



St. Mary's Church Est. 1852  
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*3rd Sunday of Easter*

## 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

Mass Intentions  
The Third Sunday of Easter

May 3 & 4, 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Gene Mullins – The Ridzi Family

Lisa Rossello – Paul and Ginny Doherty

Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Michael Scott & Family for Healing – The Russomanno Family

John Fitzgibbons – Maureen Cellery

Bill Sweet – Michele Sweet

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday May 8, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

May 10 & 11, 2025

Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Gene Mullins – by Brenda Connolly

Alex Charbonneau- by Barbara Mullins

Sunday, May 11, 2025 @ 10:00 am

In Appreciation for the Music Ministers

Marion Alber – by- The Ridzi Family

Elaine Delanoy – by Dee McCumber

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday May 15, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

St. Mary's will hold a special Mass Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30 pm to celebrate the life Pope Francis.

Thank you all for the thoughts and prayers, kind messages, and texts during my recent illness. It meant a great deal to me. *Father John*

**Collections**

April 26 & 27, 2025

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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, Mary Sager, David Wemple, Avin Meyette

## EVENTS

### ST. MARY'S



Sweet's Auction raised a little over \$2000!! Thank you to all volunteers, cooks bakers, and shoppers. A special thanks to our Auction coordinators Theresa Harty, Jen Clement, and Michele Sweet.

Thank you also to our generous businesses who donated money, goods and services without which our Auction would not have been so successful. Please support them whenever you find yourself needing their services. A full list of the businesses will be listed in our next bulletin.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 5:30. A mass to celebrate the life of Pope Francis

SUNDAY, MAY 18 – Coffee Hour! after the 10:00 mass. Everyone welcome! Come partake in a bit of caffeine and conversation.

### Reminders:

On weekday evenings, the following groups meet in the Rectory or Parking Lot.

All are Welcome!

Monday Parish Prayer Group 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory

Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory

Wednesday Parking Lot Rosary 6:00 pm (Dress for the weather).

SEPTEMBER 21 WILL BE THE ANNUAL PICNIC .... *details to follow as the come...*

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Diocese Special Collection - Catholic Charities

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Nassau Community Resource Center has published a new connections guide and contact form. Both the connections guide and the contact form are on the bulletin boards. If you would like copies, call the rectory, 518-766-2701.

### RISSE – Refugee Update, May 3-4, 2025

We hope to be close to scheduling some type of update meeting with our new contact at US Immigration Office, and possibly others to evaluate how we can best serve the local refugees. Of course, this is also impacted by the need here in Diocese to determine church/property closures this year, etc.

Strollers are still needed - this is an ongoing wait list.

We realize that gift cards etc. are an ongoing demand but at same time it's not easy for parishioners as we all have expenses of our own.

At last report, the USCC (Bishops) are suing the Administration over the termination of the contracts they formally had for refugees, etc. This is related to the accusation that the Church profits from these contracts which is not true. The USCC have been handling these contracts for nearly 50 years and this is the FIRST time they have been terminated.

## RISSE – Refugee Update Cont.

Again, Food Banks are being utilized and any opportunities to donate to them are appreciated. Most of recent refugees are of course located in the urban areas so do not have access to our food banks locally. Food banks are also being impacted via the NE regional Structure as reported last issue.

I have been asked how long it takes Refugees to "get into " the US. It can take anywhere from 2-5 years, during which time they live in overseas camps. The approval process includes screening by 8 Federal Agencies, including the FBI and 3 in-person interviews with DHS.

The current estimate of refugees worldwide by the UN is 43.4 million. Under the new administration policy, each Immigration and Customs Enforcement office is asked to make 75 arrests PER DAY, which is a quota increase from previous years. (**SOURCE:** Christian Science Monitor, Feb. 17, 2025)

Thank you for caring about our fellow travelers on this earth.

*Ken Scallion*

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it.

POPE FRANCIS

## FAITH FORMATION



First Holy Communion will be Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 am. This year we celebrate Cassandra LoPresti and Meredith Mooney.

There will be a rehearsal on **Thursday, May 8th at 6 pm** in the church for the First Holy Communion Mass at **10 am on Saturday May 10th**. The rehearsal is expected to be less than an hour. Pizza will be available.

The last Faith Formation class instruction is **May 4**. 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.

Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 21 at St. Henry's Church, Averill Park. Details will follow soon.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

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.

## Housekeeping – Things We Need to Do & Things We Need to Know

### 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. Even though it is now a few months into 2025, this is still important and must be completed. Thank you.

### ST. MARY'S WEBSITE

Our website address is: <http://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau>

Please take a few minutes to look at it, select any of the links mentioned to read additional information. Let us know if you want to see more and if so what.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

### 2025 COLLECTIONS

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our dear Pope Francis has been called home on Easter to meet our Risen Lord! As he walked with so many on our earthly journeys, especially our sisters and brothers “in the margins” – the poor, the homeless, the migrant, the disabled, and the abused – our hearts and prayers are with him on his final pilgrimage.

We are saddened by the loss of Papa Francesco’s always kind and cheerful presence. While suffering with serious health challenges himself, he continued with his mission of hope, healing, and accompaniment.

Preaching, teaching, and living the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus, he inspired us to live in the light of this saving message, not only as we remember him on his last journey and throughout this Holy Year of Hope, but for all our life.

Perhaps the most beautiful way to honor the life of a loved one is not only to recall and recount the good they have done, but to make that life well lived our own mission.

The Easter message is not to seek the living among the dead. The two on the road to Emmaus were surprised to learn the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in your midst.” As we commend the soul of Pope Francis to God, may we be consoled in the bond of spiritual friendship that lives for all eternity.

I invite all to attend a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis to be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 5 PM. Let us come together in prayer, as a family in faith, to celebrate the Pope’s life and the hope that his example continues to bring to each of us.

Your brother in Christ,

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger



RC DIOCESE OF ALBANY  
OFFICE OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP  
LITURGICAL UPDATE 21 ST APRIL 2025  
(ON THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS)

At the passing of a Pope, as we now have a “sede vacante”, the Pope’s name is no longer mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer until a new Pope is elected. There are many prayers that may be offered for the repose of his soul and in thanksgiving for his ministry, dedication and life (for example, see Roman Missal, Masses for the Dead, IV. Various Prayers for the Dead, 1 A to C. For a Pope; Pastoral Care of the Sick, Commendation Prayers and Prayers after Death).

The FDLC (Federation for Diocesan Liturgical Commissions) has issued a very helpful fifty-one-page resource package. This can be found following the link below: [www.fdlc.org/PopeFrancis](http://www.fdlc.org/PopeFrancis)

In due time and as the conclave will meet, there are a number of prayers that may be used in the Missal, especially prayers for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit (for example: Roman Missal, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For Holy Church, 4. For the Election of a Pope or Bishop).

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world  
In the name of God, the Almighty Father

Who created you

In the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

Who suffered for you,  
In the name of the Holy Spirit,  
Who was poured out for you,  
Go forth, faithful Christian.  
May you live in peace this day,  
May your home be with God in Zion,  
With Mary, the virgin Mother of God,  
With St. Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD  
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM,  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AMEN

Very Rev. Anthony M. Barratt, STL, PhD, EV  
Director of Prayer and Worship,  
RC Diocese of Albany  
21 st April 2025