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"At Christ's table, the guest list isn't for the powerful, but for the poor, the broken, and the ones who cannot repay." Pope Francis

23rd 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.

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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 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 6 & September 7, 2025

[Saturday, September 6, 2025 @ 5:30 pm](#)

Zucconi-Croft Family – Zucconi-Dellea Family

[Sunday, September 7, 2025 @ 10:00 pm](#)

Lucretia DeFuria – The Roberts Family

Vincent Speciale – Patricia Krook

John Paul Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

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

Marion Alber – Theresa Harty

[Thursday September 11, 2025 @ 9:30 am](#)

William Pelton – Theresa Harty

September 13 & September 14, 2025

[Saturday, September 13, 2025 @ 5:30 pm](#)

Al Reha – for Healing – Beth Wing

Rachel Rysedorph – for Healing – Theresa Harty

[Sunday, September 14, 2025 @ 10:00 pm](#)

Path Tomchik – Maureen Cellery

Marty Neyen – Beth Wing

John Paul Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

[Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 2025 @ @ 9:30 am](#)

Fran Hotaling – Theresa Harty

[Thursday September 18, 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, Stanley Giniewski, Mary Sager, Avin Meyette, Mike Cudsey, Sara Messineo Kent, Joseph Messineo

Collections

August 30 & 31, 2025

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EVENTS

St. Mary's

Learn About Your Faith

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 will be holding hour long gatherings in the Parish Rectory or Parish Hall Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm beginning September 8.

Anyone planning to attend should call the Parish office (518)766-2701. So that we have the right number of handouts. The first seven sessions are:

<u>Session Number</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</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

The full curriculum is the last page of the bulletin and also posted on both bulletin boards.

St. Mary's Picnic Barbecue

We Need Help!!

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to:

- help shop for the Parish barbecue items;
- help on the day of the picnic to carry soda, water, food, etc. from the Parish rectory to the picnic;
- and, to set up.
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If you think you can help, let Dee know 518-766-2701.

When: September 21
Time: 12 Noon
Where: Nassau Sportsmen Club
Cost: No Cost

The parish will provide the Hot Dogs & Hamburgers & Soda & Water. We are asking parishioners to bring a Covered dish – sharing size and to let us know how many people are coming so we can prepare food and drink. The sign-up sheets for the covered dish and attendance is on the front door tables.

The picnic barbeque announcement is posted on both bulletin boards.

In Our Community

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Update September 6 - 7, 2025

thank you

IMPORTANT!! We have Ukrainians here in Albany under the TPS program, this is the program we wrote about last week. I was just informed by my contact at CRI that 25 of them with Work Authorizations who are WORKING or preparing for work have had those authorizations REMOVED by IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS SERVICES and have lost their jobs!! At this point no one knows why, whether it is a bureaucratic mix up or an attempt to force them to self deport and CRI is trying to find out more. NOW is the time to contact our senators and representative to ask them to help find out! Feel free to use MY NAME in contacting them and our link to CRI.

Next Week I hope to have a DIFFERENT LIST for personal goods, etc. that refugees will need, ESPECIALLY if they get hit by SNAP reductions. This will be similar to what many of you have graciously provided. Perhaps one of the ways to cover this going forward is if "we" add an item to our shopping lists and then we can collect those items here at church. I will then look at scheduling how I will get them in to Shannon. (AND if these Ukrainians are still without work they too will benefit from this list).

Good news!! We are not alone in helping CRI with this whole issue. There are three other churches at this time who are involved. St. Edwards in Clifton Park, St. Peters in Saratoga, and St. Thomas in Delmar. It is through ALL of us and others as well, that we have backfilled the household needs.! AND when we get further into the year I have stockpiled blankets, quilts, etc. in our choir loft and at my house as they will need these knowing some of the places they live may not have the best of insulation, heating etc. AND some of these Refugees are not from cold weather climates!

Let me leave you with a comment from Bishop Mark Seitz, Chairman of the USCCBs Committee on Migration. (our Catholic Bishops here in the U.S.)

"The policies of the new administration have been calculated in order to breed fear in the immigrant community.....I have seen that fear take tangible form. Fear is not an adequate word, it's more like terror These new positions of the administration do not begin to take into account the beauty and goodness of so many people who have found refuge in our, midst".

I REGRET each of you cannot be with me when I drop your materials at CRI! I SEE these people in the halls, and usually Amed and others are there to help me unload! I try hard to channel my anger into continuing to do this job that you have so graciously supported. We cannot stop now. Remember if you want to see CRI in person We can arrange it-- I will personally take anyone in so you don't have to drive into downtown Albany. It's only a block from where I and my wife lived when we moved there from rural Alabama-- Talk about culture shock!!

Blessings, Ken

"Whoever saves one life, saves the world entire." – Thomas Keneally

A Prayer from the Diocese

REMEMBERING 9/11

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, we gather in remembrance of the lives tragically lost on September 11, 2001. We lift up the families, friends, and communities forever touched by that day, asking for your comfort, peace, and healing for their lingering pain and sorrow.

Help us to move from fear and despair to hope and light, remembering that we are one family in this world. May the pain and loss we experienced awaken in us a deeper awareness of the suffering of others and inspire us to work tirelessly for justice, peace, and reconciliation.
Guide our world leaders.

Reminders...

Alight Baby Bottle Drive

Learn About Your Faith Begins
Faith Formation 2025-2026

The 2025 Drive ends this Sunday.

Monday, September 8 in the Rectory

Begins Sunday, September 28 in the Parish Hall

Eucharistic Ministers

If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled time, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace you.

FAITH FORMATION

It is that time of year again for Faith Formation classes to resume. We begin on Sunday, September 28th in the Parish Hall. The classes are from 8:45 am to 9:45 am for all grades, K through 10th, with Mass at 10 am. 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.

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 as they perform their duties with diminishing staff and heavy patient loads, let us pray to the Lord.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

2025 COLLECTIONS

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Catholic University Collection	Sunday, September 28, 2025
Mission Sunday	Sunday, October 19, 2025
Campaign for Human Development	Sunday, November 16, 2025

St. Mary's, Nassau – What do Catholics really believe?

September 2025

RCIA 2025

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14	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Marriage
15	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Holy Orders
16	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Anointing of the Sick
17	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Social Justice and Dignity of Life
18	Mon	TBA	The Mass
19	Mon	TBA	Mary
21	Mon	TBA	Purgatory
		TBA	The Saints
22	Mon	TBA	Conversion, The Laity, Your Special Gifts
23	Mon	TBA	Prayer Life, Discernment, Holiness, Evangelization
4	Mon	TBA	What is Lent
6	Mon	TBA	The Way of the Cross
7	Mon	TBA	The Lord's Prayer
8	Mon	TBA	The Meaning of Holy Week
9	Mon	TBA	Catholic Beliefs - The Eucharist
10	Mon	TBA	Catholic Beliefs - Morality
12	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Baptism & Confirmation
13	Mon	TBA	The Sacraments - Penance & Reconciliation

If you think you might want to attend some of these meetings, call the parish office 518-766-2701 to learn more. The meetings will be held in the parish rectory (across from the church on Route 20) or in the downstairs meeting room in the parish hall (depending on number of people).