



St. Mary's Church Est. 1852  
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*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time*

## 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 <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

Mass Intentions  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 16 & August 17, 2025

Saturday, August 16 2025 @ 5:30 pm

For The People of St. Mary's

Sunday, August 17, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

Necia Scallon – by The Scallon Family

Patricia Catherine Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

Michele Sweet – for Healing – Frank and Linda Ridzi

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Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For The People of St. Mary's

Thursday August, 21, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For The People of St. Mary's

August 23 & August 24, 2025

Saturday, August 23 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Sharon Banks – for Healing – Tom and Marion Rysedorph

Sunday, August 24, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

Patricia Catherine Tomchik – Frank and Linda Ridzi

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Patricia Catherine Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For The People of St. Mary's

Thursday August, 28, 2025 @ 9:30 am

No Mass

Please pray for our sick



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, Sophia Rysedorph, Kate Hockford, Anna May Gregg, Linda Walsh, Linda Schaefer, Colin Sullivan, Masresha Schaefer, Michael Stephen Allen, Christine Anderson, Jake Rysedorph, Charleen Papa, Rita Labrum, Sharon Banks, Dom Devaney, Ann Devaney, Peter Quinn, Stacy Hyson, Bill Ayers,

Michelle Dymond, Tom Rysedorph, Marion Rysedorph, Gina Lo Presti, David Labrum, Chamylla Stephanie De Frees, Nancy Quinn, Michele Sweet, Maureen Cellery, Thomas O'Grady, Stanley Giniewski, Mary Sager, Avin Meyette, Mike Cudsey, Sara Messineo Kent, Joseph Messineo

Collections

August 9 & 10, 2025

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## EVENTS

### St. Mary's

*Coffee Coffee Coffee!*

Coffee hour is next Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass.



### St. Mary's Picnic Barbecue

The details are here!

When: September 21  
Time: 12 Noon  
Where: Nassau Sportsmen Club  
Cost: No Cost



The parish will provide the Hot Dogs & Hamburgers & Soda & Water. We are asking parishioners to bring a Covered dish – sharing size and to let us know how many people are coming so we can prepare food and drink. The sign-up sheets for the covered dish and attendance is on the front door tables. The picnic barbeque announcement is posted on both bulletin boards.

### Alight Baby Bottle Drive

The 2025 Drive ends in 3 weeks on September 7. There is still time to collect your spare change in the bottle or online.

### In Our Community

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update August 16 - 17, 2025

*Endless Thank You's!*

We have now "completed " our household goods drive. Overwhelming!!! I have delivered two pickup truck loads, have at least one to go .....not counting Bikes!

If you have more household goods please hold as I am reviewing with CRI more exactly what items in that category might still be needed. EXAMPLE- SEWING MACHINES ARE STILL NEEDED. We have for most household goods, reached saturation and backfilled their shelves as they have had a couple other large donations.

## IMMIGRATION Refugee Update Cont...

### HERE IS A CRITICAL POINT

The reason for this saturation is that this administration still has the pipeline closed!

There are more than enough refugees, including vetted ones waiting overseas.....

My colleagues in Buffalo told me they were supposed to get refugees when we got ours in January but they were cut off at last minute and are still over there in camps.

**NEGOTIATIONS TO OPEN THE FLOW UP HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.**

### A SECOND CRITICAL POINT

It has now come up that many refugees are allowed to use SNAP benefits if their green cards paperwork has been approved by the Administration.

If SNAP is reduced or shut down, as the administration is discussing, then refugees will be affected and their access to foods, etc. will be reduced. CRI is working to find alternate sources.

[More on that later](#), BUT this would be a time when we might have to return to some type of support in that category. I will know more later and keep us in loop.

What can be done on above? Email, contact our Senators and your Representative in Washington. Even if they are supportive now, your contact is proof that we will not let up. That does get reported! If you have never written your legislator, **NOW** is the time to start. Tell them in YOUR language either on phone or in email why we need support for these people and what "our " church is doing! If you have ever lobbied as I have, a PERSONAL MESSAGE beats a copied one every time.

[All donations including funds](#) go to the [US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants](#), 155 Washington Ave., Albany. There are brochures in back of church and additional info at [REFUGEES.ORG/USCRI-ALBANY](http://REFUGEES.ORG/USCRI-ALBANY)

My contact there is Shannon Kilbridge who has done Immigration work for years. For anyone who would like to **visit the CRI site for a walk through**, that can be arranged-- see me!!

Blessings on All of You, *Ken*

"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion." – Paulo Coelho

## Reminders...

Catholic Home Missions

Sunday, August 24, 2025

### Eucharist Ministers and Lectors

If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled time, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace you. Thank you.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

† Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts. Pope Francis

† For Peace in the Holy Land and all of the World, let us pray.

## FAITH FORMATION

Remember, God doesn't take a vacation from us.

Have fun and continue to make attending Mass a priority during the summer months.

**ST. MARY'S WEBSITE** Our website address: <http://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau>

## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY 2025 COLLECTIONS

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Catholic University Collection	Sunday, September 28, 2025
Mission Sunday	Sunday, October 19, 2025
Campaign for Human Development	Sunday, November 16, 2025