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Conception**

**Historic St. Mary's  
Church**

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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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**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

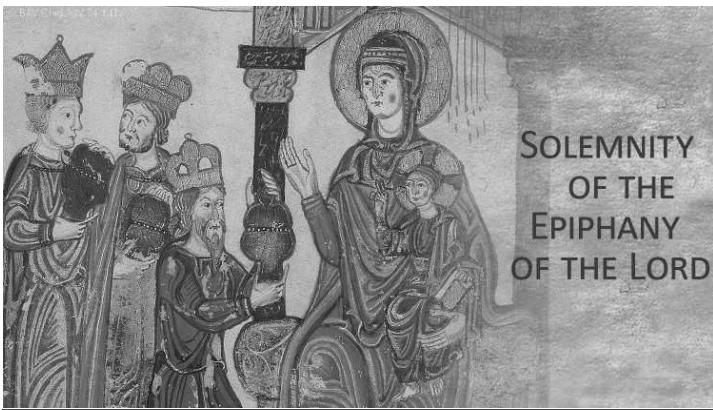
**St. Mary's Food Pantry**

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)

## The Epiphany of the Lord — 4 January 2026



### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Epiphany in Greek means “manifestation.” In the West, the visit of the Magi is celebrated as the event through which the Lord was “manifested” to the pagans and, therefore, to the world. The Magi “raise their eyes” and set out on a journey, going where it was logical to “seek” a king, in a palace. Their arrival creates a bit of turmoil so much so that King Herod convokes the priests and pharisees.*

*The Magi set out again following the star, but at a certain point they no longer see it. So strong had their certainty been that the newborn King would be in the palace – a certainty that had momentarily dazzled their eyes to the point that they lost their way. But then, accepting the fact that they had been mistaken, they “convert” themselves, and the star reappears, guiding them toward their goal.*

*The light of the star always leads to an act of adoration, of bowing before the mystery that has drawn near.*

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-epiphany-of-the-lord.html>

If we are ever unable to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion (either because we are physically unable to be at Mass or are spiritually not in a state of grace), we can ask the Lord to make a “spiritual communion” such as the following:

#### *An Act of Spiritual Communion*

**My Jesus,**  
**I believe that You**  
**are present in the Most Holy**  
**Sacrament.**  
**I love You above all things,**  
**and I desire to receive You into my**  
**soul.**  
**Since I cannot at this moment**  
**receive You sacramentally,**  
**come at least spiritually into my**  
**heart.**  
**I embrace You as if You were**  
**already there and unite myself**  
**wholly to You. Never permit me to**  
**be separated from You.**



**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!

### PASTOR'S REFLECTION

**JANUARY 4, 2026**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**“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 2:10-11)

On this Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, which actually refers to three events that reveal that Jesus is the long-awaited Savior of humanity. The first revelation (epiphany) occurs when the wise men (the “magi”) seek out the infant Jesus. The other two revelations occur when Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (which we celebrate next Sunday) and His first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

This Sunday's Gospel recounts the grand long-awaited moment when the wise men, after studying for years and searching over many miles to find the Messiah, finally arrive at the humble dwelling of the Holy Family and gaze on the one whom they have desired to honor. The infant King is held by Mary his mother as He receives the wise men's prostrations and treasures. The Mother and Son belong together and are honored together.

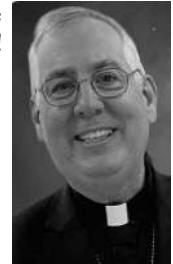
It is no accident or mere coincidence that Mary was honored along with her only son, because God is so pleased with her complete trust in Him. May we always try to please God as the wise men did by never neglecting to honor the Mother of God whenever we worship her Son. For Mary is the New Eve and the new “mother of all the living” (Genesis 3:20; John 19:26-27) who are born again by baptism into the mystical Body of her Son.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

*“Once when my confessor [Father Sopocko] was saying Mass, I saw, as usual, the Child Jesus on the altar...However, a moment before the Elevation, the priest vanished from my sight, and Jesus alone remained. When the moment of the Elevation approached, Jesus took the Host and the chalice in His little hands and raised them together, looking up to heaven, and a moment later I again saw my confessor.”* (St. Faustina, Diary, paragraph 442)

### **MEET AND WELCOME BISHOP MARK!**

Please join us in welcoming Bishop Mark as he celebrates Mass at Albany's Historic Churches!



**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
9:00 a.m., St. Francis, Delaware  
10:30 a.m. St. Francis, South End

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**  
8:00 a.m. Historic St. Mary

### **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**



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**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.



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**WADE TOURS 1:00AM**

**CROSSGATES MALL COMMONS (PET SMART) 1:20AM**

**CATSKILL PARK AND RIDE EXIT 21 2:10AM**

**DEPARTING WASHINGTON, DC 5:00PM TO RETURN HOME**

**IF THE BUS IS NOT FILLED BY JANUARY 14, 2026, THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED. CHECKS WILL BE HELD UNTIL THAT TIME.**

**CAN'T MAKE THE TRIP? YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT SOMEONE BY SENDING A DONATION TO ST. PAUL'S.**

**WE WILL NEED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE PURCHASE A METRORAIL PASS IN ADVANCE AT WMATA.COM.**

**"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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**NYS BISHOPS' STATEMENT: ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL**



“While physician-assisted suicide will soon be legal here in New York, we must clearly reiterate that it is in direct conflict with Catholic teaching on the sacredness and dignity of all human life from conception until natural death and is a grave moral evil on par with other direct attacks on human life.

We call on Catholics and all New Yorkers to reject physician-assisted suicide for themselves, their loved ones, and those in their care. And we pray that our state turn away from its promotion of a Culture of Death and invest instead in life-affirming, compassionate hospice and palliative care, which is seriously underutilized.”

<https://www.nyscatholic.org/posts/nys-bishops-statement-gov-hochuls-plan-sign-assisted-suicide-bill>

**STEWARDSHIP**

Due to an early submission deadline the monthly stewardship information for December 2025 will appear in a later edition of the January 2026 bulletin.



**Duc in Altum Discernment Nights**

September 23, 2025 – June 23, 2026  
*Hosted every other Tuesday from 5:30-8:30 p.m.*  
 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) 458-36690 or email [vocations@rcda.org](mailto:vocations@rcda.org).

**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](mailto:firstfriday@psjs.edu)**

**Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic**

Please pray for parishioner Cade Bernardo and the Endicott Baseball Team for their Mission Trip, January 9-13, 2026 to the Dominican Republic.



The trip is called the 1:12 Project, rooted in the verse James 1:12 which says “blessed are those who persevere under trial, for having stood the test, they will receive the crown of life that God promises to those who love him.”

The team will go to a small underprivileged village and run sports camps for young children and share their faith with them.



For more information or to make a donation please visit:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5t-0z5st14>

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-endicott-baseballs-mission-to-the-dominican-republic>

**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.



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*Historic St. Mary's*



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*Bishop of Albany*

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**Saint James Food Pantry**

Linda Cruz, Director

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

Historic St. Mary's		
Mon, January 5 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Tues, January 6 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Wed, January 7 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Thu, January 8 12:05 PM	<i>† Angela Diaz</i>	Requested by Christopher J. McMahon
Fri, January 9 12:05 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

Due to an early bulletin transmission date  
Mass intentions are as of Monday, December 23, 2025.

**Sunday Mass Intentions**

Saint Francis (Delaware)		
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>	
Sat, January 10 4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sun, January 11 9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, January 4 10:30 AM	<i>† Peter Williams</i>	Requested by Wife, Lucille Williams
Sun, January 11 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
The Cathedral		
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 I. Trzaskos</i>	Requested by Judy and Jim Horan
Sun, January 4 5:00PM	<i>Fr. Zach Chichester</i>	Requested by Skovira Family
Sun, January 11 11:00 AM	<i>† Mary Ellen Scherer</i>	Requested by Mary Keniry
Sun, January 11 5:00PM	<i>Randolph Morley</i>	Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rizzo
Historic St. Mary's		
Sat, January 3 4:00 PM	<i>† Mary O'Grady</i>	Requested by Barbara O'Grady
	<i>† Michael &amp; Margaret Corazza</i>	Requested by Kelly Family
	<i>† Laurence Keefe</i>	Requested by Kelly Family
Sun, January 4 8:00 AM	<i>† Marguerite Don Vito</i>	Requested by Nieces, Geri & Deana
Sun, January 4 10:30 AM	<i>† Mark Flahive</i>	Requested by Jack & Karen Graber
Sat, January 10 4:00 PM	<i>† Gloria Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, and Francis J. Johnson</i>	Requested by Gloria Mook
	<i>† Francis M. Cooney</i>	Requested by Cooney Family
Sun, January 11 8:00 AM	<i>James Muscato 8th Anniversary</i>	Requested by Wife and Family
Sun, January 11 10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

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