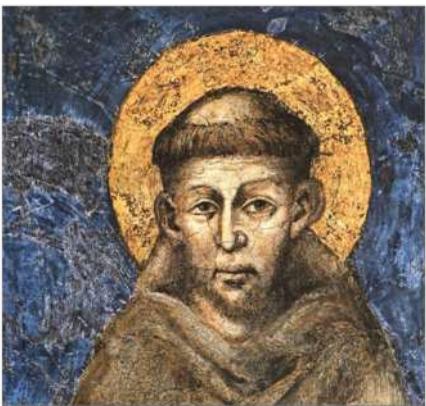


The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — 28 December 2025



**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 11:30-11:55 am 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 4:00 PM—4:50 PM

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Saint Francis of Assisi
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Albany, New York 12209

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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www.facebook.com/historicstmarychurch
Open daily

Cathedral Church Hours

Sunday: 9:00 AM—6:00 PM
Monday—Saturday: 9:00 AM—4:30 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

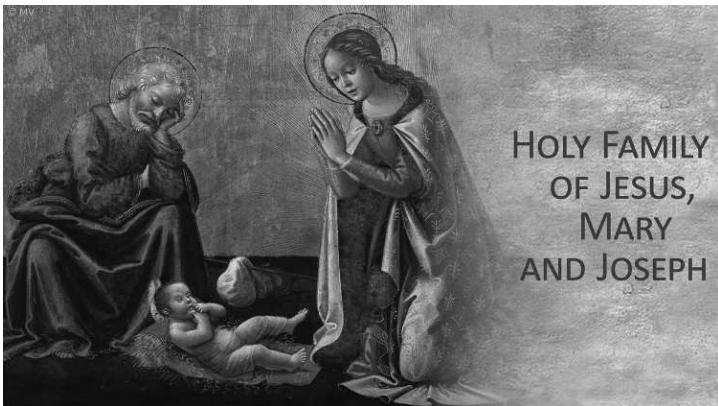
88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202 | 518.472.9091
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:am—12pm; 1:pm 3pm
WELCOME TABLE
Tuesday and Saturday: 11:30am—1:00pm

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 FAMILY
OF JESUS,
MARY
AND JOSEPH

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day 1/1/26)
This eighth day of Christmas is the oldest Catholic feast day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Coinciding with the first day of the civil calendar, it marks a wonderful way to begin the New Year. Similar to last year, there will be one **Mass (at the Cathedral, Thursday, January 1, 10:30 a.m.)** to host all three parishes in our parish network, in order to express the unity of the Catholic Church. If you wish to support your particular parish, please bring your parish contribution in an envelope with your parish's name written on it, and your donation will be sent to your parish. Please join us for this holy day of obligation to honor Mary our Mother in her Mother Church of our Diocese!



FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY
We invite you on to 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 **Friday, January 2nd at 8:00am until 11:00 am at Historic St. Mary's**, continues at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 3:00-4:00 pm** with Benediction and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and from **7:15pm to 8:15pm at St. Francis of Assisi on Delaware Avenue**. On **Saturday, January 3rd**, our Spanish-speaking community adores the Blessed Sacrament at **Saint Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM**.

If you are open to participating in this spectacular ministry to bring grace upon the world, you can sign up for 30 or 60 minute adoration times at <https://cathedralic.weadorehim.com/en> or use the QR code.



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!

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

DECEMBER 28, 2025
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

“He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.” (Matthew 1:20-21)

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, who intercede for all families around the world. Our Catholic faith teaches that the family is the cell of society. If families are healthy and strong, so is society; if society is fragmented and aimless, such can be traced to fragmentation and aimlessness in families.

A parish family is also a cell of society and doesn't just include those who are worshiping, praising, and thanking the Lord faithfully at Mass on Sundays. Our family also includes those who feel distant from God and do not know that He alone can provide the peace and meaning they desire. The Lord Jesus said to Saint Faustina that our prayers for others are effective the more that we become holy by God's grace: *“Know this, My daughter: if you strive for perfection you will sanctify many souls; and if you do not strive for sanctity, by the same token, many souls will remain imperfect. Know that their perfection will depend on your perfection, and the greater part of the responsibility for these souls will fall on you.”*



Of course, some degree of dysfunction appears in every family, because—except for the Blessed Virgin Mary—we're conceived with a fallen nature. But any dysfunction can be healed by God's grace, the infinite supernatural capacity for holiness which Jesus Christ offers to the world. Grace and Divine Mercy stream from His Heart, healing us of our sins in sacramental Confession, planting seeds of reconciliation in our relationships, and nourishing us in Holy Communion with the Precious Blood that poured out from His Heart, a limitless gift of Himself to every person who receives Him with a prepared, purified soul.

Let us pray and offer our sacrifices, sufferings, and obedience to God for the healing of families in our parishes, which can only come about through continual conversion to God's will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Frederick Jones

“It seemed to me that our house was truly the house of God, as each evening we talked about nothing but God.” (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 401)

ADORATION MINISTRY

Our network offers the opportunity for First Friday and First Saturday Adoration. To offer more opportunities and ensure that the hours we adore always have someone present, we are looking for two people to oversee an Adoration Ministry. If you believe the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please reach out to **Barbara@518-463-4447 or email at barbara.koernerfox@rcda.org**

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!

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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.



CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve, as Catholics rejoice in the Lord's Birth on December 25th, and extends to the Baptism of the Lord, on the Sunday after the Epiphany.

Beginning on Christmas Day, eight days are dedicated to an Octave of Christmas, after the Jewish pattern for the greatest feasts. During this octave the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated, and it culminates in the

honoring of Mary as the Mother of God on January 1st.

Finally, the Christmas Season concludes by looking forward to the Public Life and Ministry of Jesus, with the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. These events, which mark "manifestations" of Christ's divinity, serve as bookends to His hidden life from infancy to the inauguration of His public ministry.



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"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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STEWARDSHIP

Monthly stewardship information for December 2025 will appear in the January 2026 bulletin.



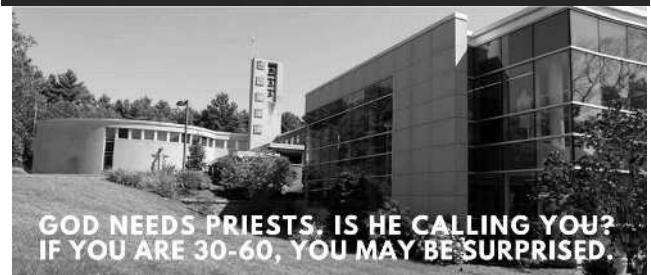
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September 23, 2025 – June 23, 2026

Hosted every other Tuesday from 5:30-8:30pm.

St. Isaac Jogues House of Formation, 122 Vliet Blvd, Cohoes

Open to men ages 16+. Please let the office know you plan to attend prior to each specific date. Call (518) 458-6690 or email vocations@rcda.org.



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IF YOU ARE 30-60, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.**

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

January 9, February 6, March 13, April 17, 2026

5:00 PM EST In-Person or Virtual Visit

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary



Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
781-899-5500 ext. 134
firstfriday@psjs.edu



NEW YEAR'S DAY

The office for Historic Albany Parishes of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Historic St. Mary, and St. Francis of Assisi will be closed on **Thursday, January 1, 2026**.

May God Bless Your New Year

BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE LEO



January's intention is for prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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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Saint James Food Pantry

Linda Cruz, Director

Weekday Mass Intentions**Historic St. Mary's**

Mon, December 29 12:05 PM	<i>† John Be</i>	Requested by Leo & Mary Wong
	<i>Ken Maher</i>	Requested by A Friend
Tues, December 30 12:05 PM	<i>† Doreen Truesdell</i>	Requested by Christine, Mary Lynn, and Billy
Wed, December 31 12:05 PM	<i>† Annabelle Tyran</i>	Requested by Richard McCarthy
Thu, January 1 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Fri, January 2 12:05 PM	<i>Katie Wygel</i>	Requested by Christopher J. McMahon

Due to an early bulletin transmission date
Mass intentions are as of Friday, December 19, 2025.

Sunday Mass Intentions**Saint Francis (Delaware)**

Sat, December 27 4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, December 28 9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sat, January 3 4:00 PM	<i>Thomas and Jane Lemme</i>	Requested by Children
	<i>Thanksgiving to St. Francis</i>	Requested by Robert and Karen Carioto
Sun, January 4 9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

Saint Francis (South End)

Sun, December 28 10:30 AM	<i>† George A. Payne</i>	Requested by Georgeann Payne
	<i>† Lucy & Paul Tidico</i>	Requested by Daughter
Sun, January 4 10:30 AM	<i>† Peter Williams</i>	Requested by Wife, Lucille Williams

The Cathedral

Sun, December 28 11:00 AM	<i>Raffaella Capaluzzo</i>	Requested by Molly Wakeman
Sun, December 28 5:00PM	<i>† Victims of PanAm 103 Disaster</i>	
Sun, January 4 11:00 AM	<i>Kathleen Leary</i>	Requested by James McLean
	<i>Pamela Scattareggia</i>	Requested by Judith and Connery Benson
	<i>Florence L. Trzaskos</i>	Requested by Judy and Jim Horan
Sun, January 4 5:00PM	<i>Fr. Zach Chichester</i>	Requested by Skovira Family

Historic St. Mary's

Sat, December 27 4:00 PM	<i>† Geraldine Herman</i>	Requested by A Friend
	<i>† William Herman</i>	Requested by A Friend
	<i>† Rosemarie Flannery</i>	Requested by Joseph Bonacristo
Sun, December 28 8:00 AM	<i>† Rose Patterson</i>	Requested by Family
Sun, December 28 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
	<i>† Mary O'Grady</i>	Requested by Barbara O'Grady
Sat, January 3 4:00 PM	<i>† Michael & Margaret Corazza</i>	Requested by Kelly Family
	<i>† Laurence Keefe</i>	Requested by Kelly Family
	<i>† Marguerite Don Vito</i>	Requested by Nieces, Geri & Deana
Sun, January 4 8:00 AM	<i>† Mark Flahive</i>	Requested by Jack & Karen Graber
Sun, January 4 10:30 AM		

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