



St. Mary's Church Est. 1852
PO Box 435
26 Church St.
Nassau, NY 12123

5th Sunday of Lent

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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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	Parish Prayer Group 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

Schedule of Mass Intentions

April 5 & April 6, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 5:30 pm
For the People of St. Mary's
Sunday, April 6, 2025 @ 10:00 am
Anita Zucconi – by the Zucconi-Dellea Family
Tim Cellery – by Maureen Cellery
John Kienzle – by Pat Kienzle
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am
Michael Scott and Family for healing
– by The Russomanno Family
Thursday April 10, 2025 @ 9:30 am
Paul F. Tomchik – by Mary Tomchik

April 12 & April 13, 2025
6th Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 12, 2025 @ 5:30 pm
Michael Dwileski– by The Russomanno Family
Sunday, April 13, 2025 @ 10:00 am
Paul and John Tomchik – by Mary Tomchik
John Kienzle – by Pat Kienzle
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's
Thursday April 10, 2025 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

WEEKDAY MASS

Regular weekday masses are held at the rectory, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. This is being done as an effort to save on the cost of heating the church additional days.

OUR CENSUS

Many have returned the census update form *Thank you!* We are still missing half of the updates. If you have not returned an update, please do. *If you do not have any changes to return, it is still important to respond with no changes.* If you know someone who does not regularly attend service or is sick or homebound, or is on vacation, please consider bringing or mailing them a form. The forms are near the bulletin in the front of the church. Even though it is now a few months into 2025, this is still important and must be completed. Thank you.

Collections

3/29 & 3/30	\$2341
March E-Giving	\$3370



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Erica Partak, Darlene Eagle, Chip Le Brecht, Seth Kaminski, Cory Roberts, John DeLap, Bethany Jenest, Danielle Hilton, Amy Gumlaw, Joan Campbell, Alice Loughlin, Philip Sullivan, Madison Chesterman, Chad Cardoza, Jeanne and Barry Litt, Elizabeth Hrifko, Richard Holmes, Carolyn Straus, Sophia Rysedorph, Alice Podeswa, Kate Hockford, Anna May Gregg, Linda Walsh, Linda Schaefer, Colin Sullivan, Masresha Schaefer, Michael Stephen Allen, Angelo Papa, Christine Anderson, Jake Rysedorph, Charleen Papa, Rita

Labrum, Sharon Banks, Jody Risko, Dom Devaney, Ann Devaney, Peter Quinn, Stacy Hyson, Bill Ayers, Debbie McLaughlin, Michelle Dymond, Tom Rysedorph, Marion Rysedorph, Gina Lo Presti, David Labrum, Chamylla Stephanie De Frees, Judy Hanson, Nancy Quinn, Patricia, Michele Sweet, Cathy Lavoie, Maureen Cellery, Thomas O'Grady, Stanley Giniewski, Alex Charbonnea, Mary Sager, David Wemple, Avin Meyette

Please call the Parish office at 518-766-2701 if you would like to make changes to our prayer list or if you would like to have a name removed.

Lent 2025

During this time of sacrifice and solemnity, we are called to reflect on the presence of Christ in our lives.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

How about the Stations of the Cross and Adoration??

When and Where:

6-7 pm in St. Mary's (Nassau)
6 Fridays during Lent

March 7, March 14, March 21 and March 28.
April 4 and April 11

Thoughts for Lent

During the Lenten journey, many will be giving up things for Lent. Perhaps instead of giving up chocolate, we can, as Pope Francis advised several years ago, dedicate ourselves to making this world a better place.

- ✚ fast from hurting words and say kind words;
- ✚ fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude;
- ✚ fast from anger and be filled with patience;
- ✚ fast from pessimism and be filled with hope;
- ✚ fast from worries and have trust in God;
- ✚ fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity;
- ✚ fast from pressures and be prayerful;
- ✚ fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy;
- ✚ fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others;
- ✚ fast from grudges and be reconciled;
- ✚ fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday – The Lord’s Supper	7:00 pm	St. Joseph’s
Good Friday	7:00 pm	St. Mary’s
Easter Vigil	7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception
Easter	10:00 am	St. Mary’s
	11:30 am	Immaculate Conception

Confession and Reconciliation Services

Date	Time	Place
March 31	3-7 PM	Immaculate Conception-Office
April 1	3-7 PM	Immaculate Conception-Office
April 7	6:00 PM	Reconciliation Service-St. Henry’s Averill Park
April 8	3-6:30 PM	St. Joseph’s Stephentown
April 9	6:00 PM	Reconciliation Service-St. Mary’s Nassau

Remember the Box . . .

In the front of the church, there is a box. In this season of Lent, please think about some small, unselfish act of helping or supporting someone else that you did in the past week that demonstrates your living faith. Write it down on a slip of paper and put it in the box.

A small act such as holding a door for someone, calling on a sick friend, or shoveling a driveway. Maybe you assisted a person in the grocery store get an item off a low or high shelf. A small, ordinary act that demonstrates your faith.

Then through the Lenten season, at random, a slip of paper will be taken from the box and read aloud.

EVENTS

ST. MARY’S

Lenten Movie Series

Thursday evening movies during Lent. Church Hall at 6:30 PM “Paul, Apostle of Christ”

The second half of “Paul, Apostle of Christ”, is this Thursday, April 4. This is the last evening of movies during Lent. As always, discussion follows. Review of this film and be found on The Internet Movie Database (IMDb) <https://www.imdb.com/> Search for Paul the Apostle of Christ.



Reminders:

**COMING SOON – JUST 21 SHORT DAYS!
DOORS OPEN 10:00 AM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 OUR ANNUAL AUCTION
AUCTION BEGINS 12:30 PM**

A New Name

St. Mary's auction has a new name. "Sweet's Silent Auction" Sweets Silent Auction was suggested as a way of paying recognition to Michele Sweet who for many years worked to make this auction successful.

Volunteers are will be mostly needed for Friday April 25 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.

HOLD THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 21 WILL BE THE ANNUAL PICNIC

details to follow as the come ..

April is Cemetery Spring Clean-Up Month



Each April is scheduled for clean-up. The leftover of winter debris from Mother Nature and all else is picked up and discarded. If you have any decorations, please remove them so they are not taken away during the clean-up

EVENTS

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Come Pray with Us!

Who: -Join various Respect Life Ministries across Rensselaer County

What: -Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: -Every Tuesday During Lent @7 pm (April 8) – this is the last Tuesday

Where: -We will host live streams on Zoom. Join the meetings using this link: bit.ly/40DaysRespectLife

Why: -To pray for the protection of the unborn and an end to abortion in conjunction with the 40 Days for Life campaign.

Follow us on Facebook: bit.ly/FBRespectLifeM

Information on both events are on our bulletin board.

RISSE – Refugee Update, April 1, 2025

RISSE is continuing to expand its network to help refugees. The new Director of Operations was the coordinator at the Federal Immigration Services in Albany for new refugees when she and others were laid off earlier by the government. So, they are "veterans" of serving refugees.

A new key task for them is to prevent newcomers to the US like these from falling into SCAMS that will take advantage of them, e.g. predatory online immigration lawyers etc. RISSE is partnering with the NYS Division of Consumer Protection and the Office for New Americans to educate everyone on this.

An Immigrant and Refugee Job Fair is planned for Apr. 23, 2025 from 12 pm to 2 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St. Albany.

Food Banks - I need to go a little deeper here. As mentioned, these are key resources for Refugees etc. An important point from my work at the NE Regional Food Bank MORE PEOPLE than ever before are seeking help via the Food Bank system. In 2024 we distributed 54 million pounds of food equaling 45 million meals! But Food Banks are seeing more NEW people. And the concern is that the number of people being cut from their jobs are going to make this worse. Current cuts and "pauses" in federal programs for these resources amount to \$1 BILLION according to the Times Union (march 27,2025). This will have a trickledown effect on the Refugees who often are at the bottom of the ladder in getting their food.

The gift cards you have provided ARE a part of the solution for them. To date that has come to \$1, 930.00!!!! in cash and cards that you gave me here in church which I delivered to RISSE (signed receipts for these deliveries are on file at the rectory).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARING! Ken Scallon

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation enrollment is available all year, for all grades, including Sacramental Instructions. This also includes adult programs for anyone interested in increasing their knowledge of faith or to receive sacraments. Please contact our parish office for more information on enrollment or questions at 518-766-2701.

Faith instructions resumed on Sunday, January 26th, for all grades, K- 8th including Confirmation 9th and 10th grade students. Classes are, in the Church Hall from 8:45 am to 9:45 am, followed by the 10 am Mass or attending the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday evening.

Make every effort to attend Mass with your child. More than anything else you teach your child, bringing them and to Mass gives way to a firm untouchable faith in all of life's ups and downs.

2025 Faith Formation Class Instruction 8:45 am – 9:45 AM	
April	May
6 th - CLASS	4 th - Last Class
13 th CLASS Palm Sunday	10 th First Holy Communion
20 th NO CLASSES Easter!	
27 th CLASS	

The following page is for the Faith Formation parents

ST. MARY'S WEBSITE

This is the first week of publishing our bulletin on the website. Please take a few minutes to look at it. You can now select any of the links mentioned in our bulletin to read additional information. Our website address is: <http://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau>

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We have these shawls in totes in the front entrance way next to the stairs. They were made by our ministry and have been blessed. You can use them for anyone in need and even as gifts. They have many other uses. Please help yourself.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY 2025 COLLECTIONS

COLLECTION	DATE
Holy Land	Friday, April 18, 2025
Catholic Charities	Sunday, May 18, 2025
Eastern European Collection	Sunday, May 25, 2025
Catholic Communication Campaign	Sunday, June 1, 2025
Holy Father	Sunday July 27, 2025
Catholic Home Missions	Sunday, August 24, 2025
Catholic University Collection	Sunday, September 28, 2025
Mission Sunday	Sunday, October 19, 2025
Campaign for Human Development	Sunday, November 16, 2025

BULLETIN

If you would like to have something put in our bulletin, no later than the Monday before the weekend you would like to see it in. Email it to: stmarysnassau1@gmail.com