



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

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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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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!

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 28, 2025

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "The rich man said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" (Luke 16:30-31)

In Jesus's parable, the rich man was in torment because he neglected to have mercy on the hungry man Lazarus lying at the rich man's door. Apparently this torment is eternal, because Abraham points out a chasm between him and the rich man who is suffering the flames. It is a sobering reminder that we will be accountable for sins of omission, like omitting feeding the hungry, and other works of mercy.

The Catechism says in paragraph 2463, How can we not recognize Lazarus, the hungry beggar in the parable, in the multitude of human beings without bread, a roof or a place to stay? How can we fail to hear Jesus: "As you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me" (Mt 25:45)? And when we pray the Lord's Prayer and say, "Give us this day our daily bread," we are expected also to share our food with our fellow human beings, who are made like us in God's image and are members of the same human family.

Mother St. Teresa of Kolkata said, "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by, 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.'" Even if we start with just small acts of mercy, we still can offer them with great love for God.



Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Torres

"One thing is needed to please God: to do even the smallest things out of great love." (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 140)

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, 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.**

Thank You and Best Wishes

I would like to thank some of our staff who will be leaving our Cathedral office: Jasper Stoller (director of operations), Bobby Linthavong (social media administrative assistant), and Veronica Schmidt-Henzler (bookkeeper). I sincerely appreciate their work and wish them each the very best. We also welcome Barbara Koerner-Fox as 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). She will blend strategic oversight with daily management, hospitality, and mission-driven support. Please keep us all in your prayers, and may God bless us all.

Fr. Rendell Torres

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!

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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.

- Inscrición para clases de catecismo (Primera Comunión y Confirmacion) durante todo el mes de Agosto.

STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering—September 20-21

Regular Offertory	\$2,531.75
PayPal	\$465.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$858.26
TOTAL	\$3,855.01
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,344.99)

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

Attendance

11:00 AM 159	5:00 PM 158
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Saint Francis of Assisi Weekly Offering—September 20-21

Regular Offertory	\$4,863.94
PayPal	\$0.00
Maintenance & Utilities	\$239.50
Food Pantry	\$350.00
TOTAL	\$5,453.44
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00
SHORTFALL	(\$5,046.56)

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

Attendance

Delaware	4:00 PM 40	9:00 AM 64	10:30 AM 190
South End	10:30 AM 55		

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 Fiorillo, Jon Collins, Nathan Williams, Harold LaMountain, Rev. Frank O'Connor, Sue Moss, Cynthia Notaro, Honey Kausar, Mary VanSchiack Agnew, Maria Aricipa, 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 Runfolo, Michele Sloman, Rev. Paul Smith.

Mass Intentions		
Saint Francis (Delaware)		
Sat, September 27 4:00 PM	† Arnold Snide	
Sun, September 28 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, September 28 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
The Cathedral		
Sun, September 28 11:00 AM	† Alejandro Lalo Reyes	Requested by Reyes Family
	† Louise Kuziomko	Requested by Molly Wakeman
	† Allen Holmes	Requested by John Costanza
Sun, September 28 5:00 PM	† Remzi Nesfield	Requested by Anonymous
	† Andrew McGlohn	Requested by Anonymous
Historic St. Mary's		
Sat, September 27 4:00 PM	† Vincent Perry	Requested by Patty & Bob
	† Richard Burns	Requested by Rita Burns
Sun, September 28 8:00 AM	† Raymond E. Plath	Requested by Family
	† Rocco Memole	Requested by Memole Family
Sun, September 28 10:30 AM	† Doreen Truesdell	Requested by Joan Bulan
Mon, September 29 12:05 PM	† John Bellamy	Requested by Leo & Mary Wong
Tues, September 30 12:05 PM	† Joyce Bonacquisto	Requested by son Joseph
	† Raeann Dinardi McElveen	Requested by Mom, Dad & Siblings
Wed, October 1 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Thurs, October 2 12:05 PM	† Olga R. Keller	Requested by Family† Vincent Mary
	† Martin Mahar	Requested by Joseph Mahar
Fri, October 3 12:05 PM	† Richard J. Melita	Requested by Leo & Mary Wong
	† Raphael Mandiamy	Requested by Lie Mandiamy

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

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