

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 Mass Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet – 10:00 am 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

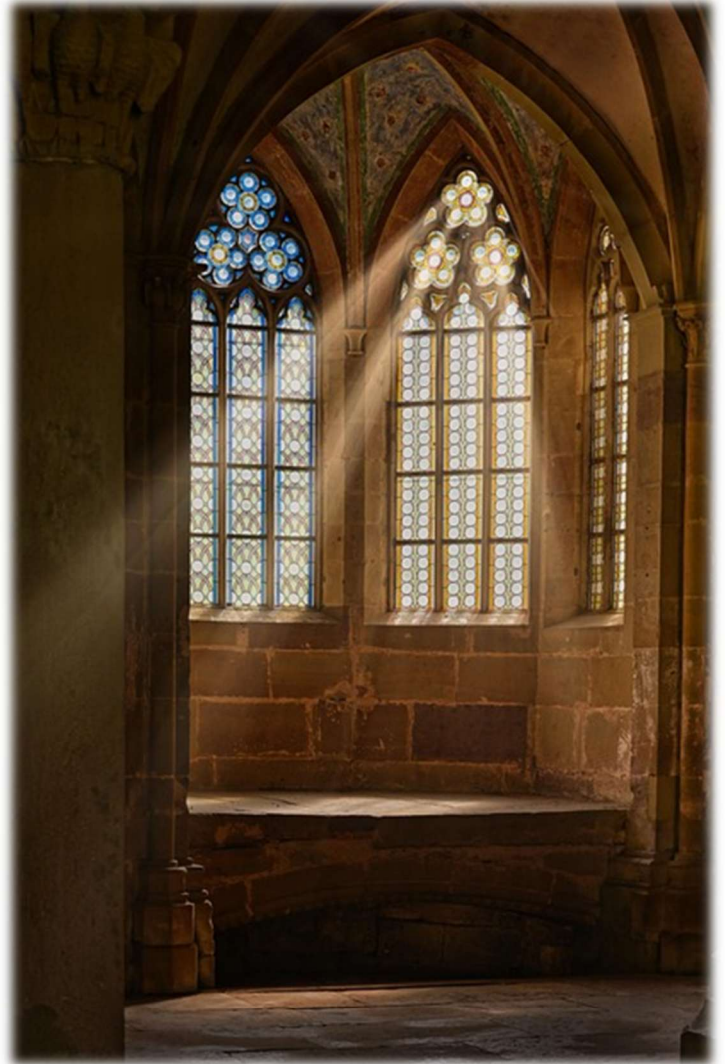
Leo's Lens

When Jesus calls his disciples into action, Pope Leo XIV explains, we can perceive “the intimate connection between the words uttered by Christ and their dissemination throughout the centuries.” His call remains just as vital for us here and now as it did to the apostles back then.

“The Word of God,” the Pope elaborates, “is not fossilized, but rather it is a living and organic reality that develops and grows in Tradition.”

The Word of God is more than words remembered or written, the Pope wants us to understand. The Word speaks to us through the unity of scripture and tradition. “Thanks to the Holy Spirit,” the Pope adds, “tradition understands it in the richness of its truth and embodies it in the shifting coordinates of history.” Christ, the Word of God, has entered human history in a unique and lasting way.

On this basis, the Pope encourages us to recall that “Christianity, both as a communal experience and as a doctrine, is a dynamic reality, in the manner indicated by Jesus himself.” It is more than a memory, but rather “a living reality that develops thanks to an inner vital force.” Such vitality should give us the confidence to get to work as Jesus wants, living the Gospel we proclaim.



Mass Intentions
Seventh Sunday in Easter

May 16 & May 17, 2026

Saturday May 16, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Maureen Cellery – Healing – Theresa Harty

Mary Scallon – Healing – Theresa Harty

Sunday, May 17, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Mamie Mazzatti – by Mary Ann and Tim Roberts

Paul Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

Fr. Antone – Larry and Kye Sun

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am

Maureen Cellery – Healing – Theresa Harty

Thursday May 21, 2026 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

May 23 & May 24, 2026

Saturday May 23, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Ann Wagoner – by Barbara Mullins

Ginny Doherty – The St. Mary's Community

Sunday, May 24, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Mamie Mazzatti – by Barbara Mullins

Thomas Mazzatti – by Mamie Mazzatti

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Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am

Mary Ellen Lito – Healing – Theresa Harty

Thursday May 28, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Maureen Cellery – Healing – Theresa Harty

Lee and Bud Rausch – by Jim and Rocky

*The St. Mary's family extends its hearts and prayers to the families of
Mamie Mazzatti, May 2, 2026 and Ginny Doherty, May 11, 2026*

Please pray for our sick

Michael Stephen Allen
Christine Anderson
Bill Ayers
Joan Campbell
Joseph Messineo
Maureen Cellery
Madison Chesterman
Barry and Jeanne Litt
Thomas O'Grady
Alice Loughlin
Avin Meyette
Linda Walsh
Anna May Gregg
Charleen Papa

Stacy Hyson
Kate Hockford
Elizabeth Hrifko
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Masresha Schaefer
Gina Lo Presti
Philip Sullivan
Michele Sweet
Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw
Chamylla Stephanie De Frees

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Cory Roberts
Jake Rysedorph
John DeLap
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney
Dom Devaney
Michelle Dymond
Marion Rysedorph





St. Mary's of the Nativity
26 Church Street • Nassau, New York 12123

Celebrating 100 Years
in Our Present Church

May 30, 1926 – May 30, 2026

Mary's Parish was founded in 1852 to serve Catholic families in Nassau and the surrounding communities, many of whom had previously traveled long distances to Albany to attend Mass. Under the leadership of Father Theodore Noethen, the first Mass in Nassau was celebrated on September 27, 1852, and the parish's first church building opened in 1853.

As the parish grew, it established a school in 1865 and St. Mary's Cemetery in 1872. Through sacrifice, faith, and perseverance, the parish community remained strong even during years when priests were shared with neighboring churches and Mass was offered only occasionally.

A major turning point came in 1916 when St. Mary's was placed under the care of the Franciscan Friars. Regular Sunday Masses began, parish life deepened, and the Franciscan spirit of humble service became a lasting part of the parish's identity.

As the congregation expanded, plans were made for a larger church. Ground was broken in 1925, and on May 30, 1926, the present St. Mary's Church was dedicated—a sacred home that has now served generations of worshippers for one hundred years.

Through the Great Depression, two World Wars, and changing times, the parish has remained rooted in faith, strengthened by the devotion and generosity of its people.

For generations, St. Mary's has been known not only for worship, but for service: through religious education, ministry to the sick and homebound, outreach to those in need, ecumenical prayer, and a spirit of neighborly care that continues today.

For nearly two centuries, St. Mary's has been more than a building. It has been a family of faith—guided by Our Blessed Mother, shaped by the spirit of St. Francis, and sustained by the prayers and devotion of generations of parishioners.

1852–2026

A continuing story of faith, service, and community.

Prepared from historical materials published on the St. Mary's of the Nativity Parish website, including parish history written by Mary Ridzi; church photograph courtesy of the Parish website.

Collection Obligations

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, some of our expenses are unforeseen or fluctuate.

Our Collections for May 9 & May 10 26, 2026

\$3886

Diocesan Appeal

To meet this year's assessment, we need:

\$14,295 by June 30, 2026

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

\$30,576

Our Collections to Date:

\$16,281

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.

EVENTS



*Special Public Rosary**

Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Prayed outdoors in front of Our Lady of Life statue

Dress appropriately

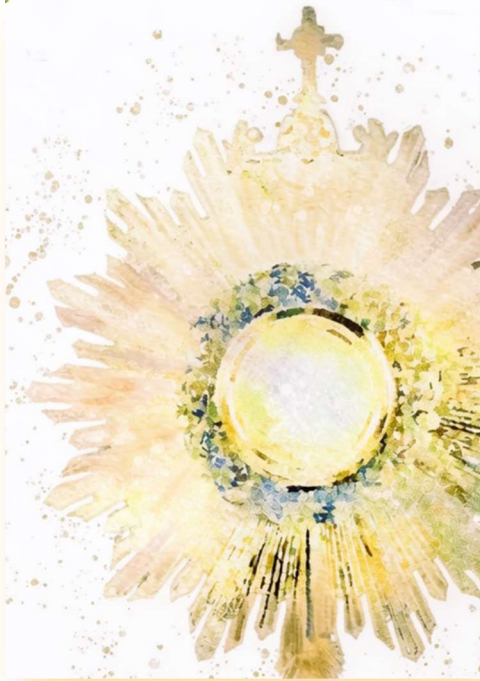
St. Mary's Catholic Church
26 Church Street
Nassau, NY 12123

Prayer Intentions

1. For world peace and triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
2. In reparation for sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
3. For an end to the culture of death and paganism.
4. For the holy souls and conversion of sinners.
5. For every nation to honor Christ the King.

*Held in conjunction with other local initiatives from USA Prays Public Rosary, the Worldwide Public Rosary, and the Worldwide Marian Procession.

More information on our bulletin board.



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

TO MAKE OR RENEW YOUR
CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 5 – JUNE 7

THE HISTORICAL ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN ALBANY

THURSDAYS
6:30 – 8:30 PM

BEGINNING APRIL 30

For more information. Contact Ellie or Dominic Russomanno:
518-915-3464
domrussomanno48@gmail.com

This announcement is also on our bulletin board.

Something New!
Coffee Hour
& Video!



Our coffee hour is back this Sunday after 10:00
Mass. This time with the goodies there will be a video

Save the Date ...



This year we are going to participate in the Nassau Village Wide Garage Sale June 13 !
Details Next Week – don't forget! Check back here

Reminders

Weekday Mass

Father Cronin will be celebrating morning Mass every other Tuesday on the following dates:
May 19, June 2, June 16, and June 30.

On **weekday evenings**, the following groups meet in the Rectory or Parking Lot. All are Welcome!

Monday Learn About Your Faith 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory
Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory
Wednesday Parking Lot Rosary 6:00 pm (Dress for the weather).

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.

In Our Community



Steve Clarson who attends the Nassau Wednesday Nights Parking Lot Rosary will be starting a new weekly Public Rosary at Immaculate Conception, 732 US-20, New Lebanon starting Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 PM. For more information, contact Steve Clarson at 917-580-0620

Kurt's Community Kitchen Let's Get Grillin'

Menu

- Garlic Steak Bites
- Chicken Tenders
- Baked Potatoes
- Tossed Salad
- Roasted Green Beans
- Glazed Carrots
- Beans & Carrots
they were a hit last month so we are making them again!



Everyone Welcome! Thursday, May 21 6:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church, 42 Church Street

Faith Formation

As we enter the summer season of no school, vacations etc. practicing our Faith does not stop - God does not stop. God remains with us always. He wants you to remain with Him. So, come to Mass and receive the Eucharist throughout the season. Keep in mind that as parents and grandparents, YOU are the most instrumental teacher of your children. More than what you say, is what you do - they will copy it. Continue with morning and evening prayers and prayers before meals.

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
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
May 16 -17, 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.

Do you 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.

To date I have received NO RESPONSE from Senator Ashby and Assemblyman Bendett our NYS legislators on support for these bills. IF ANYONE ELSE HAS RECEIVED A RESPONSE LET ME KNOW. YOU HAVE CONTACTED THEM HAVEN'T YOU??

Senator Ashby has introduced his own Bill on Immigration Enforcement. The Bill # as of two weeks ago was 9104. PLEASE GO ON HIS WEB SITE WHERE YOU CAN READ IT.

Senator Fahy, (Albany County) has a Bill that has PASSED entitled the MELT Act, regarding ICE masking, etc. here in NYS. Please visit her web site for more details.

*Both Bills have been added to the last page under the "NYS Bills" section.

WHY DO WE NEED THE LEGISLATIVE BILLS MENTIONED ABOVE TO PASS??

Nearly 340,000!! cases are pending before Immigration Courts located in New York!! The Bills above will help reduce that number by providing SUPPORT FOR SERVICES to a very overworked body of Immigration lawyers and staff. See Commentary in TU, Apr. 9th, by Lauren Desrosiers, of Albany Law Schools Immigration Law Clinic.

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 to deliver to CRI. THANKS to those doing that!

In a Conference for ICE on May 5th, Tom Homan, Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement stated: MASS DEPORTATIONS ARE COMING. " YOU AIN'T SEEN (EXPLETIVE) YET "

"THIS YEAR WILL BE A GOOD YEAR," (FOR THOSE DEPORTATIONS).

They will be more targeted and lower key, vow to send masses of ICE to states that have legislation limiting enforcement (That's us here in NYS).

"WE'RE GOING TO FLOOD THE ZONE. YOU 'RE GOING TO SEE MORE ICE AGENTS THAN YOU HAVE EVER SEEN BEFORE "

Collaterals (those not targeted but who happen to be in the area during operations) are "coming too". (That could very well be Refugees who may reside, work, shop nearby). *Mr. Homan has previously stated "I love the Catholic Church " and is a lifelong Catholic.*

Current estimated immigrants in Detention: 60,000 71% have no criminal convictions. Current Number of facilities - 212. They are frequently overcapacity. ICE is currently monitoring over 185,000 people. NOTE THAT THESE ARE BEST ESTIMATES AT THIS TIME.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops - you can visit their web site and sign up for alerts. No new statements etc. were found this week on Immigration, etc. Thanks, *Ken* kmscallon@yahoo.com

"Let us never cease to feel compassion for those in want. Let us never tire of helping victims of injustice and oppression. He who puts his faith in the restoration of human dignity cannot be wrong." ~ Poul Hartling

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

NYS Bills

NYS Senate Bill S9104 <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S9104>
*(Introduced by Senator Ashby)

NYS Senate Bill S8462 <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S8462>
*(Sponsored by Patricia Fahy)

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.