



If the only prayer you ever say I your entire life is Thank You, it will be enough.
.....Meister Eckhart

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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	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 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

October 18 & October 19, 2025

[Saturday, October 18, 2025 @ 5:30 pm](#)

Luccini-Matto Family – Zucconi-Dellea Family

[Sunday, October 19, 2025 @ 10:00 pm](#)

Lee and Bud Rausch – Rocky and Jim Rausch

Naomi Kukoff-Austin – Ken and Mary Scallon

Paul Tomchik – Mary Tomchik

[Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am](#)

For the People of St. Mary's

[Thursday October 23, 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

October 4 & 5, 2025

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Remade for Mission

St. Mary's Church has started the process for Remade for Mission. This is a 6-month process that will culminate with final consolidated recommendations being sent to the Bishop by April 1st, 2026.

We have a work group of 7 individuals who will meet twice a month to review topics provided by the Bishop and the Vicar, Fr. Brian Kelly. The intent is to align our recommendations with the Catholic Mission, parish sustainability and outreach effectiveness.

As we move forward, there will be 4 synods that will be presented to our Parrish by Mary Ann Roberts and members of our work group. It is very important that we have parishioners' feedback.

I am asking each and every one of you to pray for discernment and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us through this process.

EVENTS

St. Mary's

All Soul's Day



On All Soul's Day November 2, 2025, we Christians take this day to offer prayers on behalf of our departed relatives and friends. Our parish will hold a prayer service on Sunday November 2nd in the Church following the Sunday 10 AM Mass. We invite all to this celebration to remember and pray for those who have gone from us but are still so much a part of our lives.

The prayer service will be about 30 minutes long and will include a reading, and a reflection as we remember our loved ones. There is a clip board at the entrance of the church to list those you would like remembered.

The Blessing of The Pumpkins

It's that time of year again. This year on Sunday October 26, we will once again bless the pumpkins. Details to follow.



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

Our next one hour “**Learning About Our Faith**” session is Monday October 20 in the Rectory at 6:30 PM. The topic is “Catholic Beliefs – Scripture and Tradition”. If you plan to attend, let the Parish Office know 766-2701.

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

BOY Scout Troop 166 – Food Drive

Nassau Boy Scout Troop 166 is having their annual food drive. Over 100 families, right here in Nassau, benefit from this drive at Thanksgiving time. Please consider donating non-perishable food to help our neighbors.

Drive-thru Drop-off

Saturday, November 15, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location:

Nassau Village Commons Pavilion (John Street next to Post Office)

AND

Keep an eye open for our annual Thanksgiving dinner donation tree. Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is closer than we think.....

St. Mary's and The Evangelist

“ALIVE IN THE FAITH”. That is the headline on page 3 of the October 2 publication of the Evangelist. A reporter from the Evangelist interviewed Fr. Close and Ken Scallon to discuss the enormous effort St. Mary's has made in supporting the immigrants and refugees. There are extra bulletins on the front tables and the publication is available on line as well: <https://evangelist.org/news/2025/oct/01/alive-in-the-faith/>

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

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update October 10 – 11, 2025

This past Tuesday Tom Boloni and I delivered 4 bikes and a like new carriage to CRI. (Matt our altar server's outgrown bikes!) We also spent time there meeting a number of the other staff. We were thanked profusely, as they had all seen the Evangelist article and also were aware of our connection to link them with Senator Schumer's office.

*I met the liaison person who has been assigned to that task. He also works with some of the Afghans who arrive here. They get about 1 family a month through that channel from where they have stayed overseas while their vetting goes on. THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A MINUTE! One a month? and how long ago did Afghanistan fall?

And how many people in our administration have lost their jobs that would normally move this along so these people can have some kind of life established again after they put their lives on the line for OUR military?

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update Cont....

* I also had a separate discussion with three Ukrainian women who wanted me to know they are here to WORK as many of them have been doing before their authorizations were pulled. I really wish you could have been there to help me answer them!! I am beyond disgusted with the people in this administration who are doing everything they can to get these people to self deport. I know Tom feels the same way. AND ITS WORKING!! They told me some they know are preparing to do that because they cannot survive here on their own -----as they said, we did what we were supposed to, does America not care?

*At this point we agreed that the Ukrainians should be our next priority. Let me see what more i can find out about where the work authorizations are via Shannon who was working out of office today and if we can work on that via Gillibrand and Riley's offices. Secondly, I will get specifics on the number of Ukrainians actually unsupported and who if anyone is helping them to survive. (e.g. food banks, other organizations etc.).

*Priorities in health and personal goods needed!! Diapers --large size, forget small, they grow out of them too fast. Laundry Detergent -- a must for the laundromat visits. Shampoo!

The work on the enlarged space for a food pantry, with help from ROOTS has been approved except for the Refrigeration. More bureaucratic nonsense. hopefully soon.

*I ordered the last double stroller needed this past week!!!! THANK YOU! And Sara told us two new babies have arrived and there are more on the way..... she is surprised at the number of pregnancies this fall. Could it be that some of these families having been in the Camps etc. for so long and now having reached America and some semblance of stability now feel it is time for the baby to arrive?? Here is where we take a moment to pray for these new souls, no matter what their faith is.

blessings on You All.....*Ken*

"Who are we as human beings if we ignore the suffering of others?"
The Dalai Lama

Reminders...

Our All Souls Day Prayer Service

this year will be Sunday November 2nd following the 10 AM Mass.
There is a sheet at the back of the church to list those you would like remembered.

Pumpkin Blessing

Sunday October 26, 2025

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