



The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 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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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>

Mass Intentions
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

July 25 & July 26, 2026

Saturday July 25, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
Melissa Wing – Beth Wing

Sunday, July 26, 2026 @ 10:00 am
Staska Fitzgibbons – Maureen Cellery
Marty Neyen – Beth Wing

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary

Thursday July 30, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary

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



REFLECTION

By Nick Brodie

“The Gospel,” Pope Leo says, “resounds where peoples meet.” Exclusion is not Christ’s way—encounter is.

The Gospel “falls silent,” the Pope warns, “when each person makes him or herself an island, avoiding contact and cutting off exchange.” We must never presume another person to be a noxious weed, unworthy to be counted among us.

Individuals and groups may exclude themselves from the Church, but we are not called to exclude them.

“There is no love of God without love of neighbor,” the Pope reminds us, “and there is no neighbor if I do not draw near.”

We are called to help the wayward and lost, not reject them.

This also applies at a societal level, regarding those with beliefs or cultures different from our own. “It is time,” the Pope states emphatically, “to recognize and affirm that religious affiliation must never become a reason for discrimination.” The Pope implores us all to “give spiritual, cultural, legal, political and economic expression to the civilization of love.”

We might not all be lawmakers, but we can take up this call. “The parish, in particular,” the Pope added, “should be a community where, guided by the Gospel, we learn to welcome, accompany and integrate one another in a spirit of communion.”



Quotes from Homily at Lampedusa, 4 July 2026:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260704-lampedusa-messa.html>

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 July 11 & July 12

\$2250

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 \$6,509 becomes a debt that is carried over to our next year.

EVENTS

St. Mary's

St. Mary's has parishioners with a lot of personal talents and some with their own business. As members of the St. Mary's family, let us try to support them. Please consider them when you find that you require some service they may offer. Please call the rectory to have their talent or their business placed in our bulletin.

Did you knowBAKYARDIGNS

is one of our parishioner's business? It is. It offers a full backyard picnic (or anywhere else) that includes appetizers, entrée, sides, and desert! Offered up by Chef Chris. Throw your family a backyard banger.... Sooo the next time you want to entertain but do not want to cook, serve, and clean up – call Chef 518-894-9656. His menu and cards are on the bulletin board.



Alight Baby Bottle Drive – The Bottles are Here



The 2026 Alight Baby Bottle Campaign Drive begins this Sunday and continues through September 7. Bottles are at the back door in the basket. Take one with you and drop your spare change in the bottle. Bring the filled bottle back by September 7 to be returned to Alight. If you would rather donate by check, please make it payable to "Alight". There is a poster on our bulletin board.

Our Community

READING BOOKS & MAGAZINES



Does anyone have National Geographic magazines that they do not know what to do with? Or old mystery novels? If you do, bring them to the rectory.

We received a letter from a nursing home resident at Barnwell in Valatie. He wrote asking for a bible – no problem – and any magazines or books we may have but no longer want. His activity director said he particularly likes National Geographic and mysteries.

His director said he has written many letters but so far St. Mary's is the only one who responded. When she told him, we had received his letter and was asking what he liked to read, he was so very happy and said to tell us

THANK YOU....this means so much to him.

Our Community Con't....

Kurt's Community Kitchen

Thursday, July 23rd
6:00 pm

Free Community Dinner
Everyone is Welcome



Menu

Pulled Pork Sliders
Burger Sliders
Cole Slaw
Salads
Chips
Desserts

Reminders....

Upcoming Collections:

Peter's Pence
Catholic Home Missions

Father Cronin Mass Schedule

Thursday Morning 9:30 am	Saturday 5:30 Sunday 10:00 am
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 18-19, 2026

The Refugee -Immigrant situation is moving faster in many ways than "we" can all keep up with. This is what I warned you about from a variety of sources, now that the administration has received the funds to speed up Deportation etc. Their overall intent is to accomplish much of this before the courts, etc., can move fast enough to stop it. See my bullets below based on July 10th memo from CRI, and other sources.

IMPORTANT!! Over the next month TWO CRI PROGRAMS **WILL COME TO A CLOSE!!**

- USARA - THE UKRAINE SUPPORT PROGRAM AND
- SORP - THE SERVICES FOR OLDER REFUGEES PROGRAM.

At this point I do not have the details on these, only that clients will still be able to access case management IF they need that. Staff from those two programs will transition to other programs.

CRI has received 5 families of White Afrikaners.

- Three of those families have already moved on to other states. Many are agricultural workers and want to be where others. Afrikaners are located e.g. Texas, etc.
- Two families remain.

According to other sources, some have chosen to return to south Africa. Anecdotally, I have been informed that many of these people are disappointed in that they were under the belief that they were going to **receive free housing, food, etc.** That is, of course, not the case. You can read more on this ongoing situation at various news sites.

As of two weeks ago the president has changed the annual immigration allotment upwards by 10,000!! **EXCEPT THAT 10,000 IS RESERVED FOR WHITE AFRIKANERS!** For more on all this you can follow on news web sites. BE SURE YOU ARE READING A RELIABLE SITE AND DOUBLE CHECK!!

ALSO, in this memo... CRI has received "several" new arrivals. I am waiting for clarification on HOW MANY 'several' is, though I know the South Afrikaners are part of that. I also do not know where the others have come from. CRI will be looking for supplies for them much as we did before. HOWEVER, I want more clarification before we jump into this, get things, and then having to STOP, as the request is filled. This is like a train wreck for those of us in the middle doing the storage, supply runs. I know bedding is needed and we, thanks to your generosity, have funds that I will utilize to buy new sheets etc. for them.

What was emphasized was food staples like we are doing. BIG THANKS to you out there who have left me those! They have been delivered or are on the next load.

Sara, our contact, especially thanked their furniture crew who worked last week in the heat to set up beds, etc. for these new people. I certainly remember those days of moving, unloading, setting up in a new place and all the planning and trepidation that goes with it.

Delivered last week: two bikes, two sewing machines, half dozen totes of supplies materials, jogging stroller, ironing boards and iron.

Lastly but **VERY IMPORTANT** ... If you remember Pastor Niemoller who initially supported the NAZI movement but who changed his mind when he saw where it was going and made the statement, " First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out " I would like to urge you to watch what I consider a VERY WELL-DONE contemporary version of that which we were alerted to called, "When You Strip Away Humanity" on You Tube <https://youtube.com/shorts/sAmcuorx-o4?si=FTJ6wr0pSZgODo8a>

This is about where we are going in this country now.

More when I know it.....*Ken*

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Representatives 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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