



The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 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.

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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	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>

Mass Intentions
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11 & July 12, 2026

Saturday July 11, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Sr. Carmella Pfohl – The Ridzi Family

Rob and Cathy Schaefer – for Healing – Theresa Harty

Sunday, July 12, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Charleen Papa – The Ridzi Family

Lee and Bud Rausch – Jim and Rocky

Viola Hotaling – Sharron Anselment

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary

Thursday July 16, 2026 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary

July 18 & July 19, 2026

Saturday July 18, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Frank and Rita Dreher – Larry and Key Sun

Paul Lyngard – Barbara Mullins

Sunday, July 19, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Paul Tomchik – Mary and Paul Tomchik

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am

Diane Davis – Barbara Mullins

Thursday July 23, 2026 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends
of Bill Ayers

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
Avin Meyette
Linda Walsh
Anna May Gregg
Charleen Papa

Stacy Hyson
Kate Hockford
Chamylla Stephanie De Frees
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Masresha Schaefer
Gina Lo Presti
Philip Sullivan
Michele Sweet
Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw
Cory Roberts

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Jake Rysedorph
John DeLap
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney
Dom Devaney
Michelle Dymond
Marion Rysedorph
Ann Marie Waldron



HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

A newcomer to a city known for its wind and rain arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that. She goes out to lunch and sees a young child and, out of despair, asks, "Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?" To which the child replies, "How should I know? I'm only six."

With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil, and a laboring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling, and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously.

One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort.

For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are "the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands," are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children.

By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.



Collection Obligations

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, we are not meeting our necessary expenses. Additionally, some of our expenses are unforeseen or fluctuate.

Our Collections for July 4 & July 5

\$3702

The Diocesan Appeal for this year has closed. We have done a great job of moving toward fulfilling our obligation of \$30,576. However, we did not meet our assessment for the year. The remaining balance of \$6,734 becomes a debt that is carried over to our next year.

EVENTS

St. Mary's

Coffee Time is Here

Our Coffee Hour pot is on!

The goodies are ready to be eaten....

In the Hall after 10:00 Mass.

All are welcome for some cake and conversation.



Welcome Fr. Maddhichetty Noel, SDB

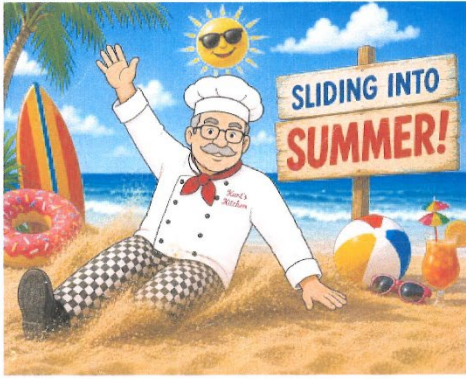
India, Salesian Missions



Father Noel Maddhichetty, SDB, is a Salesian priest from Chennai, India, and a lifelong advocate for marginalized youth. With advanced studies in youth development, counseling, and comparative religion completed in Rome, Bangalore, and Berkeley, California, and fluency in five languages, he has spent more than forty years dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable young people through education, rehabilitation, and social development. Guided by the Salesian mission of serving youth with compassion and practical support, he founded Navajeevan Bala Bhavan in Hyderabad, a rehabilitation center that has helped hundreds of street and working children rebuild their lives.

Throughout his ministry, Fr. Noel has served in leadership roles as a dean, professor, director, and advisor in Salesian institutions across India and South Asia. As President of the Don Bosco Network, he coordinated numerous NGOs focused on education and community development. He currently serves as Director of Don Bosco LiFE at the Bosco Institute of Research and Development of Youth (BIRDY) in Hyderabad, where he promotes livelihoods, food security, and environmental sustainability. His work is rooted in the belief that empowering disadvantaged youth is not simply an act of charity, but a matter of justice and long-term social transformation.

Our Community



KURT'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Sliding into Summer

MENU

- pulled pork sliders
- burger sliders
- cole slaw
- salads
- chips
- desserts

Thursday, July 23rd

6:00pm

free community dinner

Everyone is welcome

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

Reminders....

Father Cronin Mass Schedule

Thursday Morning 9:30 am	Saturday 5:30 Sunday 10:00 am
July 16 July 23	
August 6 August 20	Aug. 1-2 Aug 29-30
September 3	TBD

Prayers

For peace in the Ukraine, Holy Land, and the world, let us pray to the Lord.

For all healthcare professionals, first responders and others involved in caring for the sick or injured, that God would give them strength and wisdom as they perform their duties with diminishing staff and heavy patient loads, let us pray to the Lord.

Learning About Our Faith Learning About Our Faith final session was this past Monday. Please contact the Rectory if you would like to be included in the next class. 518-766-2701

Faith Formation As we enter the summer season of no school, vacations etc. practicing our Faith does not stop - God does not stop. God remains with us always. He wants you to remain with Him. So, come to Mass and receive the Eucharist throughout the season. Keep in mind that as parents and grandparents, YOU are the most instrumental teacher of your children. More than what you say, is what you do - they will copy it. Continue with morning and evening prayers and prayers before meals.

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT
July 2026

We are repeating this from last week due to people being away.

This is an emergency request via the US Committee of Catholic Bishops -- Advocacy section, which I am asking **all** of us to take 5 minutes to complete!! Please!

The government has designated Haiti (and Syria) as countries that are now "safe " for people who are here under temporary protected status to return to.

This is **absolutely not true**. Bishop Cahill has called this a "moral crisis" for us. We are being asked to tell our senators to support the Federal Bill S4814 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/4814/text> to extend TPS (temporary protected status) for them to 2029.

Simply use Senator Schumer and Senator Gellibrand 's addresses on our list to tell them you support this bill. They need to know that many New Yorkers disagree with this administration on that decision. Many of these people are working in our economy while others are in refugee/immigration pipelines.

The other key point that I have raised before, is you can sign up for the USCCB automatic alert on advocacy. These are set up for review and for you to actually sign off on and send!! **You do not have** to do anything else! Go to <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns> and sign up now.

To be blunt, there is no reason for anyone reading this to not take part in this campaign. I have been working on our behalf for a year and a half now and **I need more support** to feed back to the USCCB and the NYS Bishops. We need more advocacy from the Albany diocese which at this point does very little in the way of providing information to us for action. I realize some Catholics don't care about these people and agree with the administration in deporting them out of the US. Therefore, the rest of us must stand up for this mission now.

When you have sent your message take a minute to drop a note in the refugee donation box in the back (use your bulletin page or paper back there), and let me know you sent your message. That is the easiest way for me to determine our feedback to respond to the USCCB and our diocese.

Supplies: bikes, sewing machines (we are almost down to filling that need), soccer balls, fans. Food staples! for their pantry at the USCCB office. Rice, beans, cooking oils, etc.

One last thought. About two months ago we had a 4-year-old Syrian girl who wanted a bike so badly and we got one for her!! If her parents get sent back with her what happens to the bike? Does it sit in an empty hallway in Albany after they leave? Should we ask for it back?

We need to stop this insanity that our president and the administration are forcing on us!

Respectfully, *Ken*

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" ...We cannot believe in Jesus and abandon those who suffer, those who weep, those who flee from misery."
~ Pope Leo XIV

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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