



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7, 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>

REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

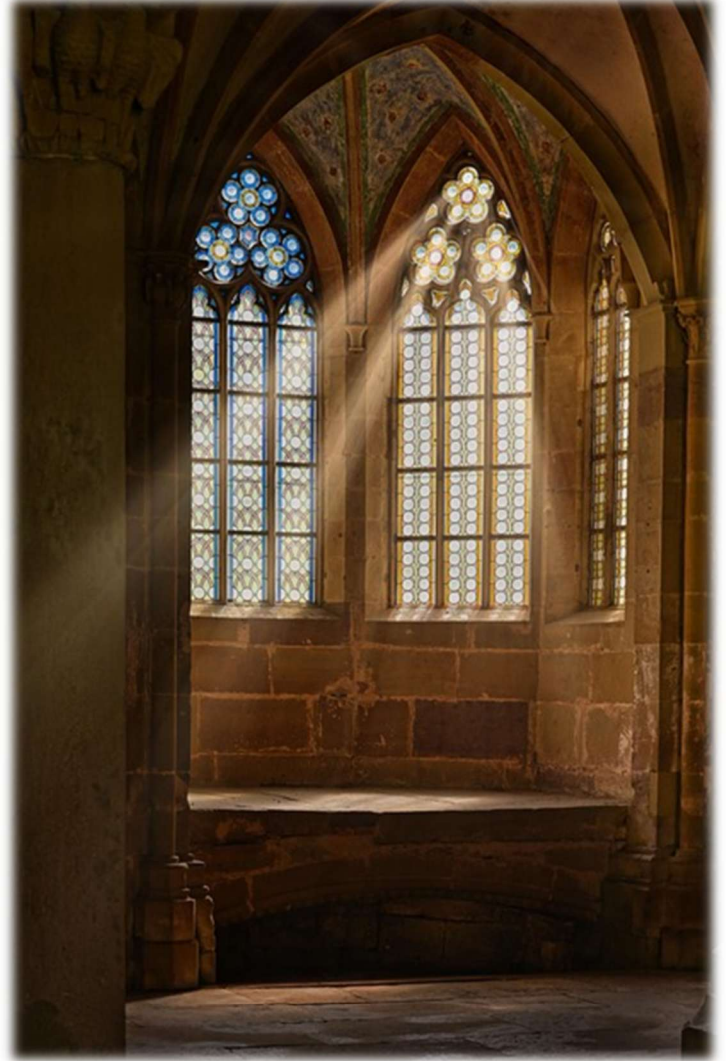
Leo's Lens

Pope Leo wants us to remember the connection between Communion, unity, and change. "Christians are truly born from above, regenerated by God as brothers and sisters of Jesus," he says, "and the Church that nourishes them with the sacraments is the welcoming bosom for all peoples."

Being called to unity is something we cannot do alone. This is why the Pope encourages us to reflect on "the lifestyle that characterizes humanity when it has been renewed by the Holy Spirit." We are called to be people who love each other, even those who may despise us or rattle our complacency.

The Pope encourages us to reflect on what such "spiritual unity" looks like in practice. Surely it flows from "harmony of faith, affections, ideas and life decisions centered on the love of God who became man to save all the peoples of the earth?" Ours is therefore a unity which "embraces peoples of every language and culture."

The Pope also reminds us that "in the face of poverty and oppression, the guiding principle above all for Christians is charity: let us do to those around us, as we would have them do to us." In doing so, we become authentic witnesses of our Communion with Christ.



Mass Intentions
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6 & June 7, 2026
Saturday June 6, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Mary Scallon – Healing – Theresa Harty Ginny Doherty – The Ridzi Family
Sunday, June 7, 2026 @ 10:00 am Mamie Mazzatti –The Ridzi Family Frank Cellery – by Maureen Cellery Paul Tomchik – by Mary Tomchik
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Maureen Celery – Healing – Theresa Harty
Thursday June 11, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s
June 13 & June 14, 2026
Saturday June 13, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Frank and Rita Dreher – Larry and Kye Sun Ginny Doherty – Michele Sweet
Sunday, June 14, 2026 @ 10:00 am Special Intentions – Sharron Anselment Frank Cellery – Maureen Cellery Michele Sweet – Healing – Tom and Marion Rysedorph
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s
Thursday June 18, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary’s

The St. Mary’s family extends its hearts and prayers to Barbara Wurzburg on the loss of her sister, Jacqueline, and the Shannon family on their loss of Maureen’s father, Robert Seward

Please pray for our sick

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| 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 |
| Joseph Messineo | Seth Kaminski | John DeLap |
| Maureen Cellery | Sara Messineo Kent | Tom Rysedorph |
| Madison Chesterman | Cathy Lavoie | Linda Schaefer |
| Barry and Jeanne Litt | Masresha Schaefer | Cathy Schaefer |
| Thomas O’Grady | Gina Lo Presti | Colin Sullivan |
| Alice Loughlin | Philip Sullivan | Ann Devaney |
| Avin Meyette | Michele Sweet | Dom Devaney |
| Linda Walsh | Rita Labrum | Michelle Dymond |
| Anna May Gregg | Amy Gumlaw | Marion Rysedorph |
| Charleen Papa | Chamylla Stephanie De Frees | |





St. Mary's of the Nativity
26 Church Street • Nassau, New York 12123

Celebrating 100 Years
in Our Present Church

May 30, 1926 – May 30, 2026

Mary's Parish was founded in 1852 to serve Catholic families in Nassau and the surrounding communities, many of whom had previously traveled long distances to Albany to attend Mass. Under the leadership of Father Theodore Noethen, the first Mass in Nassau was celebrated on September 27, 1852, and the parish's first church building opened in 1853.

As the parish grew, it established a school in 1865 and St. Mary's Cemetery in 1872. Through sacrifice, faith, and perseverance, the parish community remained strong even during years when priests were shared with neighboring churches and Mass was offered only occasionally.

A major turning point came in 1916 when St. Mary's was placed under the care of the Franciscan Friars. Regular Sunday Masses began, parish life deepened, and the Franciscan spirit of humble service became a lasting part of the parish's identity.

As the congregation expanded, plans were made for a larger church. Ground was broken in 1925, and on May 30, 1926, the present St. Mary's Church was dedicated—a sacred home that has now served generations of worshippers for one hundred years.

Through the Great Depression, two World Wars, and changing times, the parish has remained rooted in faith, strengthened by the devotion and generosity of its people.

For generations, St. Mary's has been known not only for worship, but for service: through religious education, ministry to the sick and homebound, outreach to those in need, ecumenical prayer, and a spirit of neighborly care that continues today.

For nearly two centuries, St. Mary's has been more than a building. It has been a family of faith—guided by Our Blessed Mother, shaped by the spirit of St. Francis, and sustained by the prayers and devotion of generations of parishioners.

1852–2026

A continuing story of faith, service, and community.

Prepared from historical materials published on the St. Mary's of the Nativity Parish website, including parish history written by Mary Ridzi; church photograph courtesy of the Parish website.

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 May 23 & May 24 **\$2277**

Diocesan Appeal

To meet this year's assessment, we need: **\$12,491 by June 30, 2026 – 30 days**

St. Mary's Diocesan Appeal assessment for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026: **\$30,576**

Our Collections to Date: **\$18,085**

Thank you!

If we do not satisfy our assessment for the year, it becomes a debt that is carried over to the next year. We then are obligated to pay that debt as well as the new assessment.

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



*Special Public Rosary**

Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Prayed outdoors in front of Our Lady of Life statue

Dress appropriately

St. Mary's Catholic Church
26 Church Street
Nassau, NY 12123

Prayer Intentions

1. For world peace and triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
2. In reparation for sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
3. For an end to the culture of death and paganism.
4. For the holy souls and conversion of sinners.
5. For every nation to honor Christ the King.

*Held in conjunction with other local initiatives from USA Prays Public Rosary, the Worldwide Public Rosary, and the Worldwide Marian Procession.

More information on our bulletin board.



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

TO MAKE OR RENEW YOUR
CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 5 – JUNE 7

THE HISTORICAL ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN ALBANY

THURSDAYS
6:30 – 8:30 PM

BEGINNING APRIL 30

For more information. Contact Ellie or Dominic Russomanno:
518-915-3464
domrussomanno48@gmail.com

This announcement is also on our bulletin board.

Our next coffee hour is after Mass June 14!



Coffee, cake, muffins and more....

St. Mary's and the Nassau Village Wide Garage Sale!



WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO

- help set up and take down tables
- put sale tickets on items – Friday, June 12
- help sell donations – Saturday, June 13

Please call Jen or Dee

We need You!

June 13

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Set up in the Parking Lot

Food and drink and baked goods will be available for purchase.

If you have items you would like to donate to St. Mary's, you can bring them to the rectory any time Tuesday through Thursday. Please call if you plan on dropping off after 5:00 to make sure someone is there. If you want to drop off on *Monday or Friday*, please call Jen to make the arrangements.

If you would like to rent a table of your own for \$20 and keep the profit – call Jen or Dee

Jen Clement 518-203-9130 or Dee at the Rectory 518-766-2701.

A letter from Bishop Mark.....

Bishop Mark penned a letter to all parishioners addressing the Diocesan Appeal; the shortage of priests and the settlement. This letter is posted on our bulletin board.

On-line Giving

Do You know how to donate on-line? It may be easier than you think.....

If you find that remembering your envelope, check or money each week a bit stressing, then using VANCO- our online donation website just might be your relief.

There are a couple of ways to do this.

Method 1

1. Go to our website: <https://parishes.rcda.org/St.MarysNassau/>
2. On the top line menu, the last selection is titled "Online Giving", select this option.
3. Immediately you will be directed to our online giving webpage
4. On the top of the page select "Sign Up" and follow the prompts to set-up an account.
5. Once your account is set up, you can manage the amount you would like to give and how often. For example once a month; weekly; every 3 months – it is totally up to you.

Method 2

If you are move "phone" savvy and prefer to use your cellphone for this, below is a QR code. Scan the code and follow the prompts.



The QR code is also on our bulletin board.



Father Cronin will be celebrating Mass at St. Mary's on the following days:

Father Cronin Mass Schedule	
Thursday Morning 9:30 am	Saturday 5:30 Sunday 10:00 am
May 19	May 30 - 31
June 4 June 18	June 20-21
July 2 July 16 July 23	TBD
August 6 August 20	TBD
September 3	TBD

On **weekday evenings**, the following groups meet in the Rectory or Parking Lot. All are Welcome!

Monday Learn About Your Faith 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory
Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rectory
Wednesday Parking Lot Rosary 6:00 pm (Dress for the weather).

QUESTION – Was Anyone Able to Help



Dr. Casey?

If you have any information or recollections about Fr. Basil, Dr. Casey has asked that you email him. His address is: doctorjackcasey@gmail.com If you do not have access to email please call Dee at the rectory 518-766-2701.

In Our Community

Pastoral Care Ministers Retreat
Carondelet Hospitality Center
385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham

You are invited to spend the day with [Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ](#)

Her theme will be: Pastoral Care: [How to Find the Hidden Face of Hope](#)

When: June 11, 2026 9:30 – 3:00

Check-in and breakfast start at 9:00 a.m.

Admission Fee: \$30.00* includes light breakfast fare and a complimentary lunch.

Payment may be sent by check to: Office for Discipleship Formation, or paid day of program.

Register online by June 4, at: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>

Call-in registration 518-453-6660. Any questions Email Mary Fay at mary.fay@rcda.org

*Please note that the fee is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.

The announcement is on our bulletin board.

Religious Education

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
16	Monday	6/8	The Sacraments – Anointing of the Sick
24	Monday	6/15	Conversion, The Laity, Your Special Gifts
25	Monday	6/20	The Saints

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
June 6-7, 2026

I urge everyone to review (or attempt to review and understand) the changes by the Administration on Green Card applicants and holders ;requests for Citizenship; and, the potential of having to RETURN to their country of origin to apply, etc. In the past two weeks this information has changed twice especially due to pushback. But it now appears that the administration is solidifying its position in an attempt to force people into untenable situations that could require them to give up in frustration and self deport.

The federal immigration website represents this as eliminating the inequities that existed earlier that made immigration more difficult for many. Go ahead and read it -- and then judge for yourself -- and thank God you are not in their shoes. Then you can look up how many White Afrikaners are now here to fill the 7500 allowable annual Immigration Limit for this year. AND you can go online and read about what OTHER South Afrikaners are saying about those who have applied to come to our Country. It should be obvious to you now that I have NO !!! respect for this Administration especially in this area of refugees /immigration.

After the NYS legislative session closes, I will pull together a summary of the Bills we asked you to push to help our Refugees and Immigrants.

NEEDS:

After my report last week, I assume you know that Food Staples are the standard for us to help our CRI clients. Also, bikes (I have 3 from my contact in Schodack), Baby Carriages (there are 6 new babies who will be delivered soon so I am going shopping this week), soccer balls, Window AC units, FANS! and we will still take sewing machines

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops NOW HAS A DEDICATED SECTION OF ITS WEB SITE CALLED *JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS*.

PLEASE CHECK THIS OUT AS ITS THEIR PRIMARY WAY TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN BECOME MORE ACTIVE.

You can find this link as well as other informative links on their webpage titled "Immigration":
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/migration/immigration>

The direct link is under the topic "How You Can Help" <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/>

Note: Once you select this link, the website will advise you that you are leaving the USCCB website. This is safe.

You won't, at least yet, find this info in the Evangelist, although they do draw from USCCB news releases at times.

I am trying to get more information from USCRI as to refugees who might be eligible soon for Citizenship. IF WE DONT SEE THAT NATURALIZATION PROCESS SHUT DOWN AGAIN.

Respectfully, *Ken*

kmscallon@yahoo.com

"Once I thought to write a history of the immigrants in America. Then I discovered that the immigrants were American history."

~ Oscar Handlin

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

State Representatives

Legislator	Area Office	Phone
Senator Jake Ashby	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby	
	594 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061	518-371-2751
Contact:	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby/contact	
Assemblyman Scott Bendett	https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Scott-Bendett	
	1580 Columbia Turnpike Building 4, Suite 1A Castleton on the Hudson, NY 12033	518-272-6149
Contact:	bendett@nyassembly.gov	

NYS Bills

NYS Senate Bill S9104 <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S9104>
*(Introduced by Senator Ashby)

NYS Senate Bill S8462 <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S8462>
*(Sponsored by Patricia Fahy)

NYS Senate Bill S141 <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S141>

NYS Assembly Bill A270 <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A270>

NYS Senate / Assembly Bills (S2235/A3506.)
<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S2235/amendment/A>

NYS Senate / Assembly Bills (S4538/A2689)
<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S4538>

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with any of these bills, there is a box on the right-hand side of the page titled, "Get Status Alerts" here you can enter your email address to receive status updates. Additionally, in a box above, you can cast an AYE or NAY vote in support the bill.