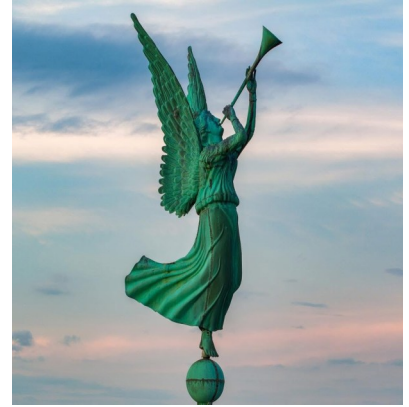


Fifth Sunday of Lent — 22 March 2026



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				Confession Times	
Historic St. Mary's	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	M-F 12:05 PM	Historic St. Mary's	Sat: 3:15 PM Mon, Wed, Fri 11:30-11:55 am Tues & Thurs (after Mass)
St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Spanish)		St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat: 3:15 PM Sun: 8:15 AM
St. Francis South End		Sun 10:30 AM		St. Francis South End	Before or after Mass (by request)
The Cathedral		Sun 11:00 AM 5:00 PM		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)



**Celebrate the Holy Triduum
Together in Our Mother Church!**

Our network of four churches is pastored by one priest with only part-time assistance from other priests. The Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) requires intense and time-demanding preparations to execute it worthily for each of the three days; it also merits strong attendance. The Church's liturgical guidance says that "where the number of participants and ministers is so small that the celebrations of the Easter Triduum cannot be carried out with the requisite solemnity, such groups of the faithful should assemble in a larger church. Also, where there are small parishes with only one priest it is recommended that such parishes should assemble, as far as possible, in a principal church and there participate in the celebrations" (*Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts, n. 43, from the Congregation for Divine Worship*). After our pastor's consultation with our assisting priests, pastoral council and other ministers, we will invite our network of parishioners to unite at one celebration of the Triduum at our Mother Church, the Cathedral. Readers, extraordinary ministers, and singers from all three parishes are welcome to join in this holy event which is one event over three days. This is an occasion to cultivate Catholic Christian unity at our mother church, the Cathedral, because the Bishop will be the main celebrant, our successor of the Apostles and our local vicar of Christ. The Holy Week and Easter schedule will be as follows:

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday (Sunday Masses at usual times)

Easter Triduum with Bishop Mark O'Connell

Holy Thursday, 4/2, Cathedral, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, 4/3, Cathedral, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, 4/4, Cathedral, 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses

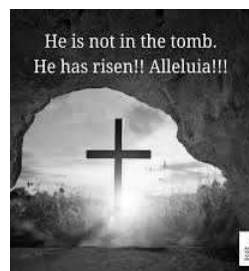
8:00 am: St. Mary's: Fr. Torres

9:00 am: St. Francis, Delaware Ave.:
Fr. O'Brien

10:30 am: St. Mary's: Fr. Udoh

10:30 am: Spanish Mass, Delaware
Ave.: Fr. Orzechowski

11:00 am: Cathedral: Fr. Torres



(Note: No 5 p.m. Mass at Cathedral, no 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, South End)



**Mass and Marian Consecration for
the
Solemnity of the Annunciation
with Bishop Mark O'Connell!**

At Our Cathedral of
the Immaculate Conception

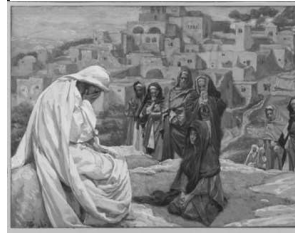
Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.

(5:00 p.m. Adoration and Confessions)

There will also be an opportunity to renew your baptismal consecration to Jesus through Mary!

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

MARCH 22, 2026, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." Jesus said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:3-4)

John the evangelist says, "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was." Why didn't the Lord Jesus immediately hurry to Lazarus, to heal him and protect his sisters from grief?

At one level, the Lord allows Lazarus to die so that Jesus can reveal the power of God to raise Lazarus from death. Jesus explains to His disciples, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe"—that they may believe in Jesus's union with the Father, Who gives life and takes it, and bestows it again finally in the Resurrection; Jesus expresses this when He prays, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

Yet Jesus also weeps with Mary and Martha, before raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus knows that He will conquer death, yet He is with us in our sorrow until our sufferings pass. The solution is always to pray, "Jesus, I trust in You," and accept the peace that comes only from God.

Coming up this week are some great special events: ***Our sixth synod "group listening" session to discern the mission of our parishes*** and of our parish network will take place this Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral, with snacks and small-group listening and sharing. The last five sessions have each been anointed by the Holy Spirit, so please come to our last one for Lent! We will also celebrate ***the Solemnity of the Annunciation*** this **Wednesday**, starting with 5 p.m. Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary, then **6:00 p.m. Holy Mass**. Please join us this week!

Peace in Jesus
through Mary,

Fr. Rudolph R. Jones

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, n. 300)

LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

The *Liturgy of the Hours* is an ancient form of Christian prayer using Scripture, especially the psalms, to give praise and thanks to God at set hours every day. While priests, deacons and many religious are required to recite the "Hours," the Church has long encouraged the practice for lay members as well, to help keep God, Scripture and the Church central in our thoughts throughout our busy day. During Lent, we are reciting Morning Prayer — the first of the "Hours" — at the Cathedral on Mondays at 8 am.

Please join us! No experience needed!

Fifth Sunday in Lent — 22 March 2026

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026

- Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4
- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-3
- Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-5
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-4
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-5
- Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-5

Synod Get-Togethers



As the season of Lent has begun, please consider joining your fellow parishioners for Mass and one or several of our six planned Synod sessions.

We are at an important crossroad in the life of our Diocese and Parishes, where reflecting on our mission and God's call is needed to be able to continue to provide Mass and the many church services that we have had available in the past. There are many challenges and opportunities to strengthen and improve our parish life.

Your insight and wisdom are essential to making good decisions to discern and meet the needs of our believing community.

The focus of the Synod get-togethers is prayerful listening together to God and to parishioners including you. Please join us for a brief, open discussion and some light refreshments at one or more of these sessions. The discussion topics will change from session to session, so attending more than one will increase your opportunity to reflect on God's call with us.

Our last meeting will be **Sunday, March 22**, after 11:00 AM Mass, - at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

We hope you will join us in prayer, listening, and discernment of our parishes' missions!

Lenten Opportunities

Mondays: Morning Prayer, 8 a.m., Cathedral

Tuesdays: "Mary's Mantle" Consecration Retreat Meeting, 6:30-8 pm, Historic St. Mary's, 10 Lodge St.

Christian Initiation and Adult Faith Formation, 6:30-8 pm, Cathedral Rectory Office, 125 Eagle Street, Albany.

Thursdays: Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction, 6:30-7:30 pm, Historic St. Mary's

Fridays: Stations of the Cross, 5:15, Eucharistic Exposition and Confessions, 6-7 pm; Cathedral

Join Our HALLOW Community

Everyone is invited to connect with others in our community through prayer. It couldn't be easier, you can just use this link — <https://hallow.app.link/IO0vmXXEg1b> — to join others in our community on our HALLOW page. It's free!

Now is the time to grow closer to God in prayer. Through HALLOW you can pray the rosary, listen to a daily meditation, pray with the Psalms, hear today's Gospel and so much more. Connect with others in our community and join today.

STEWARDSHIP

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Monthly Offering—February, 2026**

Regular Offertory	\$14,867.55
Average Monthly Need	\$34,000.00
SHORTFALL	(\$19,132.45)
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses 2025</i>	

**Historic St. Mary
Monthly Offering—February, 2026**

Regular Offertory	\$31,611.12
Average Monthly Need	\$33,000.00
SHORTFALL	(\$1,388.88)
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-2025)</i>	

**St. Francis of Assisi
Monthly Offering—February, 2026**

Regular Offertory	\$15,926.21
Average Monthly Need	\$27,000.00
SHORTFALL	(\$11,073.79)
<i>The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses 2025</i>	

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

**Albany Area Scouts
43rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on
Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026,
from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

at the Albany Med Daycare Gym, St. James Place, Albany
(entrance through the parking lot).

Adults are \$7, children under 12 are \$3, and children under 5 eat free, with a delicious menu of pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, and cocoa, plus special-order omelets for an additional \$5. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. All are welcome to enjoy great food, table service, and super prizes donated by local businesses, at this event presented by BSA Scout Troop 11, Troop 54, and Cub Pack 211. Please also support our St. James Pantry by bringing canned or boxed food or personal care items for the food drive collection during the breakfast.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE LEO

For disarmament and peace



Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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Weekday Mass Intentions

As of March 17, 2026

Historic St. Mary's

Mon, March 23 12:05 PM	† Visitacion Perez	Requested by Rema Hall
Tues, March 24 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Wed, March 25 12:05 PM	† Grace Bramlett	Requested by Aaron and Gail
Thu, March 26 12:05 PM	† Joann DeLisle	Requested by Ed and Joan McMahon
Fri, March 2 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	

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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.

Sunday Mass Intentions

As of March 17, 2026

Saint Francis (Delaware)

Sat, March 21 4:00 PM	† Thomas Corcoran, Sr.	Requested by Family
Sun, March 22 9:00 AM	† Kathleen Fiorillo	Requested by Bob and Michele Penna
Sun, March 22 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sat, March 28 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, March 29 9:00 AM	† Kathleen Fiorillo	Requested by Bob and Pat Benac
Sun, March 29 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	

Saint Francis (South End)

Sun, March 22 10:30 AM	† Vincent Giordano	Requested by Nick and Paula Kordich
Sun, March 29 10:30 AM	† Vincent Giordano	Requested by Bob and Pat Benac

The Cathedral

Sun, March 22 11:00 AM	† Soul of Mary Runk	Requested by Rebecca and Christine Zido
	† Irene Benedeto	Requested by Molly Wakeman
Sun, March 22 5:00 PM	Family of Tom and Carolyn Burns	Requested by Fr. Rendell Torres
Sun, March 29 11:00 AM	† Corinne Travis Holbine	Requested by Betty Travis
Sun, March 29 5:00 PM	† Frederick and Christine Galloway	Requested by Daughter

Historic St. Mary's

Sat, March 21 4:00 PM	† Gloria Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, and Francis J. Johnson	Requested by Gloria Moak
	† Antoinette Scaringe	Requested by Sons
Sun, March 22 8:00 AM	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	Requested by Nina Govel
Sun, March 22 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	Requested by
Sat, March 28 4:00 PM	† Catherine McGill	Requested by Barbara O'Grady
	† Thomas Kelly and † Colleen Kelly	Requested by Kelly Family
Sun, March 29 8:00 AM	† Ann Marie Plath	Requested by Family
Sun, March 29 10:30 AM	† Mary Flahive	Requested by Jack and Karen Graber
	† Helen Murphy	Requested by Jeffrey Compline and Marianne Purcell



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