



*Good Shepard Sunday*

April 26, 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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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	Faith Formation 8:45 – 9:45 am Parish Hall before Divine Mercy Mass 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 <sup>st</sup> Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Every 1 <sup>st</sup> 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

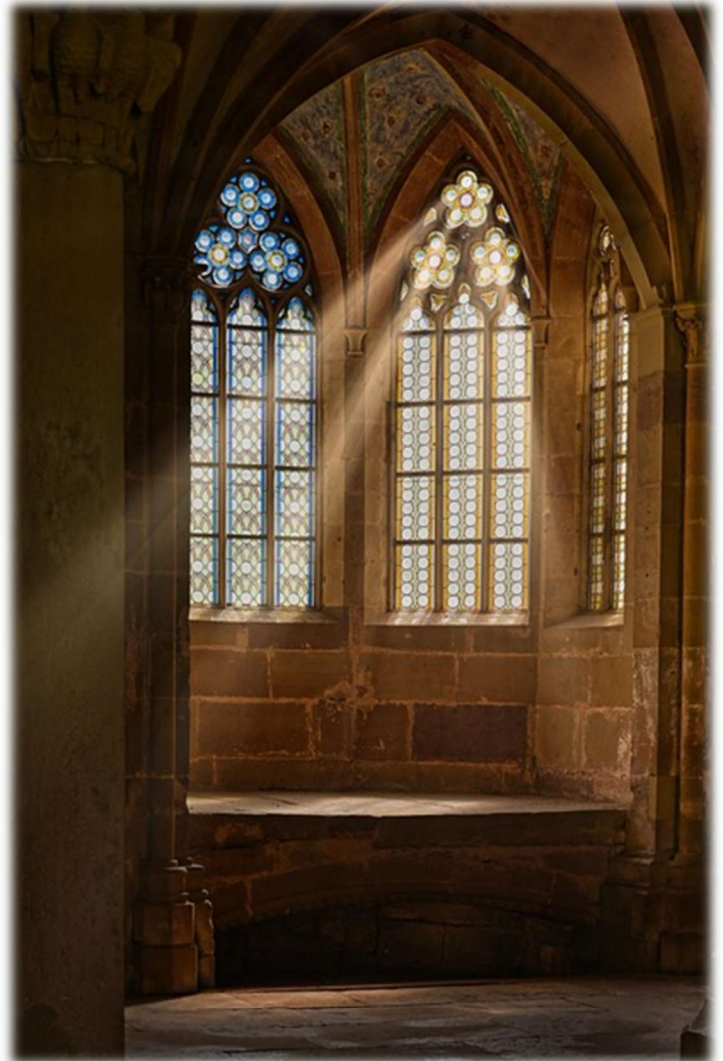
### *Leo's Lens*

“Unified in Christ, Lord and Savior of every man and woman, the Church can never turn inwards on herself,” Pope Leo XIV affirms. Rather, it “is open to everyone and is for everyone.”

The Pope reminds us that “what really matters in the Church is to be grafted onto Christ, to be children of God by grace. ... We are in the Church in order to receive life from the Father unceasingly and to live as His children and brothers and sisters among ourselves.”

“Consequently,” the Pope continues, “the law that animates relationships in the Church is love, as we receive and experience it in Jesus.” This being so, we cannot shut the gates to that love. The Church’s destination, as the Pope explains, “is the Kingdom of God, towards which she walks together with all humanity.”

“Even those who have not yet received the Gospel,” the Pope adds, “are therefore, in some way, oriented towards the people of God.” Within the Church “there is, and there must be, a place for everyone.” Our welcome to every seeker of truth is part of our calling. The Church, as the Pope makes clear, “is a sign placed in the very heart of humanity, a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.”



Quotes from General Audience, 11 March 2026:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260311-udienza-generale.html>

**Mass Intentions  
Fourth Sunday in Easter**

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

May 2 & May 3, 2026

Saturday May 2, 2026 @ 5:30 pm  
Richard Borelli – Healing – The Ridzi Family

Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 10:00 am  
Thanksgiving – by the Ridzi Family  
John Fitzgibbons – by Maureen Cellery  
Donald Anselment – by Sharron Anselment

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am  
Mary Ellen Lito – Healing - by- Theresa Harty

Thursday May 7, 2026 @ 9:30 am  
For the People of St. Mary's

*Please pray for our sick*



Chamylla Stephanie De Frees  
Philip Sullivan  
Dom Devaney  
Michelle 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  
Michele Sweet  
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 18 & April 19, 2026 \$1,970

### *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: \$15,006

To meet this year's assessment, we need \$15,570 by June 30, 2026.

*Thank you!*

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

*Welcome Fr. Cronin*

### Something New! Coffee Hour & Video!



Our coffee hour is back May 17 after 10:00 Mass.

This time with the goodies there will be a video with some lively, spiritual conversation!

The video during lent was so welcomed that we hope to have a video with our coffee regularly. As always, keep returning here for details.

## In Our Community

### From the Diocese

#### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Roman Catholic Diocese Albany, NY

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Golden Jubilee**

Pentecost

Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville

Celebrant: Bishop Mark O'Connell

Music by Joyful Heart

Mass @ 1:30 PM

Catered Reception directly after Mass in Parish Hall  
Please RSVP by May 24 to assist catering

This announcement is on the bulletin board.

### Office for Discipleship Formation

[discipleshipformation@rcda.org](mailto:discipleshipformation@rcda.org)

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 program is an opportunity to learn with others in your faith community.

For more details and to explore learning opportunities, The Franciscan University's webpage is:

<https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-albany>

This announcement is on the bulletin board.



### Fr. Cronin

Fr. Cronin will celebrate morning Mass at St. Mary's Tuesday May 5 – 9:30 am.

If all goes well with Mother Nature – and it does not appear to be doing that right now, Mass will be in the Church.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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	4/13	Catholic Beliefs - Morality
17	Monday	4/27	The Sacraments – Social Justice and Dignity
21	Monday	5/11	Prayer Life, Discernment, Holiness, Evangelization
22	Monday	5/18	Mary
23	Monday	6/1	Purgatory
16	Monday	6/8	The Sacraments – Anointing of the Sick
24	Monday	6/15	Conversion, The Laity, Your Special Gifts
25	Monday	6/20	The Saints

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT  
APRIL 25-26, 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.**

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**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 so I to deliver to CRI. THANKS to those doing that!

Our contact at USCRI, Shannon Kilbridge, is now Interim Director, as David, the Director, is taking a related job in Boston.

He thanked me last week for St. Mary's work the past year that we have been a most faithful example to the Refugee community to show we care.

Shannon's job change does not affect our relationship to them, I just will be dealing more with Sara, who we know, to avoid overloading Shannon as she will have her hands full. We should keep her in our prayers!

I have been in contact with Shannon. I will have more information in the next update. It is mostly administration changes and as such it just does not make it any easier! We have no way of knowing what is next!! Again, this seems to be the standard that this administration is observing.

Thank you, *Ken*  
kmscallon@yahoo.com

## OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

### Federal Representatives

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

### State Representatives

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

### NYS Bills

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

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.