bring your favorite baked goods, fruits, vegetables, or other contributions. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice will be provided. AND....there will be CAKE!

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