



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

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

## 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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**Parish Office Winter Hours    Tuesday- Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

## 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

**March 8, 2025 & March 9, 2025**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025 @ 5:30 pm**

Charles Wiegand – by Theresa Harty

Sunday, March 9, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Paul and John Tomchik – by Mary Tomchik

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am**

Bill Richards – by Theresa Harty

**Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 9:30 am**

For the People of St. Mary's

**Saturday, March 15, 2025 @ 5:30 pm**

Lee and Bud Rausch – by Jim and Rocky Rausch

**Sunday, March 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am**

John and Josephine Fogarty – by Barbara Wurzburg

Fr. Tom Holmes – by Maureen Cellery

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am**

Maureen Patel – by Maureen Cellery

**Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ 9:30 am**

For the People of St. Mary's

In the event of a school closing or delay in the East Greenbush, Averill Park or New Lebanon school districts, there will be no Mass

### **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.

**ENVELOPES:** If you or someone you know, has not received offering envelopes, please call the office (518) 766-2701.

### **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, Arin 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.

## Pope Francis

Pope Francis remains in hospital in critical but stable condition with double pneumonia.

Below is a prayer Bishop Edward Scharfenberger composed for Pope Francis. You may want to use in the days ahead as Catholics around the world continue to pray for his recovery.



### **A Prayer for Pope Francis**

God, our father,  
We call upon you to hear our prayers.  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Chose to share our human nature,  
so as to redeem all people,  
and to bring healing to the sick.  
Since our human frailty lays claim  
To your divine power and love,  
Look now with compassion upon  
Your beloved servant, Pope Francis,  
We pray that through the skills of  
doctors and nurses  
And through our prayers,  
Your healing gifts may be  
granted to him.  
Support him with your power,  
Comfort him with your protection,  
And give him courage and strength.  
Since you have given him a share  
in your own son's passion,  
Help him to find hope in suffering.  
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
Your son, who lives and reigns with you  
And the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever, amen.

## *Lent 2025*

During this time of sacrifice and solemnity, we are called to reflect on the presence of Christ in our lives.

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

How about the Stations of the Cross and Adoration??

#### When and Where:

6-7 pm in St. Mary's (Nassau)  
6 Fridays during Lent

March 7, March 14, March 21 and March 28.  
April 4 and April 11

## *Tentative Holy Week Schedule*

Holy Thursday – The Lord's Supper	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's
Good Friday	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

**Please note:** The Easter Sunday times for Immaculate Conception may change depending on expected attendance for Immaculate Conception.

## *Remember the Box . . .*

In the front of the church, there is a box. In this season of Lent, please think about some small, unselfish act of helping or supporting someone else that you did in the past week that demonstrates your living faith. Write it down on a slip of paper and put it in the box.

A small act such as holding a door for someone, calling on a sick friend, or shoveling a driveway. Maybe you assisted a person in the grocery store get an item off a low or high shelf. A small, ordinary act that demonstrates your faith.

Then through the Lenten season, at random, a slip of paper will be taken from the box and read aloud.

## EVENTS

### ST. MARY'S

#### Lenten Movie Series

This **Thursday at 6:30 PM** we will begin the first hour of viewing two movies that point to the days of the early church. The first will be the movie "Risen". While fictional it gives a good portrait of conversion. This movie will be in two one-hour sessions with time for discussion following the viewing. The second movie will be "Paul, Apostle of Christ" More details to come in next week's bulletin. Information on both can be found on The Internet Movie Database (IMDb) <https://www.imdb.com/>

#### *What happened to the Healing Mass?*

The week we had scheduled for our Healing Mass was the weekend of the big storm that forced us to cancel Sunday masses for the safety of our parishioners. As we are beginning the season of Lent, I believe we should hold off just a little while longer before rescheduling the Healing mass again. This lets us get settled into our Lenten journey and moves us away from the chance of another storm that would keep people from attending. The new date for the Healing mass will be March 23rd. So, pray for good weather that we might celebrate the healing of body and soul. *Fr. Close*

#### Reminders:

*Mark your calendars*

**COMING SOON!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 OUR ANNUAL AUCTION**

We will need help and **soon!** If you can join our planning committee, please call Jen Clement 518-203-9130 or Theresa Harty 518-466-7001. 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....*

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### LENTEN EVENING OF SONG & RETREAT WITH DAN SCHUTTE



Hosted by: The Ignatian Volunteer Corps Albany  
When: March 28 & 29  
Time: 7 PM  
Where: Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Avenue, Albany

Composer Dan Schutte, whose music includes "Here I Am, Lord" along with more than 150 other hymns, will lead a two-hour Lenten evening of song on March 28 beginning at 7 pm at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Avenue, Albany. Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps Albany, Mr. Schutte will also lead a Lenten retreat from 9:30 am-12:30 pm on March 29 at Christ the King. **Admission is \$15 for each day or \$25 admission for both days.** Ticket information can be found at [www.ivcusa.org/Schutte](http://www.ivcusa.org/Schutte). For more information about this event, email [AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org](mailto:AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org).

IVC Albany would like to offer information about volunteer opportunities in parishes so attendees may help build the City of God in our Diocese. There will be a table at the programs with information about volunteer opportunities with parishes throughout the Albany region. We are invited to share any needs that our parish may have for volunteers. To help IVC Albany compile the information, please fill in their form and return it by March 15 to: [bnaple@ivcusa.org](mailto:bnaple@ivcusa.org)



## IN OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUED...

### Come Pray With Us!

**Who:** -Join various Respect Life Ministries across Rensselaer County

**What:** -Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**When:** -Every Tuesday During Lent @7pm (March 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8)

**Where:** -We will host live streams on Zoom. Join the meetings using this link: [bit.ly/40DaysRespectLife](https://bit.ly/40DaysRespectLife)

**Why:** -To pray for the protection of the unborn and an end to abortion in conjunction with the 40 Days for Life campaign.

Follow us on Facebook: [bit.ly/FBRespectLifeM](https://bit.ly/FBRespectLifeM)

Information on both events are on our bulletin board.

### RISSE

St. Mary's received a nice acknowledgement letter from RISSE with a hand-written note of gratitude from Daniel Butterworth, the Executive Director, for the generosity extended by St. Mary's supporting the RISSE program and its efforts. A copy of this letter is posted on the bulletin board.

### ST. MARY'S WEBSITE

This is the first week of publishing our bulletin on the website. Please take a few minutes to look at it. You can now select any of the links mentioned in our bulletin to read additional information. Our website address is:

<http://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau>

### 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.

<b>2025 Faith Formation Class Instruction 8:45 am – 9:45 AM</b>		
<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> - CLASS	6 <sup>th</sup> - CLASS	4 <sup>th</sup> - Last Class
9 <sup>th</sup> - CLASS Day Light Savings	13 <sup>th</sup> CLASS Palm Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion
16 <sup>th</sup> CLASS	20 <sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES Easter!	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – CLASS	27 <sup>th</sup> CLASS	
30 <sup>th</sup> – CLASS		

## LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please, if anyone is interested in participating as a lector or an eucharistic minister, call the office, **518-766-2701** and speak to someone or leave a message. You can also send an email to: [stmarysnassau1@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysnassau1@gmail.com)

## OUR CENSUS

*Thank you!* We **are very near the end!** If you have not returned your census update, *please* make sure you fill it out and return it *even if you do not have any change to information*. Although it is now 2025, we still need to continue with this project to ensure our census is complete and accurate. The forms are near the bulletin in the front of the church.

## BULLETIN

If you would like to have something put in our bulletin, no later than the Monday before the weekend you would like to see it in. Email it to: [stmarysnassau1@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysnassau1@gmail.com)

## 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.

Some uses for the shawl ...

undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; commitment or marriage ceremonies; birthing, nursing a baby; bridal shower or wedding gift; leading ritual; during an illness and recovery ministering to others; graduation, birthday, anniversary, ordination, holiday gifts; or just socializing... There are endless possibilities.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

### 2025 COLLECTIONS

COLLECTION	DATE
Black, Native American & Latin American Mission	Sunday, March 9, 2025
Catholic relief Services Annual Appeal	Sunday, March 30, 2025
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