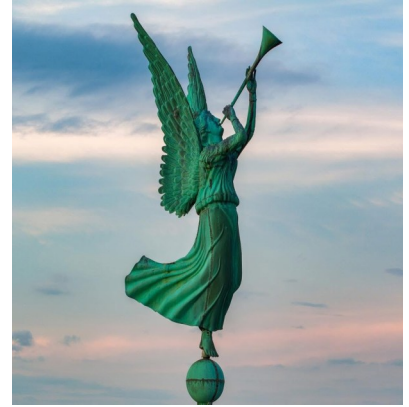


Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord — 29 March 2026



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 (Bishop Mark at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral)

Chrim Mass: Monday, 3/30, 5:30 p.m.



Easter Triduum with Bishop Mark:

Holy Thursday, 4/2, Cathedral, 6:00 p.m. (Supper follows at the St. John's / St. Ann's Center across from St. Francis of Assisi, South End Site, 88 Fourth St., Albany)

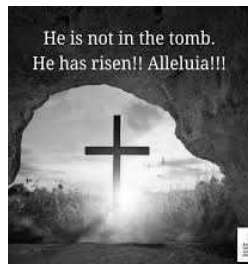
Good Friday, 4/3, Cathedral, 6:00 p.m. (Stations of the Cross at 5:15 p.m.)

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

Easter Sunday Masses

- 8:00 am: St. Mary's
- 9:00 am: St. Francis, Delaware Ave.
- 10:30 am: St. Mary's
- 10:30 am: Spanish Mass, Delaware Ave.
- 11:00 am: Cathedral

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



He is not in the tomb.
He has risen!! Alleluia!!!

**PASTOR'S REFLECTION
MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**



They kept crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord..." When he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds replied, "Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matthew 21:8-11)

This Sunday begins Holy Week, culminating with the Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday of the Last Supper, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil), Easter Sunday, and Divine Mercy Sunday. From the Cross the Lord's Most Sacred Heart was pierced by a lance and poured out Blood and Water—Baptism and the Eucharist, to heal us and unite us with the Father. By His death and resurrection, we can be forgiven, and made holy.

On Monday, please join our Diocese for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, which our Bishop concelebrates with our Priests and during which he consecrates the sacred Chrism oil (used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordinations) and blesses the other oils for catechumens and anointing of the sick. The Chrism Mass expresses the fullness of the Bishop's Priesthood and shows the close bond of the Priests with him, and it is an expression of the unity of the Body of Christ, the Church, with each person called to holiness.

Finally, the Sacred Triduum is the Church's most solemn event, celebrated over three days. As explained in the bulletin article, our three parishes (five communities) in our Historic Albany network will unite with our Bishop at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and will be represented by our music ministry, readers, and servers. At the Easter Vigil we will receive several adults into the Catholic Church, so please pray for them and for all our parishioners, for Jesus came to save us from our sins, and to love others through us, so that all may be one the Father's House.

Peace in Jesus
through Mary,

Fr. Rudolph Jones

"I accompanied Him to the Garden of Gethsemane... I underwent with Him each of the tortures... I came to know all the omnipotence of His love and of His mercy toward souls." (St. Faustina, Diary n. 1054).

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!

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Readings for the Week of March 29, 2026

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 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17
and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday
Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20
-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2,
3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11
-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/
Rom 6:3-11/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday
Easter: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Adoration at the Cathedral Beginning in June



We desire to increase weekly Adoration in the city of Albany, initially at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with 40 hours of Adoration per week beginning June 4, every Thursday through Sunday.

Just as a loving mother shares everything with her children, and just as a heart pumps fresh blood to every part of the body, the graces from Adoration at the Cathedral will benefit every parish in the

10,000 square miles of our Diocese of Albany!

We will provide additional information soon, but if you are interested to sign up, please go to this website:
<https://cathedralic.weadorehim.com/en>

St. Mary's Outreach is in need of the following:

Laundry detergent and/laundry pods, Dish soap, Tea bags, Cookies, Cereal, and Mac&Cheese microwave bowls.

Lenten Opportunities

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

Tuesday: “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.

Please see the Holy Week Schedule for more information!

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

A Note to Parishioners About Our Finances

Our three parishes have been navigating many transitions over the past year and can look ahead to a great deal more on the horizon. These have included a greater consolidation of our shared network and a large turnover of staff and personnel responsible for administering it. Those of us now charged with that responsibility intend to bring as much constancy as we can to the process, and to be present and transparent throughout. The changing reports of our operating needs each month reported in the bulletin will reflect some of these changes as we get a grasp of all that our parishes confront. We ask especially for your patience and your prayers that we can be prudent in attending to all we have been tasked with.

— Yours in Christ, the Historic Parish Network team

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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Join Fr. Rendell Torres on A Spiritual Pilgrimage in Mexico

Fr. Rendell Torres will be leading a spiritual pilgrimage-retreat to Our Lady of Guadalupe's Shrine in Mexico City, along with other important spiritual sites this October 19-24. Sites include the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the ancient Pyramids of Teotihuacan, and the ministry sites of priest martyr Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro. Trip cost is \$2699 with travel included from Albany to Newark Airport. Limited to 33 pilgrims. For more information see www.nativitypilgrimage.com/fr-rendell.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides emergency assistance to our neighbors struggling with rent, utilities, and other bills. Founded by Blessed Frederick Ozanam, inspired by St Vincent de Paul, all of our "clients" are local, most living within blocks of our three parishes. What distinguishes us is our highly personal approach. No money is allotted without first visiting someone in their home, which enables us to really listen to their story and then serve them in the best possible way.

You can help through a almsgiving. Either place your gift in one of the poor boxes near the church entrance, or place a check made out to "The St. Vincent de Paul Society" in the collection basket.

You can also help by joining us. Call the Cathedral at 518-463-4447 for more information.

Believing as we do that all people are equally recipients of God's ravishing love., The St. Vincent de Paul Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation or immigration status.

Sunday Mass Intentions

As of March 23, 2026

Saint Francis (Delaware)		
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 29 10:30 AM	† Vincent Giordano	Requested by Bob and Pat Benac
The Cathedral		
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 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

*There will be no Mass Intentions from
Wednesday of Holy Week through Easter Sunday.*

Weekday Mass Intentions

As of March 23, 2026

Historic St. Mary's		
Mon, March 30 12:05 PM	Pro Populo	
Tues, March 31 12:05 PM	† Mary Ann Bates	Requested by Aniela Melanowicz
	† Samuel Hamlin	Requested by Samantha D'Agostino

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

391 DELAWARE AVE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.**



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