



God sees the heart

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Church Est. 1852
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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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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 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 25 & October 26, 2025

Saturday, October 25, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Gene Mullins – Theresa Harty

Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

For the People of St. Mary's

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday October 30, 2025 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

November 1 & November 2, 2025

Saturday, November 1, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Gene Mullins – Theresa Harty

Sunday, November 2, 2025 @ 10:00 pm

For the People of St. Mary's

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday November 6, 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, Cathy Lavoie

Collections

October 18 & 19, 2025

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Lost & Found: Have you recently checked your pockets and fingers.... Are you missing anything? If you find you are, please call the Dee (528) 766-2701 and let her know.

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

Weekday Masses



Effective the first week in November, the regular weekday Masses – 9:30 Tuesday and Thursday will be in the Rectory. The first Mass will be Tuesday, November 4. We do this each year to conserve on energy and heating costs.

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 The children decorated their pumpkins last week and this Sunday they will be Blessed by Farther John at the 10 am Mass. After Mass the children can bring their pumpkin home to show off to everyone.



St. Mary's Events Cont....



Our Thanksgiving Trees are up! Again, this year, we continue our practice of helping the Nassau Resource Center with Thanksgiving dinners. Our donation tree and envelopes are near both doors. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Our Next Coffee Hour is November 9! Come one come all. Get warm, eat some goodie, enjoy some conversation! Once again bakers....good time to show off your goodies



Fr. John Cronin

Fr. Cronin has tentatively scheduled Masses at St. Mary's during the month of November. As these dates are confirmed we will add them to the announcements and bulletin.

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.

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

In Our Community

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)

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update October 25 – 26, 2025

I had an extensive meeting with Shannon last week on wide range of issues and we are continuing to follow some of those. Overall, it's not encouraging in the long run. As I have indicated before, this Administration seems determined to shut down immigration for most people. There may be an attempt to CHARGE additional fees to some who are already here beyond the usual application fees etc. Apparently much of this is buried in the "BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL".!!

* WE ARE IN A HOLD STATUS on calling legislators regarding the Ukrainians. Senator Schumer et.al., are trying to untangle their status as it now is evident that there are TWO categories by which they were allowed into America. One is Temporary Protected Status, the other is Parolee Status. (the latter has NOTHING to do with what that term usually means! They are not criminals, etc.) It appears that if the wrong category is designated then that may affect their job status etc. At this point literally 7 have lost their jobs, the others are in a limbo situation and I am waiting for more info.

**** YOU CAN MAKE THIS CALL! To Senator Schumer's office and THANK THEM for helping the Ukrainian Refugees with their job status! Remember they need a complement when they do the right thing.!

* OUR PRIORITIES -----MORE THAN EVER ESPECIALLY WITH THE Ukrainian situation, Laundry Soap, (NOTE: SOAP BARS, ZOTE Brand as many do their laundry in the tub to save money as Laundromat is expensive), Diapers, (large), Shampoo, AND RICE in larger sacks, e.g. the 15 or 20 lb. bags. EVERYONE uses rice as a basis for many food dishes.

* I delivered the last double stroller needed! AND another sewing machine!! But guess what, every time a sewing machine comes in others are needed. Current count is 12 needed. I will buy those out of any \$\$ we get.

*After initial communication, Immaculate Conception will be JOINING US on this mission! I and Father are setting that up now with them. We are very pleased to have them help., Would that more churches would step up but I have to understand that everyone is under stress here. Which is why I know you must wonder when this is going to ease up or?? Well, read the news. and I think you have the answer.

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update *Cont.'...*

*Interesting conversation with my friend who is in the Carpenters Union (management), this past week. In discussing employment, he asked if I knew who to talk to in Buffalo to find immigrants that might be able to work. THEY ARE DESPERATE FOR SHEET ROCK WORKERS AT THE NEW BUFFALO BILLS STADIUM AND CANNOT GET HELP! I steered him to two Refugee sources out there but they have probably already been there seeking workers. So, a note to keep in mind when you hear someone say that immigrants take our jobs, you can tell them they are misinformed. There are jobs --but not enough "Americans " want them!

* One positive - USCRI annual figure for job starts is 118 placements (out of their 450 families), at an average rate of 17,20 an hour. And **we helped make that possible with our support.**

Never Surrender! and Keep the Faith.....*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

OUR LEGISLATORS CONTACT NUMBERS

Legislator	Area Office	Phone
Senator Charles Schumer Website Contact Page	Albany Office. https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/message-chuck	518-431-4070
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Website Contact Page	Albany Office https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me/	518-431-0120
Representative Josh Riley - Website Contact Page	Leeds Office https://riley.house.gov/contact	518-625-2100