



First Day of Advent
Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

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 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 10:00am Followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet – All are welcome to stay
Monday	Learn About Your Faith 6:30 – 7:30pm at the Rectory
*Tuesday	Morning Mass 9:30am St. Anthony Novena and Adoration until 10:30am Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30pm at the Rectory
Wednesday	Parking Lot Rosary 6:00pm (Dress for the weather)
*Thursday	Morning Mass 9:30am Recitation of Rosary after Mass
Friday	Every 1 st Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass 5:30pm Every 1 st Saturday, Rosary at 5:00pm before Mass

*During the winter months, weekday morning Masses will be in the rectory at 9:30 am

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

Mass Intentions First Sunday of Advent

November 29 & November 30, 2025

Saturday, November 29, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Melissa Wing for healing – Beth Wing

Al Reha for healing – Beth Wing

Sunday, November 30, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

Mamie Mazzatti for Healing – Marion and Tom Rysedorph

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 @ 9:30 am

Michele Sweet – for Healing - -Theresa Harty

Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 9:30 am

Maureen Cellery – for Healing - -Theresa Harty

December 6 & December 7, 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Michele Sweet – for Healing – Marion and Tom Rysedorph

Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

Thomas Mazzatti – Wife, Mamie Mazzatti

Rudy Charlotte Kulling

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 @ 9:30 am

The People of St. Mary's

Thursday, December 11, 2025 @ 9:30 am

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Remembering in our thoughts and Prayers...

St. Mary's remembers and sends our prayers to the family of Dave Labrum who passed away Monday, November 17, 2025

Mike Cuzdey, a long-time parishioner, has moved to hospice at The Wesley Community in Saratoga. Please pray for him.

Please pray for our sick



Michael Stephen Allen
Christine Anderson
Bill Ayers
Joan Campbell
Chad Cardoza
Maureen Cellery
Madison Chesterman
Chamylla Stephanie De Frees
John DeLap
Ann Devaney
Dom Devaney
Michelle Dymond
Anna May Gregg
Amy Gumlaw
Danielle Hilton

Stacy Hyson
Kate Hockford
Elizabeth Hrifko
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Barry and Jeanne Litt
Gina Lo Presti
Alice Loughlin
Avin Meyette
Joseph Messineo
Mamie Mazzatti
Thomas O'Grady
Charleen Papa

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Cory Roberts
Jake Rysedorph
Marion Rysedorph
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Masresha Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Philip Sullivan
Michele Sweet
Linda Walsh Linda Walsh

Collections

For us to cover parish expenses, our weekly collection must meet **\$2500**

Our Collections for **November 22 & 23, 2025** **\$2180**

Important Note Regarding the Diocesan Appeal Collections

Please make sure that **your name** and **St. Mary's 09-08** appear on the check. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your contribution, please call the office (518-766-2701) and let Dee know. This reminder notice is on the bulletin board.

EVENTS

St. Mary's



Sunday, December 7 after Mass we will be decorating the church for Christmas and putting out the manger in front of the church.

Sunday, December 14 after Mass is our next coffee hour. Get your mug ready!



Sunday, December 21 after Mass we will have our parish Greccio put on by the children of our Parish.

Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21 Father Cronin will be saying Mass at St. Mary's

Learn About Your Faith

Faith Formation

There is no instructions Sunday, November 30. Classes resume Sunday, December 7.

The school year 2025-2026 class schedule is published on the last page in the "Religious Education" section of our bulletin. Additionally, updates that are not included in the bulletin are emailed to parents. Please check your email for these.

Our Journey of Faith

Our next one hour "**Learning About Our Faith**" session is Monday, December 1st in the Rectory at 6:30 PM. The topic is "**The Mass**". If you plan to attend, let the Parish Office know 766-2701. Our weekly schedule until the end of this year is published on the last page in the "Religious Education" section of our bulletin.

In Our Community

Capital Community Voices - Old Favorites and New Beginnings

When: Sunday, December 7
Time: 3:00 PM
Where: Genet School, Rt. 4 East Greenbush
Special Guest: The First United Methodist Church Choir
Tickets: \$20



An announcement of this event is posted on both bulletin boards.

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update

November 29 – 30, 2025

My First Refugee

As we finish this long weekend after Thanksgiving, I wanted to share with you my first experience meeting a Refugee.

I was 13, at St. Patrick's School in Oneida NY, and the Sisters said we were going to have a new boy joining us, that he had come a long way along with his younger sister and mother. Also, that if we had been watching TV, (for those that had one), we had probably seen how there had been fighting in Hungary against the Russians and that had been his home.

Most of us had seen that, especially in the news film of Hungarians throwing rocks at Russian tanks. Many of us had grown up as sons of WW II veterans, who had served to make our world "free". But to fight Russian T-34s, in the streets was unthinkable without weapons. How could these people do that??

As it happened the boy was in our class....and we noticed two things different, besides his broken English, was his long black hair unlike us with our short haircuts, and he had a brown leather Bomber jacket, which was unusual for us to see outside of the Army-Navy Store!

We were eager to do what we could for him, to help in any way, it was different than just any kid joining us. One of my friend's mother was on the Mothers Committee, as it was called, and a couple days later, he told us, on the playground, that in the fighting and the escape by foot our new classmate had seen his father killed. What? Killed? Buthow? Why couldn't he run away? This was such a foreign idea to us. I remember thinking of my Dad and what would I do if that happened. Would we have had to bury him, would we be killed next, how do you live after that? We knew from TV that many had to escape on foot. how did you do that and leave your father's body behind??

We really began to look for ways to help him with lessons, or just to be around him. To try and understand how he could keep learning, doing things that had to be done, for he had crossed a line that none of us had. The death of a parent, and not only that but having to leave everything behind that you knew ...for life... in a strange land?

The next year he had moved on, apparently there was another relative somewhere they would live with permanently. But I have never forgotten him, that first Refugee. And if you read about the Hungarian Revolution you will see how the whole world worked together to help these people. Bureaucracy was set aside, and places were found for them, supplies were gathered, all because so many, I think, saw themselves reflected in them.....in essence, what would I do if that was me? Where would I turn? Who would care?

With the lowest ceiling EVER, just established here for admitting Refugees, (7500), and the increasing ICE operations to go after so many, I find myself asking the question that the Ukrainian women asked me a few weeks ago when I was at the USCRI office, "Doesn't America care?" I assured her that, yes America cares, that these are different times, that we will not give up trying to do the right thing but, in all honesty, I am beginning to think that most Americans don't really care. It's too hard. Too complicated. Christmas is coming. There's a lot to do. The gifts, the tree. We can't be responsible for everybody else. It's not fair. Isn't that what our government, our Administration is supposed to do? Well, isn't it??

Prayers for us all, *Ken*

At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." – Denzel Washington

Reminders...

The Installation of The Most Reverend Mark O'Connell as 11th Bishop of Albany is December 5, 2 P.M. The Diocese plans to stream this important event and will provide a link when it is available. If you are interested, the link will soon be posted on this webpage: <https://www.rcda.org/installation>

Faith Formation

Greccio Practice Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharist Ministers If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled me, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace you. Contact phone numbers were included in the mailing. Please call Michele Sweet (518-336-4422) if you have any questions.

The Diocesan Appeal

Please print **St. Mary's Nassau 09-08** on your donation envelope. This will ensure your donation is properly credited to St. Mary's.

Religious Education

Schedules, Updates, and Announcements

Learning About Our Faith

Learning About Our Faith sessions are on Monday evenings in the Rectory at 6:30 PM

Session		Date		Topic
1	Mon	9/8/25		Catholic Beliefs - Jesus
2	Mon	9/15/25		Catholic Beliefs - The Papacy
3	Mon	10/6/25		Catholic Beliefs - The Bible
4	Mon	10/20/25		Catholic Beliefs - Scripture & Tradition
5	Mon	10/27/25		The Early Church & Church History
6	Mon	10/27/25		Who's Who in the Church
7	Mon	11/10/25		The Nicene Creed
8	Mon	11/24/25		Catholic Beliefs - The Eucharist
9	Mon	12/1/25		The Mass
10	Mon	12/8/25		The Lord's Prayer

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes are from 8:45 am to 9:45 am for all grades, K through 10th, with Mass at 10 am

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
10/5 – Class 10/12 – No Class- Columbus weekend 10/19 – Class (Decorate Pumpkins) 10/26 – Class (Blessing the Pumpkins)	11/2 – Class (Greccio Practice) Daylight Savings Time Ends 11/9 – Class 11/16 – Class 11/23 – No Class (Thanksgiving Break) 11/30 – No Class (1st Sunday of Advent)	12/7 – Class (Practice) 12/14 – Class (Practice) 12/21 – Grecco! And Christmas Break
JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1/4 – Class 11 – Class 1/18 – No Class 1/25 – Class	2/1 – Class 2/8 – Class 2/15 – No Class (Winter Break) 2/22 – Class	3/1 – Class 3/8 – Class Daylight Savings Time Starts 3/15 – Class 3/22 – Class 3/29 – Class (Palm Sunday)
APRIL	MAY	
4/5 – Class 4/12 – Class 4/19 – Class 4/26 – Class	5/3 – Last Class 5/9 – First Holy Communion	

Any questions, please call the office (518) 766-2701.