



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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The Cathedral

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Saint Francis of Assisi

Delaware Site:

391 Delaware Avenue
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

www.hist-stmarys.org
www.facebook.com/historicstmarychurch
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



the
Flame of Love
OF THE
**Immaculate Heart
of Mary Movement**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
our Thanksgiving Mass at the
Cathedral of Immaculate Conception
in Albany, New York
October 12, 2025
10:00am Adoration
10:30-10:50am Rosary
11:00am Holy Mass

Hospitality follows
All are invited!



Please welcome **Barbara Koerner-Fox** as our Operations Manager, a new position serving all three parishes across in our Historic Albany Parish Network (the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Historic Saint Mary's, and Saint Francis of Assisi parishes).



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!

Lay Ministers Retreat

All readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers from the Historic Albany Parish Network (Cathedral, St. Mary's, St. Francis of Assisi) are invited to a retreat held at St. Mary's Church on 10 Lodge Street in Albany on **Saturday, November 15th from 8:30 AM – 2 PM**. The day includes coffee, a presentation by Father Torres, as well as Adoration, Confession, Ministry Practice, Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Blessing of Readers and Altar Servers. Lunch will be provided by our hospitality ministries. Please join us for this day of prayerful reflection and fellowship. **To register, email Patrick.Buonacore@rcda.org or call 518 463-4447.**

PASTORAL REFLECTION

October 5, 2025

The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6)

Mulberry trees are found in usually dry regions; they wouldn't survive in the sea because the saltwater would kill them. On the other hand, mangrove trees are the only species that can live in the sea, with a fascinating ability to thrive in coastal saltwater. Perhaps the Lord's parable means that for us to be uprooted from dry, complacent spiritual lives and to be "replanted" in the ocean of divine mercy, it requires a change of heart almost as dramatic as changing from one kind of tree to another.

This conversion to trust totally in Jesus is possible if we have faith. October is dedicated to praying the rosary, which deepens our faith. By praying the rosary while contemplating the "mysteries" of Jesus's life and mission, we grow in our relationship with Him who is God the Son of Mary.

Having "Marian closeness" with her son Jesus fosters a natural familial friendship with Him, while allowing ourselves amazement that her son is also God the eternal Creator of all things visible and invisible. Because God created us in His image and saved us by suffering and dying for us, human life is sacred and so deserves respect in every situation, including unborn babies in the womb, elderly grandparents whose care is difficult, refugees of war, and even people imprisoned for heinous crimes. God desires to save and make holy every human life, no matter how impossible it seems.

Jesus challenges us to respect life at every stage and situation. October is also Respect Life Month. Let's pray the rosary every day this month (even just one mystery daily) and ask the Lord not only for change in the world but first for change inside ourselves, through faith that begins even as a small mustard seed.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,



"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (Diary, 300, 687, 1578)



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. Find out more at www.myparishnfp.org

Service Opportunity

We are looking for parishioners who are willing to help serve dinner at the Capital City Rescue Mission on Thursday, October 30th starting at 5:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community and help those who are less fortunate. We will be lending a helping hand to the kitchen staff in organizing dinner trays and serving the food. A sign-up sheet will be located in the back of the church for anyone interested in volunteering.

We are also in search of other service opportunities within the Albany area. If anyone has any leads or contacts in organizations in search of volunteers, please feel free to list the information on the Capital City Rescue Mission sign-up sheet.

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.

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

Bookkeeper – Salary Range \$24-26 per hour, about 30 hours per week. Bookkeeping and reporting financial matters for our three-parish network (St. Francis of Assisi, Historic St. Mary's, and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception). May include administrative and clerical tasks as needed.

Mass for Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima



On October 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will celebrate Holy Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue at 6:00 pm. The National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima will be there through the kindness of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Albany Division. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the prayer of the rosary starting at

5:25 p.m. During the Holy Mass we also will offer an opportunity consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary (a renewal of baptismal vows) for those who have prepared themselves for this day. We hope that you can join us!

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) and adult faith formation classes will begin on Monday, October 13. Meetings will be held weekly on Mondays 6:30 – 8:00 PM in person in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception rectory and online by Zoom. You can register at <https://forms.office.com/r/bp94pSgUDc> or for more information email ffcica@rcda.org or contact our Historic Albany Parish Network office at 518-463-4447.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

391 DELAWARE AVE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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—September 27-28

Regular Offertory	\$1,831.00
PayPal	\$340.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$20.91
TOTAL	\$2,191.91
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,008.09)

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

Catholic University	\$481.00
Attendance	
11:00 AM 141	5:00 PM 133

Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—September 27-28

Regular Offertory	\$3,760.38
PayPal	\$0
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0
Food Pantry	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$3,960.38
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,5389.62)

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

Catholic University	\$668.00		
Attendance			
Delaware	4:00 PM 37	9:00 AM 74	10:30AM 152
South End	10:30 AM 52		

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



Historic St. Mary's

Historic Albany Parish Network



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Prayers for...

Peter Edic, Noah Langan, Kathleen Biorillo, Jon Collins, Nathan Williams, Harold LaMountain, Rev. Frank O'Connor, Sue Moss, Cynthia Nolaro, Honey Kausar, Mary VanSchiack Agnew, Maria Aricapa, 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.

Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Sat, October 4 4:00 PM	† <i>Stephanie Herkenham</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Sun, October 5 9:00 AM	† <i>Thomas McCormack</i>	<i>Requested by Joan McCormack</i>

Saint Francis (South End)

Sun, October 5 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
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The Cathedral

Sun, October 5 11:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, October 5 5:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

Historic St. Mary's

Sat, October 4 4:00 PM	† <i>Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe</i>	<i>Requested by Sons</i>
	<i>In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mother (Special Intention)</i>	
Sun, October 5 8:00 AM	† <i>Thomas & Catherine Kelly</i>	<i>Requested by Pat Kelly</i>
	† <i>Anthony Elacqua</i>	<i>Requested by Dan & Darlene Casule</i>
Sun, October 5 10:30 AM	† <i>Matthew Collandra</i>	<i>Requested by Mrs. Callandra (Aunt)</i>
Mon, October 6 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Tues, October 7 12:05 PM	† <i>Anita Castiglione</i>	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Wed, October 8 12:05 PM	† <i>Helene DiStefano</i>	<i>Requested by DiStefano Family</i>
Thurs, October 9 12:05 PM	† <i>John Bellamy Taylor</i>	<i>Requested by Leo & Mary Wong</i>
Fri, October 10 12:05 PM	† <i>John Cardinal McCloskey</i>	

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 give us a call at 518-463-4447 or send an email to CICAlban@rcda.org

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 October he invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during the month to invoke God's gift of peace especially in war-torn lands.

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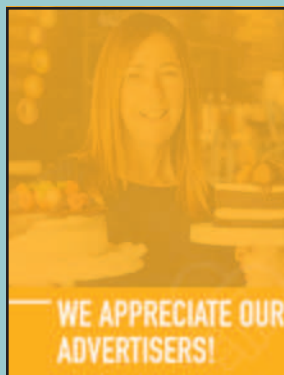


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