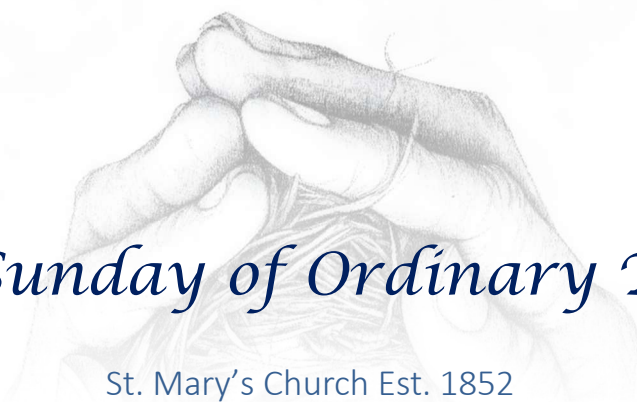




There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.” Albert Einstein



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

Rev. John Cronin – Pastor

Rev. John Close – Sacramental Minister

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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 10:00 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
27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 4 & October 5, 2025

Saturday, October 4, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Ron Mocerine – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Sunday, October 5, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

Mary Giniewski – Joanna Towse

Charlie Kirk & Family – Frank Ridzi

Paul Tomchik – Mary Tomchik

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday October 9, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

October 11 & October 12, 2025

Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Frank and Rita Dreher – Larry and Kye Sun

Sunday, October 12, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

Mary Borey – Theresa Harty

Charlie Kirk & Family – Joann Schnurr

Ron Mocerine – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Paul Tomchik – Mary Tomchik

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday October 16, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

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, Mary Sager, Avin Meyette, Mike Cudsey, Sara Messineo Kent, Joseph Messineo

Collections

September 27 & 28, 2025

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EVENTS

St. Mary's

Its Coffee time

What a perfect way to get warm. A cup of coffee and good conversation. Coffee is perking and goodies are ready at the Hall after Sunday's Mass!



If anyone would like to show off their baking talents and showcase their special recipe – this would be a good time to do so. Call or email the rectory to let the coffee gnomes know you are coming in with goodies for the next coffee hour.

Learn About Your Faith

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. The school year 2025-2026 class schedule is included in this bulletin as a separate page. 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.

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 meets in the Parish Rectory Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm to explore this and more about our Catholic Faith. The first seven sessions are:

Session

<u>Number</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Complete</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	✓
2	Mon	10/6/2025	Catholic Beliefs - The Bible	
3	Mon	10/20/2025	Catholic Beliefs - Scripture & Tradition	
20	Mon	10/27/2025	The Early Church & Church History	

In Our Community

Unleashing Love 2025 Diocese of Albany Women's Conference



Where: St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park, NY
When: Saturday, October 18, 2025
Time: Check-in, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 3:30 PM

Keynote Speakers:

Danielle Bean (National Catholic Speaker, Author, Catholic TV Talk Show host, and Podcaster) & Sr. Susan Zemgulis, OP, (Dominican Sister of Peace, Retreat Director, and Administrator of the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center).

Event will include:

Three Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, beverages, and snacks.

Cost:

Early Registration: \$40. per person until October 6th
Regular Registration: \$45. per person from October 6 to 17
On-site "Day of Registration": \$50. per person on-site

A poster is on each bulletin board. More information regarding this event and a registration link is available on the RCDA website: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update October 4 – 5, 2025

* We don't have any new info on the Ukrainians, renewal or? of their permits. Unfortunately, this may take time. That, without jobs, they don't have. Especially since a NEW permit costs \$550.00. And a renewal costs \$275.00! (You can see by this that the Administration is not LOSING money here.

* Here is another example of how this is actually somewhat complicated. Last week I gave you the info on EADs, (Employment Authorization Documents). As it turned out I actually had cited the wrong number from the web site! How stupid of me? An actual application (with your fee) is actually an I 765! The ACTUAL card that you would have issued to you (don't forget your photo for that card when you apply!!) is an I 766. NOW you can go ahead and apply by downloading the correct document. Sorry for the Black Humor here..... but as we said before, this is fraught with challenges and USCIS and RISSE are vital to be able to help these refugees through this process, so they can be productive citizens here.

* We will deliver our last load of Bikes on Tuesday thanks to Tom Bolani. This wraps up bikes for the season. SEWING MACHINES ----- if anyone has any leads let us know. Last count they still have 8 refugees on the wait list. Perhaps once we get that last double stroller ordered (imagine 3 moms expecting twins!!), we can shift any \$\$ we get to buying sewing machines.

* Thanks so far to those stockpiling health and personal goods in back. I will soon be delivering those. And bedding, blankets, coats, etc. all can be stockpiled in the Choir Loft.

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update Cont.

*SNAP--- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program- Follow this in the news. It does not sound good. Here’s some basic #'s from the Jesuit magazine, AMERICA, Sept. 2025.

- 1. \$186 billion is amount likely to be cut from SNAP through 2034 --the largest reduction in the programs history.
- 2. 22.3 million - Number of U.S. families who will lose some or all of their benefits.
- 3. 24% ---The increase in food prices between 2020- 2024. Food prices increased 2.9% between May 2024 and May 2025. Rising food prices have outstripped economy-wide inflation.

Please think about where our refugees AND our lower income families are in all of this!!!

Elsewhere in this issueA worksheet to use when calling your legislator - so you can keep it simple - is on the table at the front door and also the last page of the bulletin. Any questions, just ask.

Keep the Faith (It’s too late to turn back now), Ken

Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.
.....Margaret Mead

Reminders...

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

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 a 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
Mission Sunday	Sunday, October 19, 2025
Campaign for Human Development	Sunday, November 16, 2025