



The Second Sunday of Easter

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

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 26 & 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter	May 3 & 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter
Saturday, April 26, 2025 @ 5:30 pm Gene Mullins – Barbara Wurzburg Barbara Eastman – Her Husband	Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 5:30 pm Gene Mullins – The Ridzi Family Lisa Rossello – Paul and Ginny Doherty
Sunday, April 27, 2025 @ 10:00 am Tom O'Brien – The Ridzi Family Debra Sitser – Michele Sweet	Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 10:00 am Michael Scott & Family for Healing – The Russomanno Family John Fitzbibbons – Maureen Cellery Bill Sweet – Michele Sweet
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's	Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
Thursday May 1, 2025 @ 9:30 am Terry Moon – The Russomanno Family	Thursday May 8, 2025 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's

Apr 27, 2025: 2nd Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Devine Mercy Prayer Service will follow Mass this Sunday.

WEEKDAY MASS

The nicer weather is here and Spring has finally come. Regular weekday masses have returned to the church beginning the week April 21.

Collections

Good Friday & Easter Sunday \$4341



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, Mary Sager, David Wemple, Avin Meyette

EVENTS

ST. MARY'S

Reminders:

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

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Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

This is the last week of spring clean-up and to remove decorations. The winter's leftover debris from Mother Nature and all else will be picked up and discarded by May 1.

STILL HOLDING! **SEPTEMBER 21 WILL BE THE ANNUAL PICNIC**

details to follow as the come....

IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE NASSAU COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER has published a new connections guide and contact form. Both the connections guide and the contact form are on the bulletin boards. If you would like copies, call the rectory, 518-766-2701.

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.

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.

RISSE – Refugee Update Cont’...

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 Scallion*

We cannot think of ourselves as separate from others. We all belong to one human family.

POPE FRANCIS

Carlos Acutis

From the Catholic News Agency....

In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media addicted society we live in and offered an answer...if we're willing to listen.

"The new film on Carlo Acutis to be released on his canonization date, **Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality**, the highly anticipated documentary on the life of the soon-to-be saint, will be released in theaters nationwide for a limited time from **April 27–29**. The release date coincides with Pope Francis' canonization of Carlo Actuis, the Catholic Church's first millennial saint, on April 27.

Roadmap to Reality explores the life of Acutis and the lessons he offers young people regarding the challenges of the digital world. The documentary blends live action, animation, and documentary-style interviews with Acutis' family, friends, tech experts, and scholars to tackle urgent questions about artificial intelligence and the technological world we live in."

For much more information on this film, visit <https://www.carloacutisfilm.com/>

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	

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.

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.

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.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

2025 COLLECTIONS

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our dear Pope Francis has been called home on Easter to meet our Risen Lord! As he walked with so many on our earthly journeys, especially our sisters and brothers “in the margins” – the poor, the homeless, the migrant, the disabled, and the abused – our hearts and prayers are with him on his final pilgrimage.

We are saddened by the loss of Papa Francesco’s always kind and cheerful presence. While suffering with serious health challenges himself, he continued with his mission of hope, healing, and accompaniment.

Preaching, teaching, and living the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus, he inspired us to live in the light of this saving message, not only as we remember him on his last journey and throughout this Holy Year of Hope, but for all our life.

Perhaps the most beautiful way to honor the life of a loved one is not only to recall and recount the good they have done, but to make that life well lived our own mission.

The Easter message is not to seek the living among the dead. The two on the road to Emmaus were surprised to learn the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in your midst.” As we commend the soul of Pope Francis to God, may we be consoled in the bond of spiritual friendship that lives for all eternity.

I invite all to attend a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis to be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 5 PM. Let us come together in prayer, as a family in faith, to celebrate the Pope’s life and the hope that his example continues to bring to each of us.

Your brother in Christ,

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger



St. Mary's will hold a special Mass to celebrate the life Pope Francis. The time and details will follow.

RC DIOCESE OF ALBANY
OFFICE OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP
LITURGICAL UPDATE 21 ST APRIL 2025
(ON THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS)

At the passing of a Pope, as we now have a "sede vacante", the Pope's name is no longer mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer until a new Pope is elected. There are many prayers that may be offered for the repose of his soul and in thanksgiving for his ministry, dedication and life (for example, see Roman Missal, Masses for the Dead, IV. Various Prayers for the Dead, 1 A to C. For a Pope; Pastoral Care of the Sick, Commendation Prayers and Prayers after Death).

The FDLC (Federation for Diocesan Liturgical Commissions) has issued a very helpful fifty-one-page resource package. This can be found following the link below: www.fdlc.org/PopeFrancis

In due time and as the conclave will meet, there are a number of prayers that may be used in the Missal, especially prayers for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit (for example: Roman Missal, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For Holy Church, 4. For the Election of a Pope or Bishop).

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world
In the name of God, the Almighty Father

Who created you

In the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

Who suffered for you,
In the name of the Holy Spirit,
Who was poured out for you,
Go forth, faithful Christian.
May you live in peace this day,
May your home be with God in Zion,
With Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
With St. Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM,
MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AMEN

Very Rev. Anthony M. Barratt, STL, PhD, EV
Director of Prayer and Worship,
RC Diocese of Albany
21 st April 2025