



*Third Sunday
Of Easter*

April 19, 2026

St. Mary's Church Est. 1852
26 Church St.
Nassau, NY 12123

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church to call home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the parish office at 518-766-2701.

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Rev. John Close – Sacramental Minister

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday- Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. Mary's, Nassau, vow to foster the spirit of St. Francis by becoming instruments of God's peace to help each other grow spiritually. We choose to respond to our baptismal call to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ through our commitments of time, talent, and treasure in the love and service of all people. Adopted by St. Mary's Pastoral Council, September 16, 2001.

Parish Happenings:

Sunday	Divine Mercy Mass 10:00 am Followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet – All are welcome to stay
Monday	Learn About Your Faith 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory
*Tuesday	Morning Mass 9:30 am St. Anthony Novena and Adoration until 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory
Wednesday	Parking Lot Rosary 6:00 pm (Dress for the weather)
*Thursday	Morning Mass 9:30 am Recitation of Rosary after Mass
Friday	Every 1 st Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Every 1 st Saturday, Rosary at 5:00 pm before Mass

*During the winter months, weekday morning Masses will be in the rectory at 9:30 am

St. Mary's Website: <http://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau>

REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that “those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice.”

“Those who decided to follow him,” the Pope suggests, “were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing.” Christ’s being with us, the Pope makes clear, is integral to his mission.

Through this dynamic, the Pope says, “the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ’s flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God.”

This mystery illuminates our calling. As the Pope says, “when we look at [the Church] closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However,” the Pope continues, “it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ’s presence and his saving action are manifested.”

Therefore, whatever our shortcomings, we are part of this mystery. There is no “pure Church, separated from the earth,” as the Pope puts it, but rather “one Church of Christ, embodied in history,” in which we all have a part to play.

Quotes from General Audience, 4 March 2026:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260304-udienza-generale.html>



Mass Intentions Third Sunday in Easter

April 18 & April 19, 2026

Saturday, April 18, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
Fr. Marcillinus – Dominic Russomanno
Margaret Schuyler – for Healing – The Ridzi Family
Ginny Doherty – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 10:00 am
Fr. Owen Bennett – Dominic Russomanno
Lee and Bud Rausch – by Jim and Rocky Rausch
Mary Ellen Lito – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday, April 24, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

April 25 & April 26, 2026

Saturday, April 25, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
Barbara Eastman – by Stuart Eastman
Courtney Papa – by Charleen Papa
Paul Tomchik – by Mary Tomchik

Sunday, April 26, 2026 @ 10:00 am
Fr. Antone – by the Russomanno Family
J.J. Reilly – by the Ridzi Family

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday April 30, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

Please pray for our sick



Chamylla Stephanie De Frees
Sullivan
Devaney
chelle Dymond
Marion Rysedorph

Michael Stephen Allen
Christine Anderson
Bill Ayers
Joan Campbell
Chad Cardoza
Maureen Cellery
Madison Chesterman
Barry and Jeanne Litt
Gina Lo Presti
Ann Devaney
Joseph Messineo
Mamie Mazzatti
Thomas O'Grady

Stacy Hyson
Kate Hockford
Elizabeth Hrifko
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Masresha Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Avin Meyette
Linda Walsh
Anna May Gregg
Charleen Papa

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Cory Roberts
Jake Rysedorph
John DeLap
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
Alice Loughlin Philip
Michele Sweet Dom
Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw
Ginny Doherty

Collections

FOR US TO COVER PARISH EXPENSES, OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION MUST MEET \$2,500

Although some of the weekly collections do meet this amount, our collections are not consistent. Therefore, we are not meeting our necessary expenses. Additionally, as noted above, some of our expenses are unforeseen or fluctuate (fuel, maintenance, snow removal).

Our Collections for April 11 & April 12, 2026 \$3,558

Important Notes Regarding the Diocesan Appeal Collections

St. Mary's Diocesan Appeal assessment for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026: \$30,576

Our Collections to Date: \$14,681

To meet this year's assessment, we need \$15,895 by June 30, 2026.

If we do not satisfy our assessment for the year, it becomes a debt that is carried over to the next year. We then are obligated to pay that debt as well as the new assessment.

Please make sure that **your name** and **St. Mary's 09-08** appear on the check. This is an **important** edit that needs to be done so your donation is reported correctly by the Diocese. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your contribution, please call the office (518-766-2701) and let Dee know.

We Need Volunteers and New Ideas

Now that Spring is here and we all have recovered from the long winter, we would like to once again be active in our Nassau community. St. Mary's Spring Sweets Auction kicks off April 25. Let's plan more events!

We need new ideas!

We need new and renewed energies!

We need the support of our parishioners to make this happen.

Please consider joining our volunteer group and plan or participate in an event. You DO NOT need participate in everything. We all have families and responsibilities.

Call the Rectory 518-766-2701 and speak to Dee or leave a message.

Thank you!

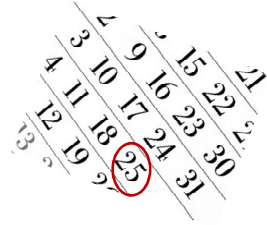
EVENTS

St. Mary's

St. Mary's Sweets Spring Auction

NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 25

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 AM AUCTION STARTS AT 12:30 PM



VOLUNTEERS are needed *Please!* And Donations of **NEW ITEMS**

Mostly needed for Friday April 24 and the day of the auction. All that day we will be setting up in the hall. Anytime you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Call Jen Clement 518-203-9130 or Theresa Harty 518-466-7001 to let them know. There are sign-up sheets available in the seats.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The "Our Towne" magazine published the wrong date. The date is **Saturday, April 25** NOT Sunday, April 26 as the magazine printed. Anyone asking questions, please advise them of this.

Our Coffee Hour Is Here!

Come one and all for some hot coffee, goodies, and talk.
Sunday after 10:00 am Mass.



Our Video Hour

Our video hour after Sunday Mass will be returning. Keep an eye open for an announcement as the details become finalized.

In Our Community

Kurt's Community Kitchen – Spring Fling

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WHEN: Thursday, April 23

TIME: 6:00 pm

WHERE: Grace United Methodist Church, 42 Church Street

MENU: Baked Ham, Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, and Dessert

COST: Free



Kurt's Community Kitchen is in honor of longtime Nassau Resident and historian, Kurt Vincent.

Thank you from USCRI

St. Mary's received a very nice letter from Caitlin Toynbee, Deputy Director of Development for USCRI thanking us for our contributions and continued commitment and support. The letter is posted on our bulletin board.

From the Diocese

The Office for Discipleship Formation in Partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville is offering NO cost an opportunity for personal and professional faith development. This announcement is on the bulletin board.

April is Cemetery Spring Clean-Up Month



Clean-up is almost complete. Remember, if you have any decorations, please wait until after May 1 with them so they are not taken away during the clean-up

Fr. Cronin

Fr. Cronin will celebrate morning Mass at St. Mary's next Tuesday April 21 and then Tuesday May 5 – 9:30 am. If all goes well with Mother Nature, Mass will be in the Church May 5.



Eucharist Ministers and Lectors

A new quarterly schedule was distributed to Eucharist Ministers and Lectors. If you have any questions, please call Michele Sweet (518-336-4422) If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace you.

Learn About Your Faith

Our **Faith Formation** and **Learning About Our Faith** 2026 schedules are posted on the bulletin boards.

Religious Education Schedules

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes are from 8:45 am to 9:45 am for all grades, K through 10th, with Mass at 10 am. Below is the remainder of 2026 class schedule.

APRIL	MAY
4/5 – Class	5/3 – Last Class
4/12 – Class	5/10 – First Holy Communion
4/19 – Class	
4/26 – Class	

Learning About Our Faith Schedule

Learning About Our Faith sessions meet Monday evenings in the Rectory at 6:30 pm.

Our Journey of Faith Learning About Your Faith			
Session		Date	Topic
20	Monday	TBD	Catholic Beliefs - Morality
21	Monday	TBD	Prayer Life, Discernment, Holiness, Evangelization
22	Monday	TBD	Mary
23	Monday	TBD	Purgatory
24	Monday	TBD	Conversion, The Laity, Your Special Gifts
25	Monday	TBD	The Saints

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT
APRIL 18-19, 2026

One primary focus now will be on the three Bills proposed here in NYS that will benefit Refugees and Immigrants. Ken has summarized them from our past bulletins and you can also find them on the web as mentioned before. The complete list of our legislators, Federal and State is on the last page.

New York For All. (S2235/A3506.). Primarily would prevent state and local law enforcement from participating in civil immigration enforcement. Also protects their personal data.

The BUILD Act. (S4538/A2689). Provides grants for workforce development and capacity to eligible organizations for representation for individuals facing deportation. Strengthens legal services.

Access to Representation Act. (ARA). (S141/A270). Establishes right to counsel in Immigration Court ensuring those without lawyers will be provided one.

If you do not know who your legislator is...

Go on NYS government web site and ask for it by entering your address.

Please understand that legislators' regions do not go by counties alone!!

They often cross county lines, etc. As I explained last Sunday at mass.

NEEDS: Bikes (we will be exploring the ones available over in Lebanon)
Sewing Machines
Food staples
Soccer Balls
Clothing for Children UNDER 6!

NOTE: You can bring food staples to church in paper bags if you do not have totes!! I combine them into totes that I have in order to deliver to CRI.THANKS to those doing that!

Some good news as I announced last week on Sunday. I just found out that the Naturalization Ceremonies to actually receive one as Citizenship have been, at least locally, restarted. Senator Ashby had one in his newsletter with 15 new citizens!

And on further investigation, there was one earlier in the year, after all of them were stopped late last year, purportedly based on immigrants from the No Travel countries designated by this Regime.

I have been in contact with Shannon, our person at USCRI, to hopefully get more information when we meet. It is VERY hard to get clear answers from the Government on ANY of this. So we have no way of knowing what is next!! Which seems to be the standard that this administration is now observing.

Thank you, *Ken*
kmscallon@yahoo.com

Human dignity should be without borders
Geena Rocero

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Representatives

Legislator	Area Office	Phone
Senator Charles Schumer Website Contact Page	Albany Office. https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/message-chuck	518-431-4070
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Website Contact Page	Albany Office https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me/	518-431-0120
Representative Josh Riley - Website Contact Page	Leeds Office https://riley.house.gov/contact	518-625-2100

State Representatives

Legislator	Area Office	Phone
Senator Jake Ashby Contact:	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby 594 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061 https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby/contact	Phone: 518-371-2751
Assemblyman Scott Bendett Contact:	https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Scott-Bendett 1580 Columbia Turnpike Building 4, Suite 1A Castleton on the Hudson, NY 12033 bendett@nysassembly.gov	Phone: 518-272-6149

NYS Bills

NYS Senate Bill S141	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S141
NYS Assembly Bill A270	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A270
NYS Senate / Assembly Bills (S2235/A3506.)	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S2235/amendment/A
NYS Senate / Assembly Bills (S4538/A2689)	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S4538

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with any of these bills, there is a box on the right-hand side of the page titled, "Get Status Alerts" here you can enter your email address to receive status updates. Additionally, in a box above, you can cast an AYE or NAY vote in support the bill.