



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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 12 & 13, 2025 Palm Sunday	April 19 & 20, 2025 Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday
Saturday, April 12, 2025 @ 5:30 pm Michael Dwileski – by The Russomanno Family	Saturday, April 19, 2025 @ 5:30 pm Barbara Eastman – by Her Husband Terry Moon – by The Russomanno Family
Sunday, April 13, 2025 @ 10:00 am Paul and John Tomchik – by Mary Tomchik John Kienzle – by Pat Kienzle	Sunday, April 20, 2025 @ 10:00 am Fr. Tom Holmes – by The Ridzi Family
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am Josephine Herzog – by The Ridzi Family	Tuesday, April 22, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am Lee and Bud Rausch – by Rocky and Jim Rausch
Thursday April 17, 2025 @ 9:30 am Dolores Tzoucalis – by The Ridzi Family	Thursday April 24, 2025 @ 9:30 am Paul Tomchik – by Mary Tomchik

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

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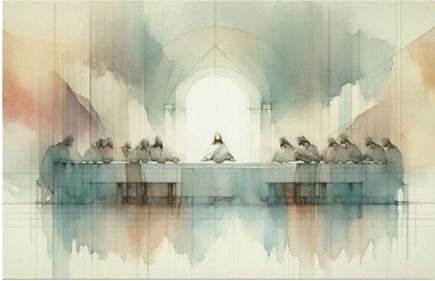
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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.

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday – The Lord’s Supper
7:00 pm St. Joseph’s



Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord
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

Thoughts for Our Daily Lives

During the Lenten journey, we have given up many things. Perhaps instead of giving up these things only during Lent, we can, as Pope Francis advised several years ago, dedicate ourselves to making this world a better place.

EVENTS

ST. MARY'S

Reminders:

**COMING SOON – JUST 15 SHORT DAYS!
DOORS OPEN 10:00 AM**

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

Sweet's Auction

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....

Holy Land

Friday, April 18, 2025

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

RISSE – Refugee Update, April 19-20, 2025

While RISSE continues to work with immigrants and Refugees, I have just had a discussion with the Immigration Office (USCRI) that oversees all vetted, approved refugees. While staff were cut, there are fortunately some left who are allowed to work with refugees who had arrived. There were \$ cuts for the last group as normally each refugee is allotted a small sum (@ 1000,) to assist them with extra expenses. (e.g., Laundry costs, which can be expensive for families).

The last group did NOT receive that money so USCRI sought out private donations to close that gap. This would be an example of how other organizations, churches, etc. can help. This change from the administration is another example of the confusion for new legal arrivals. *She informed me that other diocese churches are interested in helping so after Easter we will be looking into that. She also noted that NYS government has been very supportive in helping where they can. (e.g. consumer protection to prevent scams as we mentioned previously).

Food Banks- Last week the NE Regional Food Bank announced that the Administration cuts will initially result in the loss of 22 Tractor Trailer loads of foodstuffs! My contact said they are "navigating " through this by looking for OTHER sources to fill certain product gaps as this potentially worsens.

RISSE *Con't*....

The gift cards ARE a key resource both at RISSE and at USCRI. Some donors are also doing gift VISA, etc. cards as these allow more flexibility for foodstuffs for our Muslim refugees that are not always available at standard grocery stores.

Jim Shannon, our parishioner, has informed me that he has now met with the Employment staffer at RISSE so that they can interview appropriate refugees, etc. for possible employment through his company.

Also, thanks to Mary Ann Roberts for the 2 strollers which I delivered Apr. 9th. They still have a waiting list and the best choice are the foldable "umbrella" types that are easy to use with public transportation.

I must tell you quite honestly, when I drop off cards, etc. I often come away near tears for what these people are going through, especially since some of them have been waiting in camps overseas for literally YEARS as all the vetting, security steps are taken to allow them to finally arrive here in the states. The phrase, "Judge ye not, lest ye be judged," comes to mind.

Thanks everyone for your caring, Ken Scallon

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For all healthcare professionals, first responders and others involved in caring for the sick or injured, that God would give them strength and wisdom as they perform their duties with diminishing staff and heavy patient loads, let us pray to the Lord.

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	

ST. MARY'S WEBSITE

Our website address is: <http://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau>

Please take a few minutes to look at it, select any of the links mentioned to read additional information. Let us know if you want to see more and if so what.

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

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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