



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

21st 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 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

Mass Intentions
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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

Lee and Bud Rausch – Jim and Rocky Rausch

Patricia Catherine Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am

No Mass

Thursday August, 28, 2025 @ 9:30 am

No Mass

August 30 & August 31, 2025

Saturday, August 23 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Lois Terry – Frank and Linda Ridzi

Sunday, August 31, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

George Leffler – Sharron Anselment

Joseph and Anita Zucconi – The Zucconi-Dellea Family

Patricia Catherine Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am

No Mass

Thursday September 4, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For The People of St. Mary's

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 14, 2025	\$ 265
August 16 & 17, 2025	\$1471
E-Giving June 2025	\$2342
E-Giving July 2025	\$2677

EVENTS

St. Mary's



Coffee Coffee Coffee! Coffee hour is today after Mass.

Learn About Your Faith

Monday evening, September 8th, we will have a one-hour session talking about our Catholic Faith. The topic for the session is “[Catholic Beliefs- Jesus](#)”. We expect to schedule a series of sessions for anyone who wants to be confirmed or just wants to know more about our faith. The session will go from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the rectory. If you are interested in attending, let Dee know 518-766-2701.

St. Mary's Picnic Barbecue

Can you help?

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the parish picnic (9/21):
to do some of the food shopping,
to bring food, drinks, paper goods, utensils, etc. to the picnic, and;
and to set up.

If you think you can help, let Dee know 518-766-2701.

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 13 days on September 7. There is still time to collect your spare change in the bottle or online.

In Our Community

A Message from the Diocese

“As the Jubilee Year 2025 draws to a close, and as our diocese embarks on the “ReMade for Mission” initiative, we will gather as fellow pilgrims and disciples to pray together, and to fan the flame of hope through inspiring presentations by Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C., director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, D.C.”

“Fr. Frank will help us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope and disciples on mission in today's Church & world and offer us some practical ways such a vision can be implemented in parishes,

A Message from the Diocese Cont.....

pastoral networks, and the wider community. This Jubilee Gathering will include morning refreshments, a festive morning prayer, two talks by Fr. Donio, lunch, and a synodal listening session and sharing. **There is no cost to attend. However, advance registration is required. Please register by September 10!**

"To register go to <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>. For further information, please visit <https://www.rcda.org/offices/office-discipleship-formation> or call the Office for Discipleship Formation (518) 453-6670."

Specific information about this event is on the last page of the bullet and is posted on both bulletin boards.

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update August 23 - 24, 2025

Endless Amounts of Thank You!

Hold any further Household goods for now. I have delivered two more loads this past week from our drive! At the time I write this I will still have bikes to deliver and will do that in the coming week. I will try to have an update on what CRI is seeing coming, their time frame for the refrigeration "units " they are planning to install in case of the SNAP etc. cut off.

I also want to alert you to the fact that they work closely with ROOTS, in Troy, that provides fresh vegetables, etc. once a week to them making shopping easier for refugees. This relationship may expand based on the refrigeration projection. So, if you happen to be a ROOTS supporter, you will be glad to know of their work with the refugees as well.

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.

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.

What can be done about the 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 to 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

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update Cont....

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*

"One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone." – Shannon L. Adler

Reminders...

Catholic Home Missions	Sunday, August 24, 2025
Learn About Your Faith Begins	Monday, September 8 in the Rectory
Faith Formation 2025-2026 Begins	Sunday, September 28 in the Parish Hall
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.

FAITH FORMATION

It is that time of year again for Faith Formation classes to resume. We begin on Sunday, September 28th in the Parish Hall. The classes are from 8:45 am to 9:45 am for all grades, K through 10th, with Mass at 10 am. Tuition is still \$60.00 for one child - \$5.00 more for each additional child.

Parents and family can show our children how their Catholic faith is not just a religion, but a way to live life. Faith Formation classes help to show how to do this. We welcome our parents to share in their children's faith learning experience here at Faith Formation. Please come and join us.

For any questions or concerns please call the Parish Office at 518-766-2701.

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.
- † 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.

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