



The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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

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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	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>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
August 29 & August 30, 2026	
Saturday August 29, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Robert J. Neyen – Beth Wing	
Sunday, August 30, 2026 @ 10:00 am Joseph and Anita Zucconi – The Zucconi and Dellea Families Marion Rysedorph – for Strength, Healing, and Comfort – Michele Sweet	
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	
September 5 & September 6, 2026	
Saturday September 5, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Mary E. Wing – Beth Wing	
Sunday, September 6, 2026 @ 10:00 am Robert J. Neyen – Barbara Wurzburg	
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary	
Thursday September 10, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary	
Friday September 11, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Mass for the men and women who died on 9/11/2001; the families left behind; and, the first responders who worked the recovery effort at the site. May God's Mercy and Blessings be on all.	

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 Finance Update

Parish Brothers and Sisters,

As the finance committee continues to find ways to make our parish as prosperous as possible, we put together a 2026-2027 budget based on past contributions.

Over the last several months the collection has been lower than in years and months past. While we appreciate and need your support, we are only a parish of 80 members in regular attendance.

There are a few ways we can still cover our expenses.

1. We are working with the Albany Diocese on cutting our overhead and we are making great progress.
2. Increasing membership, which we all have been working on, we have many new members join recently.
3. Fund raising, which we are actively pursuing.
4. Members enroll in our auto payment system, which we can help you do. This way when you miss mass because of vacation or illness the donation continues to get to St. Mary's.
5. Each member can increase their offering by \$10 a collection.

The economy is difficult for us all. We are finding ways to cut costs and build funds. We are so close to being self-sustaining, but we will need all of us to do it.

You are a generous congregation who do so much for the community and each other. If you have ideas, please reach out to us anytime.

Yours in Christ,
The Finance Committee

Heavenly Father, as always we give thanks to you for all the gifts you have given to us, of which the greatest is your Son Jesus and your ever-present Holy Spirit.

You know our needs far better than we ourselves and you know what is best for our future. We ask you then to guide us in our duties as members of the finance committee in making decisions and plans that do the greatest good for our parish in accord with your will. Bless our efforts and allow the people of our parish to see them clearly as a means to provide for both the present and future of our church.

We ask all of this through Christ our Lord.

Amen
Fr. John Close

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 22 & August 23 **\$2048**

The August 22 & August 23 collections goal fell **\$452** below our necessary weekly budget.

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
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Dominic Russomanno 518-915-3464
Joanne Schnurr 518-794-7469
Jen Clement 518-203-9130
Ellie Russomanno 518-925-4687

EVENTS

St. Mary's

Mass Remembering 9/11
Friday, September 11, 2026
5:30 pm



All are welcome

Fr. Close will be celebrating a Mass for the men and women who died on 9/11/2001; the families left behind; and, the first responders who worked the recovery effort at the site
A book with the names of the deceased will be presented with the gifts.

Following Mass will be a light meal.

Freewill offering or a non-perishable food item for the Nassau Resource Center

St. Mary's Annual Picnic/Barbecue is only 3 weeks away. September 20!

If you have not signed up yet, **it is 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 picnic 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?

Would you like someone added to our sick list?

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

Our Community

Solar Act for All of Us!

This year the NYS Legislature has passed the Solar Up Now New York (SUNNY) Act which will enable all New Yorkers to start generating their own power by plugging in solar panels that can be purchased on line or at a store. It is a small but important step towards more Solar for consumers.

This Act is on the Governor's desk awaiting her signature. You can contact her office to urge signing that. 518-474-8390. Or <http://www.governor.ny.gov> Please help all of us with this!!

Poll Inspectors Trainings Are Coming for The Fall Elections!!

Please consider serving as a Poll Inspector for the Town of Nassau. Training is provided 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!

Registration: Visit the County website "Inspector Training Classes:" <https://rensco.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.

Gathered in Faith Is asking for a miracle a waste of time?

Fr. Marty Fisher will share his insights on Jesus as a completely unexpected kind of savior.
Discussions to follow.



WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 6 PM – 8 PM

WHERE: Corpus Christi Church; 2001 Route 9, Round Lake

There is no cost for the event, but a "Free Will Offering" will be available.

Desserts and refreshments will be served!

All attendees MUST register.

On-line at: <https://forms.gle/Zpxf9frci1o6kVPC7>

Or use the QR Code:



For more information, please e-mail: Gathered52@gmail.com

There is a poster on our bulletin board.

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT

August 29 -30, 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.

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!

UPDATES

I have a large supply of foodstuffs and materials going in as I write this. *Thanks to all!*

In WW II over 120,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated here in America. This administration has now passed that number of people in detention ready for deportation. You will find a mix of numbers depending on source and claims by the administration vs independent sources. Department of Homeland Security claims 605,000 while ICE claims 443,000. The administration also claims 1.9 million have self-deported. There have been various shifts in how accounting is done by the administration but you can see all figures, even if downgraded are far above the 120,000 Japanese Americans.

The Center for Migration Studies and TRAC (Transactional Records Access Clearing House) are among the most reliable for data. The latter site was removed for a period by the administration - which gives us a clue about that one! WARNING!! Not all sites with immigration/refugees/migration terminology are reliable so check those sources.

Given new push against those here under asylum cited this week, there are 2,310,698 awaiting hearings. You will remember that one of the legislative bills we pushed here in NYS was to appropriate funds to assist with costs for hearings to reduce the numbers waiting. That bill was **NOT** passed by our legislature.

USCRI Operations: You can go directly to their national office website to sign up for their newsletter. That information is on the reverse side of this newsletter. It really helps to have current information on their operations.

Lastly, I am at a point where the above type of information is increasingly depressing to collect and report particularly as we try and keep up with supporting "our" refugees. So, I don't know how much longer I can continue this aspect of updating. It would help if the Diocese covered, even briefly, certain data via the US Bishops but that appears to be completely absent from the Evangelist lately. Frankly I feel our Diocese has largely abandoned this issue.

THANK YOU all for your remembering them and for your support -- it is too easy for this to get lost in all our other challenges that life brings. *Ken* kmscallon@yahoo.com

Dear Migrants, before saying anything else to you, I want to bow before your dignity. You are not just numbers or files."
Pope Leo XIV

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

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