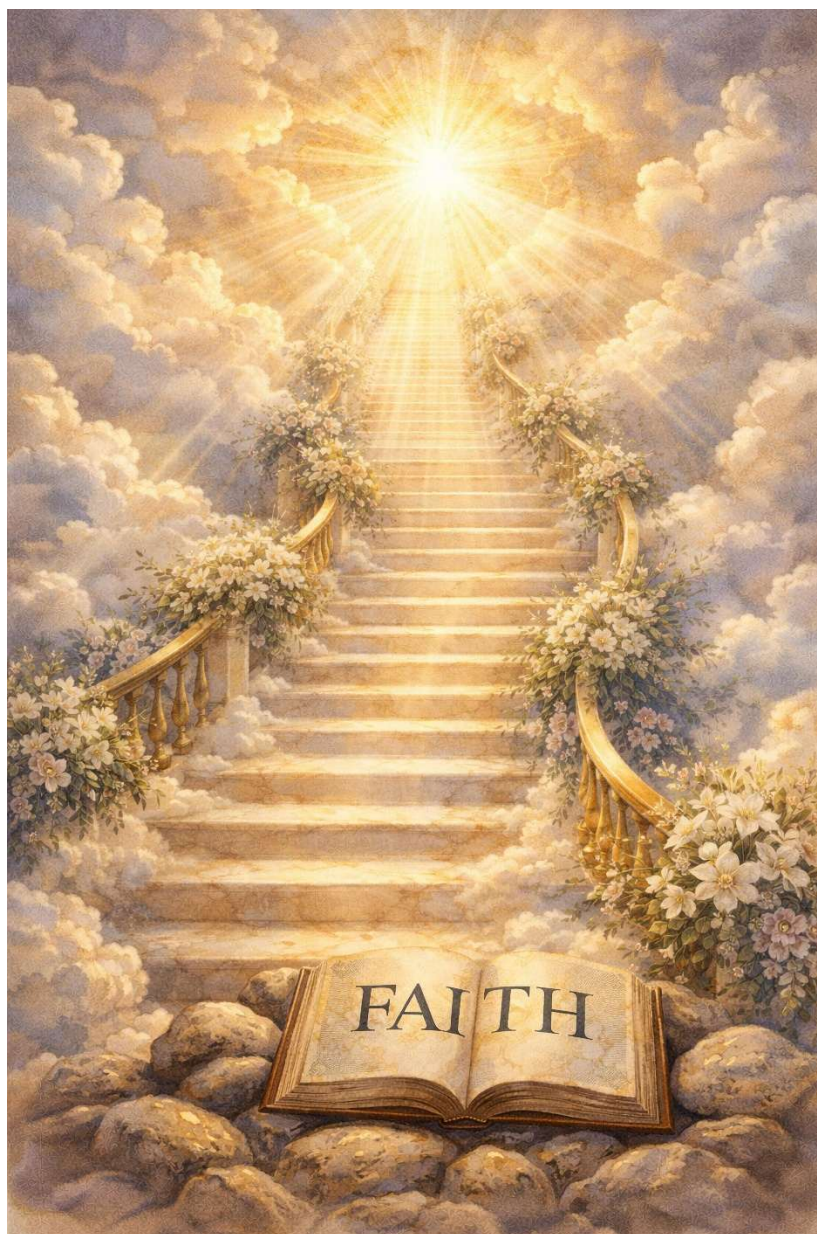




The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

St. Mary's Church Est. 1852
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

Dee McCumber – Parish Secretary

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Joanna Towse – Music Minister

Phone – 518-436-7857



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	Faith Formation 8:45 – 9:45 am Parish Hall before Mass Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet – 10:00 am 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

*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>

<i>Mass Intentions</i> <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
August 22 & August 23, 2026
Saturday August 22, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Frank and Rita Dreher – Larry and Kye Sun
Sunday, August 23, 2026 @ 10:00 am Alice Zackarewicz – Linda Dellea and Family Theresa Harty – For Strength, Healing and Comfort – Michele Sweet
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary
Thursday August 27, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary
August 29 & August 30, 2026
Saturday August 29, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Robert J. Neyen – Beth Wing Marion Rysedorph – for Strength, Healing , and Comfort – Michele Sweet
Sunday, August 30, 2026 @ 10:00 am Joseph and Anita Zucconi – The Zucconi and Dellea Families
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary
Thursday September 3, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary

*Our thoughts and prayers extend to the Wing Family
on their loss of Beth's father, Robert Neyen*

Collection Obligations

FOR US TO COVER PARISH EXPENSES, OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION MUST MEET **\$2,500**

Our collections are *not consistent*. Therefore, we are not meeting our necessary expenses. Additionally, some of our expenses are unforeseen or fluctuate.

Our Collections for August 15 & August 16 **\$1699**

The August 15 & August 16 collections goal fell **\$801** below our necessary weekly budget.

Please pray for our sick

Michael Stephen Allen
Christine Anderson
Elizabeth Hrifko
Joan Campbell
Joseph Messineo
Maureen Cellery
Madison Chesterman
Barry and Jeanne Litt
Thomas O'Grady
Alice Loughlin
Michele Sweet
Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw
Cory Roberts

Stacy Hyson
Kate Hockford
Chamylla Stephanie De Frees
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Masresha Schaefer
Gina Lo Presti
Philip Sullivan
Dom Devaney
Michelle Dymond
Marion Rysedorph
Ann Marie Waldron

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Jake Rysedorph
John DeLap
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney
Linda Walsh
Anna May Gregg
Charleen Papa



St. Mary's Committees

Below is the list of our committees and the chair persons contact information. Your support and input are most necessary and welcome. Please consider participating.

Committee

Liturgy
Bereavement
Faith Formation
Building & Grounds
Volunteers
Fund-Raising
Technology

Contact

Dominic Russomanno	518-915-3464
Joanna Towse	518-436-7857
Antonette Perry	518-766-4345
Dominic Russomanno	518-915-3464
Joanne Schnurr	518-794-7469
Jen Clement	518-203-9130
Ellie Russomanno	518-925-4687

EVENTS

St. Mary's

St. Mary's Annual Picnic/Barbecue is only 4 weeks away. September 20!



If you haven't signed up yet, **it's time** – this way we can get enough food and drinks.

We are looking for picnic helpers

- To help with the shopping
- To help with the setup
- To help with the cooking
- To help with the cleanup

If you think you might be able to help, you can call or text Frank Ridzi 518-258-8752.

The parish will provide the Hot Dogs & Hamburgers & Soda & Water.

We are asking parishioners to bring a Covered dish – sharing size

The sign-up sheets for the covered dish and attendance is on the back-door table and announcement is posted on both bulletin boards.

Does Someone You Know Need Communion Brought to Them?

Someone who has difficulty getting out? Cannot attend Mass as often or at all? Needs a ride?

PLEASE.....call the rectory. Let someone know. We will make sure they get it.

Looking for homes....❤️

Two adorable kitties are looking for a **forever indoor home**. Moo-Moo and Honey Boo-Boo are little boy rescues, approximately 2 years old. They have all their shots, are neutered, and have great personalities. Their pictures are on the bulletin board. If you would like to adopt, please call Donna at **518-867-0192 (phone number change)**.

Our Community



Kurt's COMMUNITY Kitchen

*Join us in celebrating one year of
Kurt's Kitchen with good food and
good friends.*

Thursday, August 27th @ 6pm

Menu: Breakfast for Dinner

*One or more of the following.... bacon, sausage, eggs, quiche, potato
casserole, french toast bake, veggie & egg bake, fruit salad, muffins*



Grace United Methodist Church, 42 Church St (Rt 20), Nassau, NY

Poll Inspectors Trainings Are Coming for The Fall Elections!!

Please consider serving as a Poll Inspector for the Town of Nassau. More than ever we need to make our Democracy fully participatory. NOW is the time to step up! They are run by the Board of Elections, and take approximately 2 1/2 hours. Once trained you will get a shift from the Town and new Inspectors are ALWAYS teamed up with Veteran Inspectors. Anyone already trained in the Spring does not need to repeat training. This is only for those who have not been trained this year, or are NEW!

<i>Training Dates</i>		
Tuesday	September 8	10:00 am or 2:00 pm
Wednesday	September 9	10:00 am or 2:00 pm or 6:00 pm
Thursday	September 10	10:00 am or 2:00 pm
Monday	September 14	10:00 am or 2:00 pm

Registration: Visit the County website "Inspector Training Classes:" <https://rensko.com/601/Inspector-Training-Classes-Registration>

The Inspector Training Class for the General Election will be held at the Rensselaer County Government Center, 1600 7th Ave., Troy, NY 12180. Classes will be held on the 2nd floor.

If you have any questions, ask Ken Scallon or any of our other poll inspectors. There is a copy of the announcement on the bulletin board.

From the Diocese

A Celebration of Convalidation



A Celebration of Convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Catholic Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition, be strengthened by God's grace, and be supported by His Church. A husband, wife, and God are like a three-ply chord – "... not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12).

The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 125 Eagle Street, Albany. If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing or join Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany on November 29. Please speak to your parish clergy, then register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at 518-453-6660. Families and friends are invited to attend! *Please note: the ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony but is not a Mass.

There is a poster on our bulletin board.

Magnificat

Gentle Woman of Praise Chapter
Day of Reflection
GUEST SPEAKER: Fr. Rendell Torres

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Day of Reflection
Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 10 AM – 2:30 PM at the
Sisters of the Resurrection Provincial House, 35 Boltwood Ave., Castleton, NY.

Check-in begins at 9:30 AM in the vestibule of the Chapel.

The Day will include Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, lunch (bring a bag lunch and beverage), time for Prayer & Praise and a talk by Deacon Gary Riggi, "*Birthing Jesus in Our Lives*".

Cost: *Free-will* donation

To Register, at: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/>

Registration Deadline – **Friday, August 28, 2026** **SEATING IS LIMITED – 70 PEOPLE!**

Marie @ 518-621-7376 or Diane @ 518-810-1310

Bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Poster on the bulletin board.

Reminder:

Father Cronin will be celebrating Mass at St. Mary's Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30.

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT

August 22 -23, 2026

REFUGEE NEEDS

NEEDS!! We will need foodstuffs and personal health goods for our refugees.

Food Items

Grains
Cereals
Cooking Oils
Rice
Beans
Canned Meals
Pastas

Household Items

Soap
Liquid Detergent
Paper Towels
Face/Wash Cloths – many will use and rewash
Diapers!

Please do not overthink this. Just stop and consider what YOU would buy if you had nothing.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE NOW NEEDED

All the basics that will enable the kids to be prepared for school in September. While we are not the only ones supplying, fortunately, we are a part of the whole supply chain!

Delivery scheduled for this past Thursday included a large amount of Fabrics, some higher end clothing (the staffer at USCRI who covers professional placement will be using these), Stuffed Toys, Bike, Sewing Machine that I finally got repaired, Board Games donated by Nassau Library, and Food Totes.

UPDATES

As I write this I am loading a large delivery of supplies from you and others for Weds. drop. Food staples, much sewing material including fabric, the last load we dropped went right out the door, according to Sara our contact.

Let me note here that we have *LOTS* of company donating, according to Sara's Volunteer Newsletter. DelMonte Hotel Group delivered loaded back packs for school, Bethlehem Morning Voice Huddle, We Get Out the Resistance, and Greater Capitol Region Coalition delivered a CAR LOAD of school supplies as well. You can see by the names these are REAL grassroots organizations. A friend at Food Bank says these groups from the Delmar / Bethlehem area really hustle for needed causes! Sara also noted fresh foods coming in from Capital Roots and Bread of Life!! *All of this* is the core of what is going to be **continue to be needed** as the administration increases cutting off whatever it can via social services, etc.

The new Citizenship Classes have now begun at CRI. These are run Thursdays from 430 - 630 through the Legal Team via ZOOM. This makes it much easier for clients to attend.

If you want to keep up with current issues via USCRI you can simply go to their national office web site in Washington DC and SIGN UP FOR THEIR NEWSLETTER TO COME DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX. It really helps for all of us who STILL care to know what is coming as "we" all plan on how we will continue to fight for them..... and for the America we want not the one we are increasingly getting.

THANK YOU all for your remembering them and for your support --I know it is a busy time as back to school looms for many of you and it is too easy for this to get lost in all our other challenges that life brings.

Ken

kmscallon@yahoo.com

"WE MUST AVOID THE DANGER OF THINKING THE PROBLEM IS ONLY WITH THEM: THEIR CORRUPTION, THEIR UNDERDEVELOPED ECONOMIES, THEIR WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE. THIS TOO IS A FORM OF "OTHERING". WE CANNOT IGNORE OUR HISTORICAL COMPLICITY"
BISHOP MARK SEITZ. (AMERICA, JUNE 25, 2021. J.D. LONG GARCIA, "BISHOP SEITZ MEETS WITH")

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Representatives Legislator

Area Office

Phone

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

State Representatives Legislator

Area Office

Phone

Senator Jake Ashby	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby	
	594 Columbia Turnpike	518-371-2751
	East Greenbush, NY 12061	
Contact:	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby/contact	
Assemblyman Scott Bendett	https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Scott-Bendett	
	1580 Columbia Turnpike	518-272-6149
	Building 4, Suite 1A	
	Castleton on the Hudson, NY 12033	
Contact:	bendett@nysassembly.gov	

USCRI

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 350
Arlington, VA 22202

<https://refugees.org/headquarters/>

To receive their newsletter, scroll all the way down the page, look for this box, and sign up.

