



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

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South End Site:
93 Fourth Avenue
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10 Lodge Street,
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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



Consecration to Mary Retreat

Would you like to grow in holiness through Jesus and His mysteries of the rosary? Starting Labor Day, Monday September 1 until Monday October 6. Our retreat book is “*Total Consecration through the Mysteries of the Rosary*” by Fr. Ed Broom OMV. The six meetings are at Mater Christi Church, 40 Hopewell St., Albany, 6:30-8:00 pm. All are welcome! (You do not have to attend to make your consecration). The Consecration Mass will be on October 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Delaware Avenue at 6:00 pm.

For more information, email
Jo Hepinstall at
rosary.retreat777@gmail.com
or scan the QR code to the right.



PASTORAL REFLECTION

September 7, 2025

“Jesus said, “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ... Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:25-33)

Jesus doesn't say that such a person “may not” but “cannot” be His disciple. The Lord wants all to follow Him to eternal life, but it is a hard road that demands great love for God and spiritual “detachment” from loving money and “stuff.” Sadly, many people cannot follow Christ because of worldly attachments, but by God's grace it is possible to be free of attachments.

Two young men who exemplified this are Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis (pictured). Pier Giorgio Frassati was only 24 when he died in 1925 of polio after an active life of serving the poor and political activism rooted in Catholic social teaching. He is a great inspiration for young adults.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, born in 1991, will become the first “millennial” saint. He constructed an online catalogue of Eucharistic miracles from around the world before he died of leukemia at age 15. Our four churches have some posters from his work and can inspire us to deepen our faith in the real presence and power of Jesus in the Eucharistic.

Both will be canonized by Pope Leo XIV in Rome this Sunday, to show that holiness is possible at any age and any state of life. I hope that they intercede for our parishes, that we be active and Eucharistic disciples of Christ free from attachments to our possessions. Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Torres

“I saw the Lord Jesus nailed to the Cross...I saw a multitude of souls crucified like Him...Jesus then said to me, Do you see these souls? Those who are like Me in the pain and contempt they suffer will be like Me also in glory.” (St. Faustina, Diary, n. 446)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS

(For couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special anniversary) with Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will be held Sunday, September 14th, 2025 at 3 PM Liturgy with Reception.

**Christ Our Light Catholic Church
1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, New York**

There will be opportunity for photos with Bishop during reception

Questions can be directed to: 518-453-6660

Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org

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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.

HARVEST DINNERS

We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to “host” a Harvest Dinner within the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, Historic St. Mary's, and Cathedral. Last year this event was a success. Dates being considered are **September 15 to November 14**. If you are interested, contact Georgeann at: gpayne1@nycap.rr.com.

This is a great way for parishioners of each church to get together for a social & entertaining time.

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!

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit!



We are excited to host the International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World as designed by Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis September 5-7 at each of our four churches (Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Francis's two locations). Eucharistic Miracles are extraordinary events or phenomena which manifest the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed

Sacrament. For example, a consecrated Host may become human heart tissue, a person may be miraculously healed after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, the power of Christ in the consecrated Host may stop a flood or fire, or in a saint may live solely on the Eucharist for years. Blessed Carlo photographed many of these miracles and designed this exhibit to spread devotion and faith in Jesus in the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament. Come and witness the love that Jesus has for you. We will have interests for all ages.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) method of faith formation for the 2025-26 year for children from ages 3 to 9. God is deeply present to very young children, and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God. A specially prepared environment, the "atrium," is filled with materials of people, places, and things from Scripture and Liturgy which nurture this relationship between the child and God. The program is organized into three levels: ages 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12. Presentations are designed to draw the child into Biblical and Liturgical themes, whose materials are then available to the children to further absorb the lessons. The Cathedral will offer a Level I Atrium for children ages 3-6 on Fridays from 4:00-5:30 pm and a Level II Atrium for children ages 6-9 on Fridays from 6:00-7:30 pm. Both sessions will begin September 26. For more information, email Jody Agnew at agnewj@apcsd.org. To learn more, visit <https://www.cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/>. Catechists can answer questions and take registrations after the 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses on August 24.



2025 Pulpit Announcement for Parish Picnic

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 6th (the Saturday after Labor Day) at the Elm Ave. Park in the Town of Bethlehem from 11:30 'til 3:00. We'll have games, a 50/50 drawing, raffles, and great food, fun, and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided by the Parishes. All we need is YOU and whatever tasty salads, side dishes, or desserts you decide to bring to share!

Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Churches. Just put your name, how many will be attending, and what dish or dessert you will bring to share.

You must sign up this by weekend's Masses, Aug. 30th and 31st in order to have a headcount to buy supplies.

We hope everyone decides to attend. Please remember to sign up. Thank 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!

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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.

- **Inscripción para clases de catecismo (Primera Comunión y Confirmación) durante todo el mes de Agosto.**

STEWARDSHIP

Due to the early bulletin submission deadlines set by our publisher, the financial and attendance data typically provided each week under stewardship will be included as a bulletin insert. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Thank you and God bless you, Tim!

We hope everyone has had a restful summer. We will reconvene our Hospitality Sundays at St. Francis in the South End on September 7, following the 10:30 AM Mass, but it will be bittersweet.

We will be wishing our parishioner, colleague, and trusted maintenance man / caretaker, Tim Balfe, farewell as he takes on a new position at a parish in Half Moon.

Please join us for the reconnection and to wish Tim well in his new adventure. He will be missed by all!

Please remember to bring your favorite baked goods, fruits, vegetables, or other contributions. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice will be provided. AND... there will be CAKE!

Parking near the Cathedral!

There is free parking in the parking garage diagonally (catty corner) across from the Cathedral on weekends and after 4 p.m. on weekdays. Enter on Philip Street and park on the 4th floor. If there's an attendant, just say that you are going to the Cathedral and can park there for free. Please spread the word! Please also pray and offer sacrifices/fasts for our discussion with New York State about using the Madison parking lot. Thank you!

Historic Albany Parish Network



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Mass Intentions		
Saint Francis (Delaware)		
Sat, September 6 4:00 PM	In honor of St. Anthony & St. Lucie	
Sun, September 7 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Sun, September 7 10:30 AM	† Margaret S. Payne	<i>Requested by Georgeann Payne</i>
The Cathedral		
Sun, September 7 11:00 AM	† Matthew Bachmann	<i>Requested by Molly Wakeman</i>
Sun, September 7 5:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Historic St. Mary's		
Sat, September 6 4:00 PM	† Fr. John J. Hardiman	<i>Requested by Cooney & John Families</i>
	† Daphne Joseph Cole	<i>Requested by Children & Grandchildren</i>
	† Mary Bentley	<i>Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lynch</i>
	† Joan Herrmann	<i>Requested by The Family</i>
Sun, September 7 8:00 AM	† Rev. Lloyd Rebeyro	<i>Requested by Friend</i>
	† Anthony Elacqua	<i>Requested by Shelia Barkevich</i>
Sun, September 7 10:30 AM	† Linda Hamilton	<i>Requested by Frank & Joan Bulan</i>
Mon, September 8 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Tues, September 9 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Wed, September 10 12:05 PM	† Richard J. Melita	<i>Requested by Leo & Mary Wong</i>
Thurs, September 11 12:05 PM	† Joseph Hickey	<i>Requested by Ed & Joan McMahon</i>
Fri, September 12 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 give us a call at 518-463-4447 or send an email to CICAlban@rcda.org

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