

Third Sunday of Advent — 14 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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Saint Francis of Assisi

Delaware Site:

391 Delaware Avenue
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South End Site:

93 Fourth Avenue
Albany, New York 12202

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Historic Saint Mary's (518) 462.4254

10 Lodge Street,
Albany, New York 12207

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Open daily

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)

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*"Come Celebrate Christmas at
Albany's Historic Catholic Churches"*
— Father Ronald Torres, Pastor

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM	Historic St. Mary's
5:00 PM	Cathedral
8:00 PM	St. Francis (Delaware)
Midnight	Cathedral

Christmas Day

8:00 AM	Historic St. Mary's
10:00 AM	St. Francis (South End)
10:30 AM	St. Francis (Delaware) <i>Spanish/Español</i>
11:00 AM	Cathedral



The Christmas Crèche

The Christmas crèche tradition originated with St. Francis, who staged the first nativity scene on Christmas Eve in 1223 while visiting the Italian village of Greccio.

St. Francis had received permission from Pope Honorius III to hold Midnight Mass in a cave near Greccio's town square. "I want to do something that will recall the memory of that child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by," St. Francis reportedly said.

St. Francis gathered a cast of live animals for the scene. He proclaimed the Gospel to the people of Greccio and then preached to them about Jesus' humility and poverty. Coupled with the nativity scene, St. Francis' preaching greatly moved the congregation, and from then on the idea of staging live nativities spread throughout Italy.

Franciscan University of Steubenville

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!

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

(DECEMBER 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Jesus said, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." (Matthew 11:4-6)

Who would take offense at Jesus? After giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and life to the dead? And after proclaiming the good news of the healing mercy of God?

There were indeed people who took offense at the Lord even in His hometown of Nazareth. They asked, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds?" And they took offense at Him, because of their envy, such that Jesus could not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith. (Matthew 13:54-58)

Perhaps some take offense at Christianity because Jesus's disciples believe that God became man and, through Jesus, reveals the deep meaning of marriage, family, and gender. Others are "offended" by the claim that there is any absolute truth. Yet Jesus says, "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37)

May we listen for the voice of Truth, even during Eucharistic Adoration, so that we may be ready to receive the same Truth in the flesh at Holy Communion.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Ronald R. Jones

"Involuntary offenses of souls do not hinder My love for them or prevent Me from uniting Myself with them. But voluntary offenses, even the smallest, obstruct My graces, and I cannot lavish My gifts on such souls." (Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary*, n. 1641)

2025 Christmas Masses

My goal as your pastor is to try to be with you during the Christmas Masses as much as possible. After consulting with parishioners from the four churches in our network, I will offer the Christmas Mass schedule below. If you wish to donate to your parish while attending Christmas Mass at another church in our network, just bring your donation in an envelope with your parish name and write that you would like your parish to be credited for your donation.

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, Historic St. Mary's
5:00 pm, Cathedral
8:00 pm, St. Francis, Delaware Ave.

Midnight, Cathedral

Christmas Day

8:00 am, Historic St. Mary's
10:00 am, St. Francis, South End
10:30 am, St. Francis, Delaware Ave. (Spanish/Español)
11:00 am, Cathedral

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!

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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.

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!



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IF THE BUS IS NOT FILLED BY JANUARY 14, 2026, THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED. CHECKS WILL BE HELD UNTIL THAT TIME.

CAN'T MAKE THE TRIP? YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT SOMEONE BY SENDING A DONATION TO ST. PAUL'S.

WE WILL NEED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE PURCHASE A METRO RAIL PASS IN ADVANCE AT WMATA.COM.

"THUS SAYS THE LORD WHO MADE YOU, WHO FORMED YOU FROM THE WOMB AND WILL HELP YOU: FEAR NOT, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU; I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME, YOU ARE MINE."
IS 44:2

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT KATIE GROGAN
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help our parish communities run more efficiently we are asking for volunteers for the following: sextons, office help, cleaning, computer data input.

STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Monthly Offering—November

Regular Offertory	\$18,147.60
Average Monthly Need	\$ 35,533.33
SHORTFALL	(\$17,385.73)

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

Historic St. Mary Monthly Offering—November

Regular Offertory	\$22,351.00
Average Monthly Need	\$35,100.00
SHORTFALL	(\$12,749.00)

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

St. Francis of Assisi Monthly Offering—November

Regular Offertory	\$34,033.75
Average Monthly Need	\$45,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$11,466.25)

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

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.

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.

Join "Be Still" on the

**Hallow Historic Albany Parish Network
Community Page.**

Thank you for your generous support!

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



The Cathedral



St. Francis



Historic St. Mary's

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Linda Cruz, Director

Weekday Mass Intentions

Historic St. Mary's

Mon, December 15 12:05 PM	<i>Julian Piontek</i>	<i>Requested by Eileen & John Piontek</i>
Tues, December 16 12:05 PM	<i>† Richard Melita</i>	<i>Requested by Leo & Mary Wong</i>
Wed, December 17 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Thu, December 18 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Fri, December 19 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

Due to an early bulletin transmission date
Mass intentions are as of Monday, December 4, 2023.

Sunday Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Sat, December 13 4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, December 14 9:00 AM	<i>† Karen Pologa</i>	<i>Requested by Husband, Andy</i>
	<i>† Edward Rviers</i>	<i>Requested by Tovar Family</i>
Sat, December 20 4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, December 21 9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

Saint Francis (South End)

Sun, December 14 10:30 AM	<i>† Janet Keller</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Sun, December 20 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

The Cathedral

Sun, December 14 11:00 AM	<i>† John H. Sutzman</i>	<i>Requested by Wife, Susannah Sutzman</i>
	<i>† Cristina Sales</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Sun, December 14 5:00 PM	<i>Intentions of Bishop Emeritus Edward Scharfenberger</i>	
Sun, December 21 11:00 AM	<i>† Marge and Joe Collondra</i>	
Sun, December 21 5:00 PM	<i>† Daniel Frederick Sr. Daniel Frederick Jr.</i>	

Historic St. Mary's

Sat, December 13 4:00 PM	<i>† Gloria M. Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, and Francis J. Johnson</i>	<i>Requested by Gloria Moak</i>
	<i>† Jason Cupp</i>	<i>Requested by Jodi Loss</i>
Sun, December 14 8:00 AM	<i>† Hugh & Margaret Hopkins</i>	<i>Requested by Memole Family</i>
Sun, December 14 10:30 AM	<i>† Richard Burns</i>	<i>Requested by Rita Burns</i>
	<i>† Mrs. and Mrs. Charles J. Anderson</i>	<i>Requested by Charlie Anderson</i>
Sat, December 20 4:00 PM	<i>† Rev. Lloyd Rebeyro</i>	<i>Requested by Friend</i>
	<i>† Marion Zrelak</i>	<i>Requested by Robert M. John</i>
	<i>† Judith Allyn</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Sun, December 21 8:00 AM	<i>† James Patterson</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
	<i>† Rev. Michael A. Farano</i>	<i>Requested by A Friend</i>
	<i>† JJ Finnerty</i>	<i>Requested by Enninger Family</i>
Sun, December 21 10:30 AM	<i>† Jack Graber Sr.</i>	<i>Requested by Jack & Karen Graber</i>

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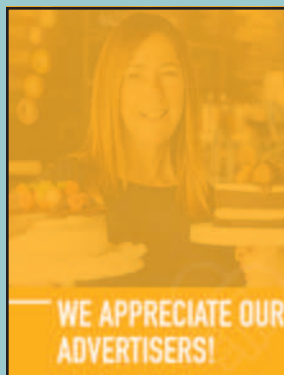


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