

All Souls Day — 2 November 2025



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
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South End Site:

93 Fourth Avenue
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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

Let's Pray for Our Bishops!



Let's pray for Bishop Scharfenberger as he officially retires as the ordinary of the Albany Diocese and pray for our Bishop-Elect, Bishop Mark O'Connell. Bishop



Scharfenberger submitted his resignation in May 2023 when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 75. Bishop Mark, as he prefers to be called, is the Bishop-Designate for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. Bishop Scharfenberger will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Albany until Bishop O'Connell's installation on December 5, 2025.

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 urged to attend 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. This is essential ongoing formation, especially for 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.**

Historic St. Mary's 'Next to New' Shop

Are you cleaning out your closets for Fall? Moving? Looking at changing your wardrobe? Our Parish Outreach office is in need of lightly worn men's and women's clothing to distribute to our clients, especially men's and 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!

Celebrate ALL SAINTS DAY at the Cathedral on Saturday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m. It is not a holy day of obligation this year, but it is still a major feast day to ask the Lord for the grace to become holy. Sacramental Confession will be offered 8:00-8:45 a.m.

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

(NOVEMBER 2, 2025, ALL SOULS DAY)

Jesus said, "This is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." (John 6:40)

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

This Sunday is All Souls Day, November 2. Masses are offered in particular for "the faithful departed." These "holy souls" were faithful to God when they died but may not yet be in heaven because they may still have an "unhealthy attachment" to things of this world, for example: being anxious about family members left behind, holding onto unhealthy memories of being wronged, not having perfect contrition, among countless other situations.

The Catechism explains that these unhealthy attachments "must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin": "temporal" because it happens "in time" (before eternity) and "punishment" because letting go of attachments can be painful.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote (Spe Salvi): "Some are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Savior... Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation 'as through fire.' But it is a blessed pain... The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy."

We can help souls in purgatory by obtaining a plenary indulgence for them by the following:

- 1) doing (in a state of grace) a certain eligible work (like Eucharistic adoration and meditation in a Catholic cathedral during this 2025 Jubilee Year and then praying the Creed and an Our Father),
- 2) going to Confession within 20 days,
- 3) praying an Our Father and Hail Mary for the Holy Father's intentions,
- 4) receiving Holy Communion,
- 5) doing all of this with complete detachment from all sin.

You can apply a plenary indulgence to your own soul or a "holy soul" in purgatory, and during this 2025 Jubilee Year, you can obtain a second plenary indulgence per day for a soul in purgatory if you receive Holy Communion a second time at a Mass. It's spiritually fruitful for us and the souls we aid!



Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Russell R. Jones

I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in purgatory. The souls call her "The Star of the Sea." She brings them refreshment. (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 20)

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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

ADORERS NEEDED! FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
 You are heartily invited to adore and guard Jesus in the Eucharist once a month at our first Friday Adoration.

We expose the Most Blessed Sacrament at Historic Saint Mary's Church on 10 Lodge St. from 8:00 AM to 12 noon (right before 12:05 PM mass), at the Cathedral from 11:30 AM until 3:30 PM, and at St. Francis of Assisi church on Delaware Avenue from 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM. On first Saturdays, our Spanish-speaking community also adores the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM. We would like to have at least two people adoring the Lord in the Eucharist every hour. If you are open to participating in this spectacular ministry to bring grace upon the world, please sign up at <https://cathedralic.weadorehim.com/en/schedule?week=2025-11-02> or use the QR code.



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.

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. If you would like to share your God given gifts and talents **Please email or call:** barbara.koernerfox@rcda.org or 518-463-4447

Thank you for your generous support!

If you would like to make a financial contribution to your parish through your smartphone, please point your



The Cathedral



St. Francis



Historic St. Mary's

STEWARDSHIP

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Weekly Offering—October 25-26

Regular Offertory	\$2,330.45
PayPal	\$1,403.20
Second Collection	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$3,803.65
Average Weekly Need	\$8,200.00
SHORTFALL	(\$4,396.35)
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)</i>	
Attendance	
11:00 AM 140	5:00 PM 164

Saint Francis of Assisi
Weekly Offering—October 25-26

Regular Offertory	\$5,686.91		
PayPal	\$10.00		
Second Collection	\$0		
Food Pantry	\$0		
TOTAL	\$5,696.91		
Average Weekly Need	\$10,500.00		
SHORTFALL	(\$4,803.09)		
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)</i>			
Attendance			
<i>Delaware</i>	<i>4:00 PM</i> 43	<i>9:00 AM</i> 114	<i>10:30AM</i> 175
<i>South End</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i> 42		

Historic St. Mary's
Weekly Offering—October 25-26

Regular Offertory	\$4,098.00		
Online Giving	\$320.00		
Second Collection	\$0		
TOTAL	\$4,418.00		
Average Weekly Need	\$8,100.00		
SHORTFALL	(\$3,682.00)		
The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-25)			
Attendance			
	4:00 PM 93	8:00 AM 139	10:30AM 113

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.

Bookkeeper – Salary Range \$24-27 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.

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 1 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, November 1 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	

Saint Francis (South End)

Sun, November 2 10:30 AM	† Lucy and Paul Tudico	Requested by Daughters
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The Cathedral

Sun, November 2 11:00 AM	† Marion Bellinger	Requested by Betty Travis
	† John Travis	Requested by Betty Travis
Sun, November 2 5:00 PM	Marie Rugg & Brian Walter	Requested by Butz Family

Historic St. Mary's

Sat, November 1 4:00 PM	† Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scuringe	Requested by Sons
	† Alfred & Joan Herrmann	Requested by Family
Sun, November 2 8:00 AM	† Deceased Members of the Biggs, Houle, and Pazzo Family	Requested by Family
Sun, November 2 10:30 AM	† Rebecca Graber	Requested by Jack and Karen Graber
	† Anthony & Joyce Bonacquistio	Requested by Son Joseph
Mon, November 3 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Tues, November 4 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Wed, November 5 12:05 PM	† Louise Sim	Requested by Family
Thurs, November 6 12:05 PM	† Richard J. Melita	Requested by Leo & Mary Wong
Fri, November 7 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	

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.

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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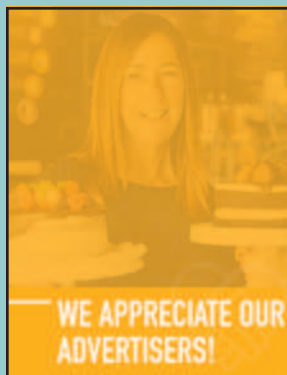


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