

# *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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.

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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 <sup>st</sup> Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Every 1 <sup>st</sup> 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>

<p>Mass Intentions 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>
<p>February 14 &amp; February 15, 2026</p>
<p>Saturday, February 14, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Mary Wiegand– by Theresa Harty</p>
<p>Sunday, February 15, 2026 @ 10:00 pm Marinda Gloria Silveira – by Rosemarie Silveira-Derima</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Genie Silveira – by Rosemarie Silveira-Derima</p>
<p>Thursday, February 19, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s</p>
<p>February 21 &amp; February 22, 2026</p>
<p>Saturday, February 21, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Mary Wiegand– by Theresa Harty</p>
<p>Sunday, February 22, 2026 @ 10:00 pm Lee and Bud Rausch – by Jim and Rocky Rausch Emilia Sousa Gomes – by Rosemarie Silveira Derima</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s</p>
<p>Thursday, February 26, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s</p>

**Please pray for our sick**



Michael Stephen Allen  
Christine Anderson  
Bill Ayers  
Joan Campbell  
Chad Cardoza  
Maureen Cellery  
Madison Chesterman

Chamylla Stephanie De Frees  
John DeLap  
Ann Devaney  
Dom Devaney  
Michelle Dymond  
Anna May Gregg  
Amy Gumlaw

Stacy Hyson  
Kate Hockford  
Elizabeth Hrifko  
Bethany Jenest  
Seth Kaminski  
Sara Messineo Kent  
Cathy Lavoie  
Barry and Jeanne Litt  
Gina Lo Presti  
Alice Loughlin  
Avin Meyette  
Joseph Messineo  
Mamie Mazzatti  
Thomas O’Grady  
Cathy Schaefer

Nancy Quinn  
Peter Quinn  
Cory Roberts  
Jake Rysedorph  
Marion Rysedorph  
Tom Rysedorph  
Linda Schaefer  
Masresha Schaefer  
Colin Sullivan  
Philip Sullivan  
Michele Sweet  
Linda Walsh Linda Walsh  
Rita Labrum  
Charleen Papa

## *St. Mary's Parishioners*

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas Season so wonderful. It truly takes a village to support our parish.

As we move forward into 2026, we continue to experience financial shortfall. We understand you are experiencing the same financial challenges at home.

Financial Sustainability is necessary to survive as a parish in the Albany Diocese.

Factors we have no control over, repair of the rectory furnace at cost of \$849. We still need to repair the chimney at the rectory. Snow removal is an unknown expense depending on the weather. Thank you to our dedicated parishioners, who help shovel the walkways and throw salt on the ice.

Prayerfully consider increasing your financial support of your parish.

*Thank you,*

The Finance Council

### **Collections**

For us to cover parish expenses, our weekly collection must meet **\$2,500**

Although some of the weekly collections do meet this amount, our collections are not consistent. Therefore, the average weekly collection is still below the necessary \$2,500. Additionally, as noted above, some of our expenses are unforeseen or fluctuate (fuel, maintenance, snow removal).

Our Collections for January 31 & February 1, 2026 **\$1304**

### ***Important Notes Regarding the Diocesan Appeal Collections***

Any donation to the Diocesan Appeal that is made January 1, 2026 though June 30, 2026 is credited to the 2025 Diocesan Appeal. The collection schedule begins July 1 of the calendar year and ends June 30 of the following year.

Please make sure that **your name** and **St. Mary's 09-08** appear on the check. This is an **important** edit that needs to be done so your donation is reported correctly by the Diocese. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your contribution, please call the office (518-766-2701) and let Dee know.

## Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes



Wednesday February 18

Immaculate Conception	9:30 am	Morning Prayer with the distribution of Ashes
St. Mary's	10:30 am	Mass with the distribution of Ashes
St. Joseph's	12:10 pm	Mass with the distribution of Ashes

## St. Mary's Lenten Schedule

### St. Mary's Lenten Adoration Retreat

Stations of the Cross for Lent begin February 20 at 6:00 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and continuing every Friday at the same time

February 18	Ash Wednesday – Schedule above
February 22	Video, Discussion, Reflection after 10 am Mass **
March 1	Video, Discussion, Reflection after 10 am Mass **
March 6	1st Nocturnal Adoration following Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm-
March 7	Closing of Adoration, Mass at 9 or 9:30 am
March 15	Video, Discussion, Reflection after 10 am Mass **
March 22	Video, Discussion, Reflection after 10 am Mass **
April 2	2nd Nocturnal Adoration following Holy Thursday Mass
April 3	Closing of Adoration, Communion Service/Good Friday Service

\*\*Parish Hall with coffee and Treats

If you have any questions, please call the office 518-766-2701 or Dominic 518-915-3464.

## EVENTS

### St. Mary's

#### Fr. Cronin

Fr. Cronin will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's February 28 and March 1.

*And...*

Beginning this Tuesday, February 17 and continuing every other Tuesday, Fr. Cronin will be celebrating morning Mass at St. Mary's.

If his schedule changes, it will be posted **here** in our bulletin.

### Our Coffee Hour is Back!

Coffee is once again going to perk. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we can meet for some coffee and catch up with each other.

February 22  
after 10:00 Mass.

**Somebody bake cookies!**



## In Our Community

### Led by the Spirit

A Retreat for Men to Explore  
the Vocation to Priesthood

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When: Sunday March 8  
Where: St. Ambrose Church  
347 Old Loudon Road, Latham  
Time: 12:30 – 5:30  
Adoration and Confession to follow  
Registration: [www.rcda.org/vocations](http://www.rcda.org/vocations)

Join the Albany Diocese Vocations Team for a daylong retreat centered on vocations to the priesthood. Attendees will interact with members of the Vocations Team and have time for prayer and fellowship as they learn more about this vital vocation and how to discern it.

Bishop Mark will be present to celebrate Mass and for discussion.

This information is posted on our bulletin board.

## *Learn About Your Faith*

### **Our Journey of Faith**

Our “**Learning About Our Faith**” The 2026 schedule is posted on the bulletin boards. The schedule has been included to the “Religious Education” section of the bulletin.

### **Faith Formation**

*What can parents do when Faith Formation is cancelled due to weather?*

As the first teachers of the faith, parents and grandparents play an important role. There are several things parents and grandparents can do during this time. Maybe things you already do.

#### *Some suggestions*

- For little ones 'you tube' has numerous stories (and songs) about Jesus and Saints in a cartoon version.
- For older kids, 'you tube' also carries stories of Jesus and the Saints.

Special interest are the young Saints that even adults can find awesome. There are many stories. These are just a few:

St. Carlos Actus, 15; St. Bernadette of Lourdes; 14, St. Jose' of Mexico became a martyr at just 14  
The 3 children of Fatima; Lucia dos Santos, age 9, and her two cousins, Francisco Marto age 8 and his sister, Jacinta age 6.

If you have not watched 'Chosen' yet, it is also on 'you tube'. Visualizing Jesus' human side and divinity in the gospels has a powerful and emotional impact.

Faith Formation school year 2026 class schedule is published on the last page in the “Religious Education” section of our bulletin.

### *House Keeping Notes....*

#### **Rides & Communion**

If you know someone who does not attend Mass because they need transportation, please call the Parish office at 518-766-2701 with their name and phone number.

Do you know someone who cannot get to Mass but would like to receive communion? Call the Parish office at 518-766-2701 with their name and phone number.

#### **Eucharist Ministers and Lectors**

The schedule for Eucharist Ministers and Lectors for the first quarter of 2026 has been confirmed and distributed to the participants. 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 with your schedule. Please call Michele Sweet (518-336-4422) if you have any questions.

## Religious Education Schedules

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes are from 8:45 am to 9:45 am for all grades, K through 10<sup>th</sup>, with Mass at 10 am

JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1/4 – Class 11 – Class 1/18 – No Class – Honoring MLK <b>1/25 – FAITH FORMATION CANCELED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER</b>	2/1 – Class 2/8 – Class 2/15 – No Class (Winter Break) 2/22 – Class	3/1 – Class 3/8 – Class Daylight Savings Time Starts 3/15 – Class 3/22 – Class 3/29 – Class (Palm Sunday)
APRIL	MAY	
4/5 – Class 4/12 – Class 4/19 – Class 4/26 – Class	5/3 – Last Class 5/9 – First Holy Communion	

### Learning About Our Faith Schedule

Learning About Our Faith sessions meet Monday evenings in the Rectory at 6:30 pm.

Our Journey of Faith Learning About Your Faith			
Session		Date	Topic
11	Monday	1/26/26	The Sacraments - Baptism & Confirmation
12	Monday	2/2/26	The Sacraments - Penance & Reconciliation
13	Monday	2/9/26	The Sacraments - Marriage
14	Monday	2/16/26	The Sacraments - Holy Orders
15	Monday	2/23/26	What is Lent
16	Monday	3/2/26	The Sacraments - Anointing of the Sick
17	Monday	3/16/26	The Sacraments - Social Justice and Dignity of Life
18	Monday	3/23/26	The Way of the Cross
19	Monday	3/30/26	The Meaning of Holy Week
20	Monday		Catholic Beliefs - Morality
21	Monday		Prayer Life, Discernment, Holiness, Evangelization
22	Monday		Mary
23	Monday		Purgatory
24	Monday		Conversion, The Laity, Your Special Gifts
25	Monday		The Saints

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT  
FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026

IF YOU WERE NOT HERE LAST WEEK DUE TO WEATHER, **please pick up last week's bulletin** and read my column as it addresses how the current administration is winning the immigrant/refugee issue and deporting more people than ever before!! Extras are in the wire racks at entrance of church.

As of my drop and meeting today we need:

- Men's winter footwear
- WINDOW CURTAINS, **heavy** to stop drafts, cold air
- Blankets, Comforters, Twin Sheets. The load dropped today will help this need.
- Sewing Machines. 10 needed

The Children's Books were VERY MUCH appreciated from here and from the Nassau Library. That fills that need for now.

The Next Bill on our list of those being proposed for NYS. Here, again, contact your state legislators as we have noted before.

**THE BUILD ACT S4538/A2689.** (Building Up Immigrant Legal Defense Act)

will provide grants for workforce development and capacity to eligible organizations seeking to expand representation for individuals facing deportation and strengthens the legal services needed to provide that representation. Again, you can look these up online:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S4538>

*Please* help us build a network to continue to **press** our State legislators on these as we move forward in the legislative year. This is important. I am including the contact information for our legislators on the reverse of each update to ensure it is always available to you. PLEASE Let's get good at this and be a driving force of **Catholics Who Care!**

Lastly, according to USCRI, **ST. MARYS and ISMMACULATE CONCEPTION**, have been the **BIGGEST and SINGLE MOST CONSISTANT DONOR** for Refugees over the **PAST ONE YEAR** period, among **ALL CHURCHES, and ORGANIZATIONS** in the Albany area!

**YOU DID THAT!! THINK ABOUT IT!**

Let's keep it up especially in the legislative arena. When you contact a legislator in any way, it adds up. Drop your contact slip into the box at entrance of church. Tell them you are from St. Mary's, Immaculate Conception, and it makes them aware they are being watched by us.

*thanks, Ken*

"Sin has to do not just with what we do, but with what we allow to happen "  
Dorothee Soelle, Theologian. 1929-2003

## OUR LEGISLATORS CONTACT NUMBERS

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