



"for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and the man who humbles himself will be exalted. " LUKE 14:1, 7-14

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

22nd 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	Learn About Your Faith 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

St. Mary's Website: <http://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau>

Mass Intentions
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 30 & August 31, 2025

Saturday, August 30 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 @ 9:30 am

No Mass

Thursday September 4, 2025 @ 9:30 am

Barbara Mullins – for Healing – Theresa Harty

September 6 & September 7, 2025

Saturday, September 6, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Zucconi-Croft Family – Zucconi-Dellea Family

Sunday, September 7, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

Lucretia DeFuria – The Roberts Family

Vincent Speciale – Patricia Krook

John Paul Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 @ 9:30 am

Marion Alber – Theresa Harty

Thursday September 10, 2025 @ 9:30 am

William Pelton – Theresa Harty

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 23 & 24, 2025

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Statement from Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger on the School Shooting in Minneapolis

“There are no words to offer any peace to those who lost children gunned down as they were praying, except that they are in the loving hands of Jesus. This tragedy took place in what should be the safest and most sacred place. We can only take some solace in the fact that they were at prayer. Now we add our prayers to theirs. I urge all to join in prayer for their families, friends, teachers. Let us pray for those injured, some who may now be fighting for life, and for all impacted by this tragic act.

May we also join our prayers with all in need throughout the world, especially those suffering from violent acts. Evil exists but we serve a God who overcame even death. May God guide each of us to be sharers of His love, His healing grace, His hope.

Moments like this can leave many of us feeling hopeless. Pray then for the grace to BE hope in the world, in even the smallest way. A simple act of kindness can be a great healing force.”

EVENTS

St. Mary's

Learn About Your Faith

OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

What is Faith? Who is God? Why does God care about me? What do Catholics really believe?

Never made your First Communion, or Confirmation? Interested in learning more?

St. Mary's will be holding hour long gatherings in the Parish Rectory or Parish Hall Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm beginning September 8.

Anyone planning to attend should call the Parish office (518)766-2701. So that we have the right number of handouts.

The first 7 sessions are:

<u>Session Number</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Mon	9/8/2025	Catholic Beliefs - Jesus
11	Mon	9/15/2025	Catholic Beliefs - The Papacy
5	Mon	9/22/2025	The Nicene Creed
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3	Mon	10/20/2025	Catholic Beliefs - Scripture & Tradition
20	Mon	10/27/2025	The Early Church & Church History

The full curriculum is the last page of the bulletin and also posted on both bulletin boards.

St. Mary's Picnic Barbecue

We Need 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.

In Our Community

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update August 30 - 31, 2025

thank you

Again, hold any household goods. I am still transporting last of them along with BIKES! They actually RAN OUT of bikes and I now have 5 still to go as I found 2 at Transfer Station which I am working on.

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.

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.

TPS is the term for Temporary Protected Status which allows people from certain countries where violence, other living conditions prohibit living there safely. The current administration has determined that thousands of Haitians who have legal status and work permits here in the US, will have those permits etc. REVOKED in early September, arguing that conditions in Haiti have "sufficiently improved " for them to return home.

The administration has said if they don't qualify for another legal immigration status they then become eligible to be arrested and deported. The Administration last week urged Haitians with TPS to voluntarily leave the US by using a smartphone app that officials have converted into a system to facilitate self-deportations. (Source: CBS NEWS, June 27th, 2025.) As of earlier this week, this order is still in effect for September.

NOTE! The US State Department instructs Americans not to visit Haiti. It is in a *Level 4 Travel Advisory.

*A Level 4 Travel Advisory from the U.S. Department of State means "Do Not Travel" to the designated country or region due to serious risks such as terrorism, extreme crime, kidnapping, or ongoing civil unrest. This is the highest level of alert, indicating a greater likelihood of life-threatening conditions and very limited ability for the U.S. government to provide assistance to citizens. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid unnecessary travel and to leave the area as soon as it is safe to do so. (Source: US Department of State July 2025)

Earlier the Supreme Court ALLOWED the administration to end the work permits and deportation protection to end for hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan TPS recipients.

IMMIGRATION Update Cont...

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

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*

"Whoever saves one life, saves the world entire." – Thomas Keneally

Reminders...

Alight Baby Bottle Drive	The 2025 Drive ends next Sunday.
Learn About Your Faith Begins	Monday, September 8 in the Rectory
Faith Formation 2025-2026	Begins Sunday, September 28 in the Parish Hall
Eucharistic Ministers	If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled time, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace 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 the families, friends, and teachers; the victims of the Annunciation Catholic School mass shooting.

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

† 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

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

St. Mary's, Nassau – What do Catholics really believe?

September 2025

RCIA 2025

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14	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Marriage
15	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Holy Orders
16	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Anointing of the Sick
17	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Social Justice and Dignity of Life
18	Mon	TBA	The Mass
19	Mon	TBA	Mary
21	Mon	TBA	Purgatory
		TBA	The Saints
22	Mon	TBA	Conversion, The Laity, Your Special Gifts
23	Mon	TBA	Prayer Life, Discernment, Holiness, Evangelization
4	Mon	TBA	What is Lent
6	Mon	TBA	The Way of the Cross
7	Mon	TBA	The Lord's Prayer
8	Mon	TBA	The Meaning of Holy Week
9	Mon	TBA	Catholic Beliefs - The Eucharist
10	Mon	TBA	Catholic Beliefs - Morality
12	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Baptism & Confirmation
13	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Penance & Reconciliation

If you think you might want to attend some of these meetings, call the parish office 518-766-2701 to learn more. The meetings will be held in the parish rectory (across from the church on Route 20) or in the downstairs meeting room in the parish hall (depending on number of people).

PARISH LIFE & OUTREACH (PLO)