



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

3rd 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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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

March 22, & March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 22, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

For the People of St. Mary's

Sunday, March 23, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Beth Chamberlain – by Barbara Wurzburg

Staska Fitzgibbons – by Maureen Cellery

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday, March 27, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

March 29, & March 30, 2025
4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 29, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

For the People of St. Mary's

Sunday, March 30, 2025 @ 10:00 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday April 3, 2025 @ 9:30 am

Alex Holcomb – by Michele Melius

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.

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. You can email (stmaryschurchnassau1@gmail.com) or call the office (518) 766-2701, to let us know this person should have a form mailed to them. We will do it. Even though it is now a few months into 2025, this is still important and must be completed. Thank you.

Collections

3/15 & 3/16

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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.

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

Thoughts for Lent

During the Lenten journey, many will be giving up things for Lent. Perhaps instead of giving up chocolate, we can, as Pope Francis advised several years ago, dedicate ourselves to making this world a better place.

- ✝ fast from hurting words and say kind words;
- ✝ fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude;
- ✝ fast from anger and be filled with patience;
- ✝ fast from pessimism and be filled with hope;
- ✝ fast from worries and have trust in God;
- ✝ fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity;
- ✝ fast from pressures and be prayerful;
- ✝ fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy;
- ✝ fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others;
- ✝ fast from grudges and be reconciled;
- ✝ fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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

Thursday evening movies during Lent. Church Hall at 6:30 PM This week: Second half of "Risen"
"Risen", the first of two movies that point to the days of the early church. While fictional it gives a good portrait of conversion. Risen will be in two one-hour sessions with time for discussion following the viewing.
"Paul, Apostle of Christ", is the second movie and will have 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/>



Healing Mass - Sunday, March 23

A reminder, the Sacrament of the Sick is a sacrament of healing in body, mind and spirit. Lent is a fine time to use this sacrament, and I look forward to celebrating it with you. After mass we will have a coffee hour. Please come and enjoy the coffee and company. *Fr. Close*

Training Session Eucharistic Ministers

Anyone interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister, Father Close is offering a session regarding the responsibility associated with this duty. The session is scheduled for Wednesday evening, March 26 ; 7:00 – 9:00. All are welcome.

Reminders:

Put these on your list.....Mark your calendars

COMING SOON – JUST 5 SHORT WEEKS!

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....

The Catholic relief Services Annual Appeal is Sunday, March 30, 2025

EVENTS *continued*

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. For more information about this event, email 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: bnapple@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 @7 pm (March ~~11, 18~~, 25 & April 1, 8)

Where: -We will host live streams on Zoom. Join the meetings using this link: 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

Information on both events are on our bulletin board.

RISSE – Refugee Update

RISSE is still collecting gift cards for refugees. To donate, you can use same process we have been using. Please see the flyer on RISSE that is in the Pews.

Things we know:

- Volunteers at the USCRI - <https://refugees.org/uscric-albany/> - (where staff were cut) have indicated that they have a dedicated Amazon page for donating directly. However, with our existing system above I would suggest we adhere to that at this time.
- USCRI **HAS a WAITING LIST** for strollers in good condition. This would indicate that there are a significant number of families who have arrived here with that need. **IF** you have strollers **BRING to CHURCH** and Ken Scallon will collect and deliver them.
- Catholic Charities does amazing work for many in need. They do not interface directly with RISSE, USCRI etc. BUT it is important to understand the extensive outreach they are doing and refugees/immigrants by virtue of their needs are equally welcome and in fact may already be served as that category is not a determinant for BEING served (please note their article in recent Evangelist). I now have a connection there with whom I have discussed this issue.
- All refugees /immigrants ARE directed to local food banks, Catholic Charities has a number of those and many churches, others, have their own.
- This is what we know to date. It is sometimes not easy to find out details given the concerns about sharing of information /resources.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARING !! Ken Scallon

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		
March	April	May
2 nd - CLASS	6 th - CLASS	4 th - Last Class
9 th - CLASS Day Light Savings	13 th CLASS Palm Sunday	10 th First Holy Communion
16 th CLASS	20 th NO CLASSES Easter!	
23 rd – CLASS	27 th CLASS	
30 th – CLASS		

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>

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

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.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

2025 COLLECTIONS

COLLECTION	DATE
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