



St. Mary's Church Est. 1852
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Nassau, NY 12123

Baptism of the Lord

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

*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>

Mass Intentions
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January 10 & January 11, 2026

Saturday, January 10, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Barbara Eastman – by Stuart Eastman

Marjorie and Frank Ridzi –by Frank and Linda Ridzi

Sunday, January 11, 2026 @ 10:00 pm

Cathy, Bob, and Linda Schaefer – for Healing – Marion and Tom Rysedorph

Gene and Roslyn Borelli – by Frank and Linda Ridzi

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Mike Cudzey – by Frank and Linda Ridzi

Michele Sweet – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Kelly McGillycuddy – for Healing – Theresa Harty

January 17 & January 18, 2026

Saturday, January 17, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Jean Morje – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Tom O'Brien– by Theresa Harty

Sunday, January 18, 2026 @ 10:00 pm

Lee and Bud Rausch – by Jim and Rocky Rausch

Vicki Steedman – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Peter Wiegand – Theresa Harty

Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Kelly McGillycuddy – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Our hearts and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Mike Cudzey who passed away Tuesday morning, December 30, 2025.

Please pray for our sick



Michael Stephen Allen	Stacy Hyson	Nancy Quinn
Christine Anderson	Kate Hockford	Peter Quinn
Bill Ayers	Elizabeth Hrifko	Cory Roberts
Joan Campbell	Bethany Jenest	Jake Rysedorph
Chad Cardoza	Seth Kaminski	Marion Rysedorph
Maureen Cellery	Sara Messineo Kent	Tom Rysedorph
Madison Chesterman	Cathy Lavoie	Linda Schaefer
Chamylla Stephanie De Frees	Barry and Jeanne Litt	Masresha Schaefer
John DeLap	Gina Lo Presti	Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney	Alice Loughlin	Philip Sullivan
Dom Devaney	Avin Meyette	Michele Sweet
Michelle Dymond	Joseph Messineo	Linda Walsh
Anna May Gregg	Mamie Mazzatti	Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw	Thomas O'Grady	Charleen Papa
	Cathy Schaefer	

PRAYER OF ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY

My church is composed of people like me
I help make it what it is
It will be friendly if I am
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them
It will do great work if I work.

The prayer goes on to say more about our parish community and our part in making it what it is.

In the Albany diocese, we are at a difficult time dealing with Bankruptcy and the priest abuse scandal. We are also facing reduced parish participation and donations in a climate of demographic decline...

As individual parishes in the diocese, we have been asked by the Bishop to review and analyze parish financial information, building/repair needs, current/potential outreach programs, and clergy wellness/availability. Our parishioners on our Parish Council and a special committee formed to review and analyze our parish needs are working to help answer [where we go from here](#).

Today, I just want to make everyone aware that looking at our parish financials shows that we have not been able to meet our parish expenses for the past 3 years. This year looks like it will be the same. Looking at all our expenses and all our income including weekly collections and donations made directly to the parish, we are short \$500 per week.

In order for our parish to survive, one of the requirements is that we must be able to sustain ourselves including a balanced budget. We have been looking at our expenses and have been taking steps to reduce expenses and control costs. We will continue to do this, but we ask for your help in meeting our financial needs.

Collections

For us to cover parish expenses, our weekly collection must meet	\$2500
Our Collections for January 3 & 4, 2026	\$3203

[Important Note](#) Regarding the Diocesan Appeal Collections

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.

EVENTS

St. Mary's

HOLD THE DATE: It has been a while BUT we are once again hosting two Red Cross Blood Drives. Our first drive is scheduled for February 14. Valentine's Day. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors. Posters and sign-up sheets on the way!



House Keeping Notes....

Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes are scheduled to be delivered sometime after January 1. ***PLEASE*** let us know if you do not receive yours. Call the office and leave a message or speak to Dee 518-766-2701.

Rides

If you know someone who does not attend Mass because they need transportation, please call the office and let us know. Community worship and friendship is part of who we are. There is a personal connection by attending Mass at St. Mary's that is more than just worship. It's a sense of being valued as part of our community.

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.

Note to Eucharist Ministers and Lectors:

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

Learn About Your Faith

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes have resumed. The school year 2026 class schedule is published on the last page in the "Religious Education" section of our bulletin.

Our Journey of Faith

Our "Learning About Our Faith" sessions will resume in January after the holidays. The 2026 schedule is posted on the bulletin boards. The schedule has been included to the "Religious Education" section of the bulletin.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The holiday season concludes and as this new year opens to us, please take the time to visit and extend ourselves to those who need comfort and community.

We have these shawls in totes in the front entrance way next to the stairs. They were made by our ministry and have been blessed. You can use them for anyone in need and even as gifts. They have many other uses. Please help yourself. Please give them.

Some uses for the shawl ...

undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; commitment or marriage ceremonies; birthing, nursing a baby; bridal shower or wedding gift; leading ritual; during an illness and recovery ministering to others; graduation, birthday, anniversary, ordination, holiday gifts; or just socializing...

There are endless possibilities.

In Our Community

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Report January 10 – 11, 2026

I delivered @ 20 bags of clothing etc. last week. AT THIS POINT THEY SAID WE CAN HOLD OFF ON THOSE KIND OF MATERIALS as they will move them onto their shelves and inventory to determine what is still needed.

At this point though it does appear that FOOTWARE for winter is still a need. But I will know more after I meet with Shannon, Sara. That will then help us determine more exactly how to fill that need. Most likely this could involve hunting the Thrift Stores and selecting sizes.

Refugee paperwork etc.--From what I was just told, much of that paperwork was being handled through the State Dept., BUT NOW IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. Why this is being done we don't know. Our concern is that this will only complicate any paperwork being done on timeAnd as we know with the Ukrainians none of their renewals are done. I hope to know more this coming week.

The Cabrini Pledge- you will remember that we all got handouts on this in church in November urging us to sign to support immigrants, refugees etc. HOPEFULLY some of you did go online and sign this. It was instituted by the US Bishops and our own was distributed by the NYS Bishops.

I wanted to find out how many signed to date and how these numbers were to be used as they would illustrate support for this issue. I ATTEMPTED to contact the US Bishops via their web site and after filling out the necessary request and submitting it, a pop up asked me to "TRY AND CONTACT THEM AGAIN LATER". I then contacted the NYS Bishops via their web site-----and have heard NOTHING!

Let me be blunt here--- If this is how the USCBB is going to respond on this issue then we may as well consider the whole issue ENDED!

IMMIGRATION – Refugee Report Cont.....

I read and hear how our church cares so much, etc. and it's clear that there are a handful of Bishops who are truly opposing the Administration's policies. BUT, there appears to be a real lack of action on the part of the USCCB overall to face the administration and demand action. I will continue to watch this as its crucial to the very population that WE ARE HELPING!

Hopefully better news in the coming week after my meeting at USCRI.....

Prayerfully, Ken

“Wisdom, compassion, and courage
are the three universally recognized moral qualities of men.....Confucius

Special Prayers

For peace in the Ukraine, Holy Land, and the World

For all healthcare professionals, first responders, and others involved in caring the sick or injured, that God would give them strength and wisdom as they perform their duties.

Religious Education Schedules

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

JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1/4 – Class 11 – Class 1/18 – No Class 1/25 – Class	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