



**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

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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)

Happy Thanksgiving!



The offices of the Cathedral, Historic St. Mary, and St. Francis Assisi will be closed at **noon on Wednesday, November 26th until Monday, December 1st at 9:00 am.** The Cathedral and St. Francis Churches will be

closed Wednesday at noon through Friday, November 28th. There will be Daily Mass through Wednesday, November 26th at Historic St. Mary. **There will be no daily Mass Thursday, November 27th or Friday, November 28th.**

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**, women'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!

Praying the Rosary Together

As a network, we are looking for opportunities to gather together and pray. One way to accomplish this is by developing a weekly tradition of saying the rosary before each of the masses in our parish network. We are hoping to find both participants to pray the rosary and a team of volunteers for each Mass that would be willing to rotate leading the prayers. We would begin 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



Bi-lingual Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe

A Mass with Consecration to Mary will be held on Friday December 12th at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will preside.

My Parish NFP

My Parish NFP is a one stop shop for engaged couples, married couples, single women, and families to discover more about natural family planning and fertility awareness, in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. It is a hub for classes, information, and resources in both English and Spanish.

myparishnfp.org

Find out more at www.myparishnfp.org

PASTORAL REFLECTION

(NOVEMBER 23, 2025, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING)

The other criminal said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, portrayed in Luke's Gospel as the King on the Cross. Our Lord is God Himself who could have used His indomitable power to defeat Satan, yet He chooses a different instrument of victory: merciful love, by dying on the Cross for our sins. One of the criminals crucified next to Jesus must have so been moved to trust in Jesus's words: "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."

Our entire liturgical year looks forward to this final Sunday which reminds us that Christ is the King of Kings who will return at the end of the ages. It's fitting that during November we especially pray for the holy souls in purgatory, whose greatest desire is to be with God. This Sunday highlights that every soul's happiness can only be found in eternal union with Jesus Christ the King of Mercy.

Now is a good time to review the past year. Let's ask ourselves: How much have I grown closer to God, and how much have I grown in love for my neighbor? If we haven't grown spiritually to our fullest potential, we can draw closer to the throne of grace and mercy (Hebrews 4:16) by making a humble confession at our



December 7 Penance Service, resolving to orient our lives toward Holy Communion and eternal union with our eternal King.

Our new **Bishop-elect Mark O'Connell will celebrate Evening Prayer (Vespers) at the Cathedral on Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 pm** (all are invited or may watch the livestream). (The installation Mass of Bishop Mark will take place on Friday, December 5, at 2:00 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. A limited number of tickets will be allocated to each parish, so watch parties are encouraged using a link to the livestream.) Bishop Mark will celebrate his first Mass at the Cathedral as our **Bishop on Sunday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. (all are invited).** Please pray with me in gratitude for the ministry of Bishop Ed and in hope for the forthcoming shepherding by Bishop Mark.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Russell R. Jones

"I am King of Mercy." (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 88)

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 November he invites the faithful to join in praying that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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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

STEWARDSHIP

Due to an early bulletin transmission date, stewardship information for November 15-16 is not available.

The Grace of Thanksgiving

The expression of gratitude is an essential part of Christian life.

Throughout the story of faith, men and women are saved, healed, strengthened, forgiven and redeemed by God. And in every story, the response is the same: a prayer of gratitude. It is the grateful heart that seems, even in time of trouble, closest to God.

The grateful heart of Solomon is worth remembering. God told him he could pray for anything and it would be given to him. All he wanted was wisdom. Solomon stands before his people, and leads them in prayer (1 Kgs 8:55-61). It is a touching image of a king praying with and for his people. His prayer is not a wish list for the nation. It is a prayer of gratitude. God has been generous in faithfulness, love and mercy, even when the people were not faithful. Solomon does not want a day to go by that the nation does not remember to be grateful to God. Thanksgiving, for Solomon, was not one day, but a way of life.

For Jesus, having a grateful heart was an essential characteristic of a disciple. He understood the struggles, the tensions and the worries of the human heart. Yet he offers a caution: it is easy to give power to those things, and to lose sight of the blessings. Jesus brings his disciples out into a field, and implores them to look at the lilies, the birds, the flowers of the field (Mt 6:26-34). He uses the image to remind them that a stubborn, cold, and unforgiving heart will lose sight of God's loving presence. A heart that remembers where there has been light and strength and joy is the one that experiences God's saving grace, even in the darkest hour.

Praying grace at the dinner table was once a common, daily ritual. It still is for some, but our fast food, microwave culture has many people leading busy lives. An evening meal, recounting the blessings and the challenges of the day, may seem like a luxury to us. And so we embrace the temptation simply to bemoan, complain, and criticize. We run the risk of forgetting what is really important.

A seventh-grader complained vehemently about having to go to a soup kitchen as part of a Confirmation service project. She went. She served. She discovered: *When I finally sorted out my feelings, I thought of all the wonderful things I could do to make these people happier. When we got there, they weren't anything like what I had expected. They were exactly like you and me. How grateful I was to go.*

Perhaps that is where true thanksgiving begins. Gratitude, in the end, is all about attitude. Grace is only amazing when the eyes and the heart are open to seeing that the Spirit will lead, even when we are afraid.

Who will say grace at your Thanksgiving table? In my family, all eyes turn toward me, as my brother insists I am the only professional at the table. Do you skip grace because Uncle Harry doesn't go for all that religion stuff? Do you forget it because you are in a restaurant, and after all, what would people think? Speaking our grace, our gratitude, must be a part of our daily life, not just on Thanksgiving Day. It does not matter how many people are there, or where we are. Unless we speak aloud our gratitude, we really cannot become grateful people. And if we are not grateful people, we cannot grow as disciples of Jesus.

By Father Gregory E.S. Malovetz, *Magnificat*, November 2000

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3. **SIGN UP WITH YOUR EMAIL**
After clicking sign-in, enter your email on the sign-in page and click "next."

4. **ENTER PERSONAL INFO**
After clicking next you will be asked for your name. Complete all fields.

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

6. **SET PASSWORD**
Make sure you can set your password so you can access your account.

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.

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Historic St. Mary's



Historic Albany Parish Network

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Jobs with the Historic Albany Parish Network

Part-Time Custodian – Salary Range \$17.00 to \$20 per hour.

Maintain cleanliness and safety in network churches, parish offices, and rectory. General duties include dusting, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning, etc.

Part-Time or Full-Time Maintenance & Groundskeeper – Salary Range \$18 to \$22 per hour.

Maintain and arrange repairs at all network properties for plumbing, electrical, carpentry, mechanical, painting, etc. Provide light snow removal, lawn care, landscaping, etc.

Please Email Resumes To: barbara.koernerfox@rcda.org

For full details or to apply go to <https://www.rcda.org/offices/human-resources/employment-opportunities>.

Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Sat, November 22
4:00 PM

Pro Populo

Sun, November 23
9:00 AM

Pro Populo

Saint Francis (South End)

Sun, November 23
10:30 AM

† Dolores Losee

*Requested by
Lucille Williams*

The Cathedral

Sun, November 23
11:00 AM

† Honorable William
and Marie Keniry

*Requested by
Their Daughter*

Sun, November 23
5:00 PM

† Virginia Gonzalez

*Requested by
Granddaughter
Katherine*

Historic St. Mary's

Sat, November 22
4:00 PM

† Alfred Hermann

*Requested by
The Family*

† John Whalen

*Requested by
Family and Friends*

Sun, November 23
8:00 AM

† Deceased Priests of
the Diocese of Albany

Sun, November 23
10:30 AM

† Richard Burns

*Requested by
Rita Burns*

Mon, November 24
12:05 PM

† Richard Melita

*Requested by
Leo and Mary Wong*

Tues, November 25
12:05 PM

† Rev. Giles
Van Wormer,
OFM Conv.

*Requested by
Chris McKenna*

Wed, November 26
12:05 PM

† Kevin Tuffey

*Requested by
The Family*

† Maureen Moss

*Requested by
Katherine Moss*

Thurs, November 27
12:05 PM

No Mass

Fri, November 28
12:05 PM

No Mass

Due to an early bulletin transmission date,
Mass intentions are of Friday, November 14, 2025.

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 call 518-463-4447 or send an email to CICALban@rcda.org.** We allow normally one intention per Mass, except that two Masses per week may have two intentions.

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! Thanks be to God, and thanks for the NYS Office of General Services (OGS), Assemblyman John McDonald III, and the NY State Police for their collaborative graciousness.

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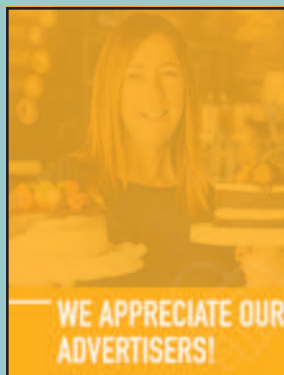


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