



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

*Third Sunday  
of Ordinary Time*

## 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>

Mass Intentions 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24 & January 25, 2026
Saturday, January 24, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Charles Wiegand– by Theresa Harty
Sunday, January 25, 2026 @ 10:00 pm Sharon Banks – by Theresa Harty
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Marion Alber – Theresa Harty
Thursday, January 29, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s
January 31 & February 1, 2026
Saturday, January 31, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Marie Burgess– by Theresa Harty
Sunday, February 1, 2026 @ 10:00 pm Betty Borey – by Theresa Harty
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s
Thursday, February 5, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s

**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 Welcomes Fr. David Mickiewicz*

### *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 17 & 18, 2026 **\$2257**

### ***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

**Ash Wednesday** Ash Wednesday is closer than you think. This year it falls on February 18. That is only **4 weeks** away. The schedule for distribution of Ashes is as follows:

#### 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

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** It has been a while BUT we are once again hosting 2 Red Cross Blood Drives. Our first drive is scheduled for February 14.

When: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 9:00 am to 2 pm



How do I register?

Call the Rectory 518-766-2701

Call the Red Cross 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767 7)

Visit the Website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

If you are "app savvy", download the free Blood Donor App.

Use sponsor coded: stmaryschurchnassau

When you donate blood the months of January and February, you will receive a \$20 gift card that can be used with a wide variety of merchants. All this information is posted on our bulletin boards.

### Fr. Close

For those of you who know Fr. Close, you know that one of the many pieces that make up his life is his dedication to the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department. This past Saturday at their annual installation banquet and awards dinner, Fr. Close was recognized by the Board of Directors and Board of Fire Commissioners for 55 years of dedicated service. Congratulations and thank you Fr. Close.

### *Thank you, St. Mary's*

We received a very nice thank you letter from the Nassau Resource Center regarding our continued support, especially for our help with their Thanksgiving and Christmas meal programs. This year the Resource Center provided 151 families Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings and extra Stewarts milk certificates. At Christmas the Resource Center served 510 individuals' dinners; Price Chopper or Hannaford gift cards; Stewart Milk certificates and extra Stewarts My Money cards along with special gifts for seniors at the senior housing complex.

Please take a moment to read the letter. It is posted on our bulletin board.

## In Our Community

### Kurt's Community Kitchen

Come and join your neighbors for a free community meal. Everyone is welcome!  
The menu is a surprise



**Where:** Grace United Methodist Church – 42 Church Street  
**When:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – Dinner  
**Cost:** Free

Posters are on the bulletin boards.

### Magnificat Meal

Hosted by the Gentle Woman of Praise Chapter of Magnificat is hosting a Magnificat Meal with Guest Speaker Gail O'Brien. For more Information call Kathleen at 518-930-8380 (AFTER 6 PM) or e-mail: [albanymagnificat@gmail.com](mailto:albanymagnificat@gmail.com)

**Where:** Wolferts Roost Country Club  
120 Van Rensselaer Blvd.  
Albany, NY 12204  
**When:** Saturday, March 14, 2026  
**Time:** 8:30 am – Check-in and Seating begins  
9:00 am – Breakfast and Program  
12:00 pm – Confession and Prayer Teams  
**Cost:** \$33.00 Pre-Registration required. No tickets sold at the door

## 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.

## *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. There is a personal connection by attending Mass that is more than just worship. It's a sense of being valued as part of our community.

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

### **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.

### **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

## **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.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>, with Mass at 10 am

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

IMMIGRATION -REFUGEE REPORT  
JANUARY 24-25, 2026

A sliver of good news after my meeting this week at USCRI. They have a new family that has just arrived. This is an "in country " transfer from another site outside NYS. It is very possible that we may get more. What MAY be happening is that some refugees are realizing that NYS is a "better" place to be, as far as still having some benefits that have been cut in other states, as well as a "safer" place at least so far from where they were.

NEEDS - I had said that we would know more after this meeting.

**Still taking:** Blankets, Comforters, Twin Sheets if you have them.

Any kind of **WINTER FOOTWARE, ANY SIZE**. The men can use work boots.

**Other constant needs:** Diapers. size 4,5,6. Feminine Products. Rice, beans, cooking oils, tea, and tote bags - I know it is difficult but the larger size of those the better.

Please bring any items to the church. Thanks to our earlier work other clothing is not needed at this time. I did take in 10 bags/boxes including boots, this week. If you wish to give gift cards towards this as we did in the beginning, that is fine.

If you have any easy to read kids' books, Claire, the ESL Teacher will take them for her ESL students and for kids when they come to the agency. I am going to work on another source I have for these as well.

**The naturalization issue.**

ICE has basically notified many if not most of those who have **completed their citizenship process**, particularly Afghans, that their **ceremonies have been canceled at this time until their paperwork has been completely reviewed again. When this is completed they will be notified.** They do not have any option to be personally involved in this. How would YOU feel if this were you? Remember what I said last week about letting your legislator know your feelings on this?

The new head of the USCCB (Catholic Bishops), Paul Coakley met with President Trump, VP Vance two weeks ago. No comments were released to date by the Administration on this meeting. Bishop Coakley stated that there are a number of issues of concern and hopes this opens a dialog for discussion of those.

Of note here is that this was the first meeting of that group with a president "in nearly a decade" according to one news source. And why was that? Who never asked or never offered? Am I the only one scratching my head on this? I truly would like to say more about this but will refrain!

Let me state again here, how grateful USCRI staff is to us for what we have done and are continuing to do. I do have other issues/information but do not want us going into overload!

It was suggested that I include my phone, etc. That number is **518-766 -4811** (you can leave message). My email is: **kmscallon@yahoo.com**. Please allow a couple days for me to catch up with you I. I might be hauling in more wood! .**THANKS!**

Prayer .....AND ACTION, Ken

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." - Martin Luther King Jr.