

Historic Albany Parish Network

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Baptism of the Lord — 11 January 2026



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Historic St. Mary's Church

10 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207

www.hist-stmarys.org
www.facebook.com/historicstmarychurch

Network Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Schedule

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Historic St. Mary's—*Reconciliation (Confession)* 3:15-3:45 pm
4:00 pm St. Francis of Assisi, Delaware Ave.—*Reconciliation (Confession)* 3:15-3:45 pm

Sunday Masses

8:00 am Historic St. Mary's
9:00 am St. Francis of Assisi, Delaware Ave.
10:30 am Spanish Mass St. Francis of Assisi, Delaware Ave.
10:30 am St. Francis of Assisi, Fourth Ave.
10:30 am Historic St. Mary's
11:00 am Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception—*Reconciliation (Confession)* 10:30-10:50 am
5:00 pm Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception—*Reconciliation (Confession)* 4:00-4:50 pm

Monday through Friday **12:05 pm** Historic St. Mary's—*Reconciliation (Confession)* Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:30-11:55 am

Network Outreach

Saint James Food Pantry

518-414-1929
St. James Place, Albany, NY 12209
Monday & Wednesday: 10 am—12:30 pm

St. John's/St. Ann's Center

518-472-9091
88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:
10 am-12 pm; 1 pm-3 pm

St. Mary's Outreach

518-462-4357
10 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207
Tuesday & Friday 9 am-11:30 am

WELCOME TABLE

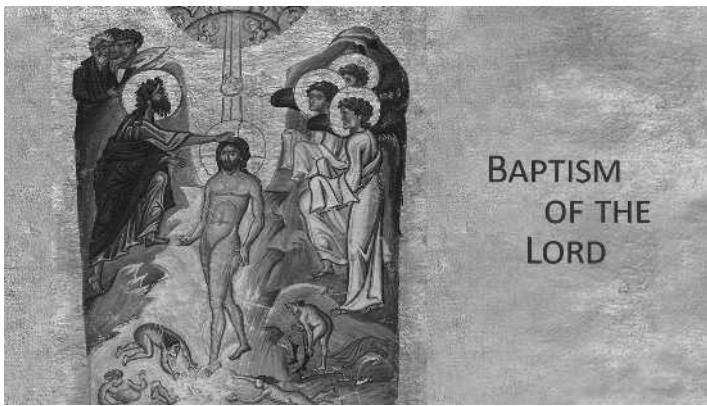
Tuesday and Saturday: 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Parish Network Office

125 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12207
Monday—Friday 9 am-4 pm
518-463-4777

The office will be closed on National Holidays and other days throughout the year as noted in the bulletin.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" the Baptist says on seeing Jesus. There are moments when it is important to "allow things to happen."

What seems so abnormal that John the Baptist feels embarrassed is, however, part of God's plan that will "bring to fulfillment" every righteousness, since Jesus – as He Himself would one day declare – did not come to abolish the law and the prophets (Mt. 5:17), but to bring God's justice "to fulfillment".

This justice does not humiliate, does not separate, does not judge. Rather, it unites, breaks down barriers, responds to everyone's needs and respects everyone. God's justice is superior than human justice: He does not use the measuring stick of "how much" – you pay according to the measure that you have offended. Rather, He uses the measuring stick of love, mercy, forgiveness – the only measuring stick that can bridge distances and heal wounded hearts since it is from within that evil intentions are born (Mk. 7:1-23).

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

PASTOR'S REFLECTION (JANUARY 11, 2026, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD)

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)

In 2002 Pope St. John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light (or "Luminous" Mysteries) to the Holy Rosary, Jesus Christ's life between the joyful mysteries of His childhood and the sorrowful mysteries of His Passion. The first Mystery of Light is the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, which we ponder and honor on this last Sunday of the Christmas season. Meditating on the baptism of Jesus bears in us the spiritual "fruit" of greater openness to the Holy Spirit, Who reveals Christ, the face of the invisible God, our Father.



If we meditate on this mystery, we might ask: Why would Jesus need to be baptized? St. Maximus of Turin explains: *"Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy."* Jesus steps into the river of baptism to lead us in the battle against temptation, sin, and evil; and as King of Kings, and Head of the Church, He is completely victorious and sends us the same Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation so that we more deeply remain in Him and share His eternal Kingship and victory.

Baptism and Confirmation allow us to share in the anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power, *"doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him,"* as Peter says in the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But this power is not primarily and initially to condemn but to save souls through the offer of mercy, as Isaiah prophesies in the first reading: *"A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench."* Although God's justice will come definitively at the end of each person's life and the end of time, now is the time for us to respond to His Mercy, through frequent Confession, Communion, and doing the works of mercy for Jesus in others.

Peace in Jesus through Mary,



Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust." (St. Faustina's Diary, paragraph 1520)

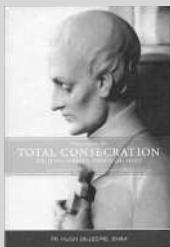
Go Deeper Spiritually this Lent by Consecrating Yourself to Jesus through Mary!



Mary's Mantle Consecration
(book by Christine Watkins)

Feb. 17 — April 4

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM
Historic St. Mary's
10 Lodge Street
Albany, NY



St. Louis de Montefort

Feb. 20—March 25

Date, Location, Time TBD

Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary
(book by Fr. Hugh Gillespie)

CHOOSE A RETREAT TO RENEW YOUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES
THROUGH A LIFE CHANGING CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH
MARY.

In-person and remote options will be available.

Contact: Marys.Mantle2025@gmail.com



MEET AND WELCOME BISHOP MARK!

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. Historic St. Mary

11:00 a.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

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

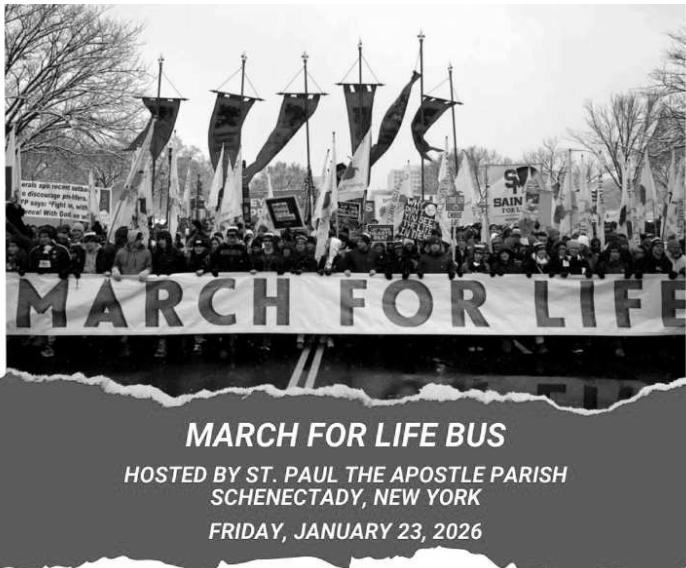
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Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM

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.



MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

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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 METRO RAIL 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
GROGAN.K@TIUCATHOLIC.ORG
(518) 377-8886 EXT 106

A Day of Hope and Healing

Retreat for Women Experiencing Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Infant Loss

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

St. Clement's Church in Saratoga Springs

Attendance is \$10 per person.
Meals are provided. Childcare is available upon request.

NYS BISHOPS' STATEMENT: ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

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.

<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) 458-3690 or email 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

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/ Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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.



The Cathedral



St. Francis



Historic St. Mary's



Historic Albany Parish Network
The Most Rev'd Mark O'Connell, JCD
Bishop of Albany

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Saint James Food Pantry

Linda Cruz, Director

Weekday Mass Intentions

Historic St. Mary's

Mon, January 12 12:05 PM	† Michael Ray Jr.	Requested by Christine Lyon
Tues, January 13 12:05 PM	† Jacqueline Ramos	Requested by A Friend
Wed, January 15 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Thu, January 16 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Fri, January 17 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	

Mass intentions are as of Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Sunday Mass Intentions

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Sat, January 10 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, January 11 9:00 AM	Intention of Brian Martin	Requested by Tom Martin & Family
Sat, January 17 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, January 18 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	

Saint Francis (South End)

Sun, January 11 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, January 18 10:30 AM	† Benjamin Chesser	Requested by Lucille Williams Pauline Metchick

The Cathedral

Sun, January 11 11:00 AM	† Mary Ellen Scherer	Requested by Mary Keniry
Sun, January 11 5:00PM	† Randolph Morley	Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rizzo
Sun, January 18 11:00 AM	† Jeanne M Connors	Requested by Mary Kimery
	Intentions of Fr. Zach Chichester	Requested by Skovira Family
Sun, January 18 5:00PM	Pro Populo	

Historic St. Mary's

Sat, January 10 4:00 PM	† Gloria Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, and Francis J. Johnson	Requested by Gloria Moak
	† Francis M. Cooney	Requested by Cooney Family
Sun, January 11 8:00 AM	James Muscato 8th Anniversary	Requested by Wife and Family
Sun, January 11 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sat, January 17 4:00 PM	† Maureen McGill	Requested by Barbara O'Grady
	† Bruce Scaro	Requested by Friend
Sun, January 18 8:00 AM	† Gloria Emminger	Requested by Emminger Family
Sun, January 18 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	

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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