

Second Sunday of Advent — 7 December 2025



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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Cathedral Church Hours

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

Holy Hours of Adoration:

Thursday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm with The Most Holy Rosary at St. Mary's
First Friday 8:00 am—Noon at St. Mary's | 11:30 am—3:30 pm at Cathedral | 7:30 pm—8:30 pm at St. Francis—Delaware
First Saturday 5:15 pm-6:15 pm at St. Francis—Delaware (Spanish)

Holy Day: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 8



Come and celebrate the feast day of our diocese, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, **Monday, 12/8**, at our Cathedral with our new Bishop Mark O'Connell. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 PM.



Parking available in the adjacent lot on Madison Avenue. Please join us for this very special holy day of obligation, to praise God and give honor to the incomparable patron saint of our diocese, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception!

Historic St. Mary's Parish Outreach Office
Our food pantry is in need of beef stew, peanut butter, eggs, mac & cheese and dish detergent. Also, our Parish Outreach office is in need of lightly worn men's and women's clothing to distribute to our clients, **especially men's coats**, jeans, sweatshirts, and sweatpants of all sizes. If you have any of these, please feel free to drop them off to the Outreach office at 10 Lodge Street, side entrance, during our **pantry hours (Tuesday & Friday: 9:00am-11:30am)** or put them in the food pantry box when you come to Mass during the weekend. As always, thank you all for your continued generosity!

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Bi-lingual Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe
Santa Misa en Catedral el día 12 de Diciembre
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 12



6:00 pm Adoration and bilingual Confessions
6:25 pm Rosary (bilingual)
7:00 pm Mass (bilingual) including Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Celebrant: Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger
A wonderful opportunity for Reconciliation and Penance this Advent season!
Parking in adjoining Madison Lot available after 4 pm.
Please spread the word! **Te esperamos!**



THANK YOU!!

Host & Hostess and family & friends who attend these Harvest Dinners. This year we had 6 wonderful host & hostess who opened their homes to parishioners

of our Church. From all that I heard, everyone enjoyed the food, conversations, and companionship of these occasions.

This year's Harvest Dinner community building and fundraising event raised \$1,175.00. "Thanks" to all who made this project a success. Collected money has been donated to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. So, once again Many Thanks for continuing to support our Church.

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PARKING LOT AVAILABLE!

All are welcome to visit and park in the "Madison Lot" next to the Cathedral on weekends all day and on weekdays after 4:00 pm!

PASTORAL REFLECTION

(DECEMBER 7, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

John the Baptist said: "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:10-11)

During the season of Advent, we hear fiery words from John the Baptist. The first two weeks of Advent focus on the final coming of the Lord in regal glory. This reminds us that there is more to the "the first coming" of the Lord in the baby Jesus, which we celebrate at Christmas.

For many people Christmas is a difficult time. It may be the first Christmas without a loved one who recently died or a time of struggle. That is why the second and final coming of Christ gives true hope—that the Lord offers us His constant companionship and grace if we accept His merciful love.

If there's one family who should not have had to suffer, it should have been the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, yet they were hunted by Herod's soldiers who desired to kill the newborn son of Mary, the unrecognized Son of God. Nevertheless, the little Lord Jesus was born in safety and heavenly peace, adored by shepherds, angels, and wise men, while His Blessed Virgin Mother pondered all these things in her Immaculate Heart. As we enter Advent's second week, may we accept Jesus's gift to us of His Mother, Mary the Immaculate Conception, whose pure faith and motherly prayers to her Son can obtain for us a deeper desire to accept His call to holiness, that the Lord may find a welcome home in our hearts and prepare us for His coming—His Advent.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rudolph Jones

"I want to prepare my heart for the coming of the Lord Jesus by silence and recollection of spirit, uniting myself with the Most Holy Mother and faithfully imitating Her virtue of silence, by which She found pleasure in the eyes of God Himself." (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 1398)

(Please join us for the Immaculate Conception Holy Mass of obligation, this Monday, 12/8, at 6:00 pm at our Cathedral with our new Bishop Mark O'Connell; Adoration and Confessions start at 5:00 pm.)

Praying the Rosary Together

As a network, we are looking for opportunities to gather together and pray together. We are hoping to find participants to pray the rosary and a team of volunteers for each Mass that would be willing to rotate leading the prayers 30 minutes before mass.

Please consider this opportunity and how you might be able to offer your time and talent to what we know will be a beautiful addition to our worship.

If you are able to participate as a leader, please reach out to our parish operations manager, Barbara Koerner-Fox at her email : barbara.koernerfox@rcda.org



COMUNIDAD HISPANA

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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.

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Santa Misa en Catedral el día 12 de Diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. Te esperamos!

Lessons & Carols

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great

Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message.

We invite you to join us for this time of reflection on **Saturday, December 13 at 1:30 at St. Francis of Assisi Delaware Avenue.**

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JOIN YOUR PARISH

Enter zip code, **12202**, in the search bar to locate the Cathedral and select it.

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STEWARDSHIP

Due to an early bulletin transmission date, stewardship information for November 29-30 is not available.

ADVENT—BE STILL

The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was one of risk, uncertainty, and chaos — yet, somehow, it remained marked by a sacred stillness and an unshakeable peace. How was this possible?



Leading up to Christmas, we'll walk alongside Mary and Joseph and learn from their holy examples. Guided by the Infancy Narratives and Caryl Houselander's "The Reed of God," we will explore how stillness and surrender can anchor your heart in Jesus. Finally, find peace amid life's chaos by drawing on wisdom from John Mark Comer's "Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" and the writings of the Saints.

Hallow is a prayer app that provides a wide variety of audio-guided meditation, prayer challenges, sleep stories, and sacred music. **Everyone is invited to be a part of our Hallow Historic Albany Parish Network Community Page.** There, you can create a profile, add friends, share/respond to prayer intentions, and take part in prayer challenges with our parish network.

1. Download or open the Hallow app on your phone or tablet
2. Join the Historic Albany Parish Network page
3. Tap "Church" on the menu at the bottom of your screen
4. Select "Join a Church"
5. Search for zip code 12202 or Historic Albany Parish Network
6. Join the parish page

**Start Praying our with
Historic Albany Parish Network Community!**

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!

Thank you for your generous support!

If you would like to make a financial contribution to your parish through your smartphone, please point your



The Cathedral



St. Francis



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Weekday Mass Intentions

Historic St. Mary's		
Mon, December 8 12:05 PM	† Reverend John Minkler	
Tues, December 9 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Wed, December 10 12:05 PM	† John Bellamy Taylor	Requested by Leo & Mary Wong
Thu, December 11 12:05 PM	† Marie Odile Malou	Requested by Lia Mandiamy
	† William P. McNamara	Requested by Children and Grandchildren
Fri, December 12 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	

Sunday Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)		
Sat, December 6 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, December 7 9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of Figliomeni and Futia Families	
Sat, December 13 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, December 14 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, December 7 10:30 AM	† Otis Hall	Requested by Wife, Vera
Sun, December 14 10:30 AM	† Janet Keller	Requested by Family
The Cathedral		
Sun, December 7 11:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, December 7 5:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, December 14 11:00 AM	† John H. Sulzman	Requested by Wife, Susannah Sulzman
	† Cristita Sales	Requested by Family
Sun, December 14 5:00 PM	Intentions of Bishop Emeritus Edward Scharfenberger	
Historic St. Mary's		
Sat, December 6 4:00 PM	† Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe	Requested by Sons
Sun, December 7 8:00 AM	† Deceased members of the Schilova Family	Requested by Family
Sun, December 7 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sat, December 13 4:00 PM	† Gloria M. Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, and Francis J. Johnson	Requested by Gloria Moak
	† Jason Cupp	Requested by Jodi Loss
Sun, December 14 8:00 AM	† Hugh & Margaret Hopkins	Requested by Memole Family
Sun, December 14 10:30 AM	† Richard Burns	Requested by Rita Burns
	† Mrs. and Mrs. Charles J. Anderson	Requested by Charlie Anderson

Due to an early bulletin transmission date
Mass intentions are as of Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE LEO



For those who have made the commitment to pray everyday for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Leo: For December he invites the faithful to join in praying for Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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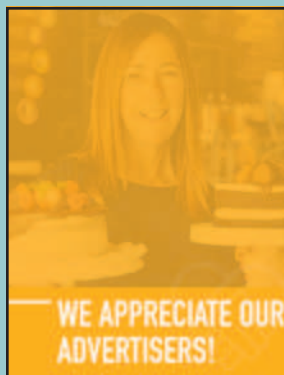


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