



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				Confession Times	
Historic St. Mary's	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	M-F 12:05 PM	Historic St. Mary's	Sat: 3:15 PM Mon, Wed, Fri before Mass Tues & Thurs (after Mass by request)
St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Spanish)		St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat: 3:15 PM
St. Francis South End		Sun 10:30 AM		St. Francis South End	Before or after Mass (by request)
The Cathedral		Sun 11:00 AM 5:00 PM		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

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



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**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!

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS IN OUR NETWORK

We invite you on each First Friday, to come and 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 at 8:00am until 11am at Historic St. Mary's, and continues at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 11:30am until 3:00pm with Benediction and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Blessing of the Animals and Rosary for Peace!

St. Francis of Assisi loved animals and prayed for peace! We will bless your pets and pray for peace on his feast day, Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 391 Delaware Avenue, Albany. Bring your animals and join us for an animal blessing on the Feast of St.



Francis of Assisi. Afterward we will pray a rosary outside for peace in the world. Bring your rosary and an extra for those who might not have one! Potluck snacks and drinks desired afterward; please contact Father Rendell if you'd like to help organize this!

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!

PASTORAL REFLECTION

September 21, 2025

Jesus said, "Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." (Luke 16:9)

In this Sunday's parable, a rich man's steward "makes friends for himself" by reducing the debts of his master's debtors. These grateful people will reward the steward when he is fired by the rich man for squandering his property. The steward has cunningly used worldly wealth to have mercy on others, and that mercy will be returned one day to him; it is even better when we use worldly wealth not for cunning self-preservation but for the sincere intentions to share God's mercy with others.

Jesus calls worldly wealth "dishonest" because it promises what it cannot deliver. Worldly wealth seems to promise to make us happy, secure, and loved. But Jesus says that it is not true wealth and that it actually "belongs to another," not only because our money will go to someone else after we die, but also because, ultimately and properly, our money is meant to be used for God's mission of mercy.

So Jesus warns us, "You cannot serve both God and mammon (money)" because we can foolishly orient our lives around money like an idol, even prioritizing moneymaking over Sunday worship of our merciful Savior. On the other hand, Jesus says that when we love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, everything else will fall into place. When we use our money to serve God and do works of mercy for others, we will make friends with souls who will vouch for us at our death, when we may finally be welcomed "into eternal dwellings."

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Torres

"Everlasting love, pure flame, burn in my heart ceaselessly and deify my whole being, according to Your infinite pleasure by which You summoned me into existence and called me to take part in Your everlasting happiness" (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 1523)

Pastoral & Finance Council Nominations

Is God calling you to discern our Lord's mission in our parish network in downtown Albany? Our pastor Fr. Rendell Torres invites you to pray and nominate people (even yourself) to consider serving on the Network Pastoral Council or Finance Council. Nominees should be team players who embrace the universal call to holiness and seek the bigger picture of Jesus's mission to save souls. To nominate someone, please email Deacon Tim Kosto at timothy.kosto@rcda.org or put in the collection basket at Mass a slip of paper with the **name, parish, phone number, email, and for which council (pastoral/finance/ either)**; there are also printed forms in our churches. Thank you and God bless you!

Lay Ministers Retreat

All readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion 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, and Mass with Installation of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. 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.**

Open Registration: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



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Fridays at the Cathedral

- Level I (ages 3–6): 4:00–5:30 PM
- Level II (ages 6–9): 6:00–7:30 PM

Families from all parishes are welcome!

Spots are limited — register today before classes fill up!

To register or learn more, contact:

Jody Agnew — agnewj@apcsd.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.

Second Collection: Catholic University of America

Sept 27-28, 2025

Your gift to the second collection will support Catholic University of America students who go on to serve the nation and transform the world. Catholic University serves dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as the Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please be generous. **Thank you for your continued support.**

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!

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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 13-14

Regular Offertory	\$3,044.65
PayPal	\$501.01
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$3,545.66
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4654.43)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM 160	5:00 PM 156
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—September 13-14

Regular Offertory	\$3,736.71
PayPal	\$300.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$4,071.71
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$6,428.29)

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

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 53	9:00 AM 79	10:30 AM N/A
South End	10:30 AM N/A		

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...

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Mass Intentions		
Saint Francis (Delaware)		
Sat, September 20 4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, September 21 9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, September 21 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
The Cathedral		
Sun, September 21 11:00 AM	† <i>Rosella M. Slauson</i>	<i>Requested by Jeanne L. Toth</i>
Sun, September 21 5:00 PM	† <i>Frederick & Christine Galloway</i>	<i>Requested by Daughter</i>
Historic St. Mary's		
Sat, September 20 4:00 PM	† <i>Gloria M. Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, and Francis J. Johnson</i>	<i>Requested by Gloria Moak</i>
Sun, September 21 8:00 AM	† <i>Muriel Debra Hale</i>	<i>Requested by Friend</i>
	† <i>Anthony Elacqua</i>	<i>Requested by Friend</i>
Sun, September 21 10:30 AM	† <i>Marie Balestrieri</i>	<i>Requested by Friend</i>
Mon, September 22 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Tues, September 23 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Wed, September 24 12:05 PM	† <i>Richard J. Melita</i>	<i>Requested by Mary Wong</i>
Thurs, September 25 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Fri, September 26 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</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).

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