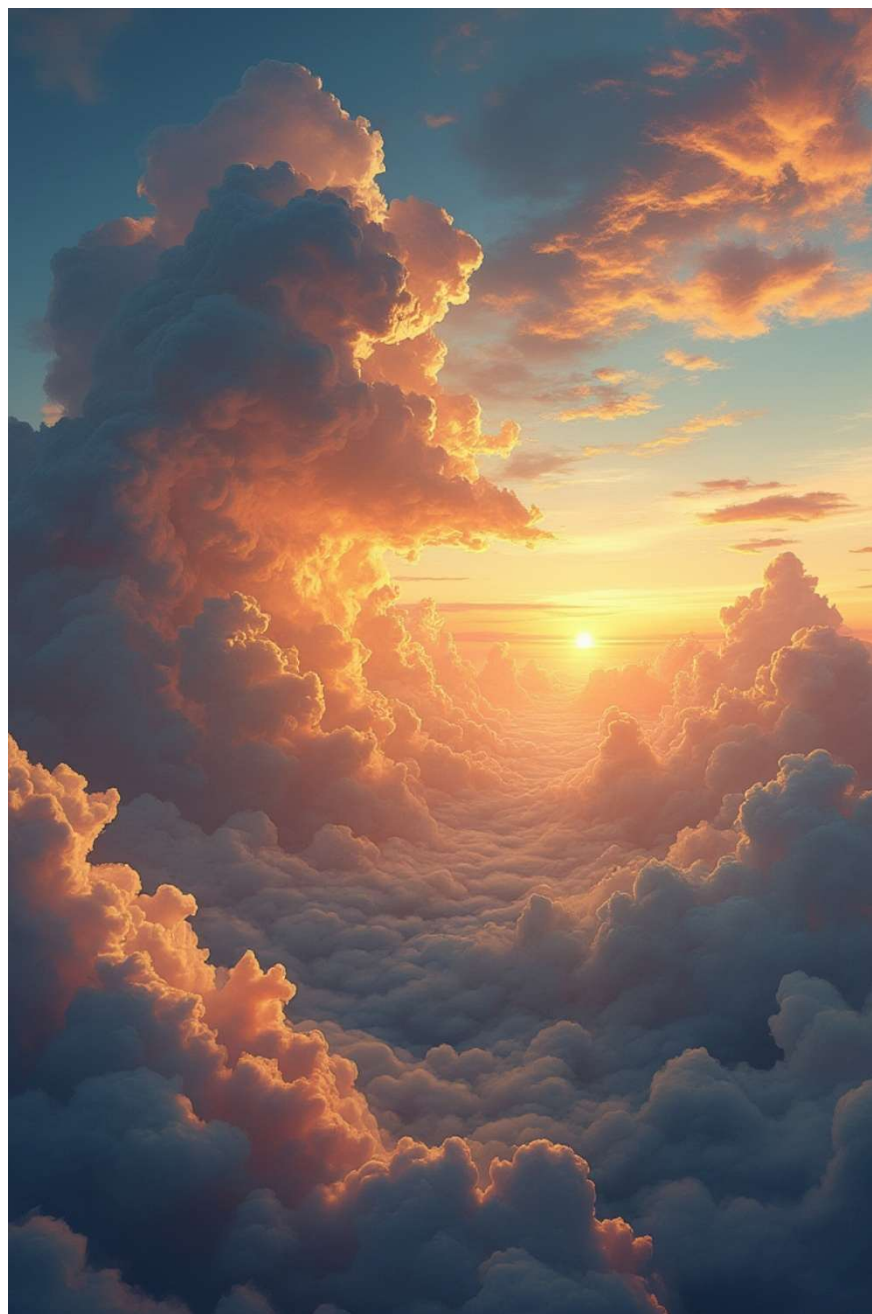




The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 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.

Rev. John Cronin – Pastor

Rev. John Close – Sacramental Minister

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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 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
June 20 & June 21, 2026
Saturday June 20, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Mary Ensslin – Patty Papa and Jack Shultis Robert Seward – The Ridzi Family Ginny Doherty – Barbara Mullins
Sunday, June 21, 2026 @ 10:00 am Mamie Mazzatti – Michele Sweet Evan Polacinski and his Family – For Extra Graces – The Russomanno Family Jacquelin Schaaf – Barbara Mullins
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Ginny Doherty – Maureen Cellery
Thursday June 25, 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 Schaaf

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



St. Mary's Finance update

Brothers and Sisters,

The finance committee would like to give you an update on the strength of our parish.

While we are still falling short on the bottom line, if the donations continue to meet the weekly expectations for the budget, we should be in a stronger position each year.

What does this mean?

1. We must meet the weekly collection minimum each week/month/quarter.
2. We must continue to pay down our past prolonged expenses, which continue to decrease as we also meet our current expense obligations.
3. We must continue to find ways to cut continued repetitive short-term repairs and expenses that do not benefit the parish long term.
4. As the new fiscal year comes to a start, along with a new budget, our finance committee has annualized our assets, expenses, and opportunities that will better serve the St. Mary's parish into the future.
5. We will be starting a committee for fundraising headed by Jen Clement. This will help our parish meet our shortfalls and make up for some of the past ones as well. IF you are interested in joining the fund-raising efforts, please reach out to Jen or anyone on the finance committee.

Lastly St. Mary's is getting stronger financially through your efforts and continued support. The only way forward, is together.

Your faithful brothers and sisters,

Your Finance Committee

Heavenly Father, as always we give thanks to you for all the gifts you have given to us, of which the greatest is your Son Jesus and your ever-present Holy Spirit.

You know our needs far better than we ourselves and you know what is best for our future. We ask you then to guide us in our duties as members of the finance committee in making decisions and plans that do the greatest good for our parish in accord with your will. Bless our efforts and allow the people of our parish to see them clearly as a means to provide for both the present and future of our church.

We ask all of this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

A prayer for God's guidance
in the work of this committee

God, our loving Father
we know that all that exists comes from you.
From the tiniest piece of matter
to the mystery of human life itself,
all is a gift from you.

We raise our voices in prayer to you
giving thanks for your power,
tenderness and most of all
the great love you have for us.

When Jesus came, he taught us
to share the gifts we have freely.
And so, we share our time, talents and our material gifts
in response to his command.

All of us gathered here have undertaken
the great responsibility of using well
the resources of this faith community.

Be with us Lord, aid us and guide us
as we discern how best we are to use
the gifts you have bestowed on this parish and people.

In doing so may this faith filled community
continue the mission Jesus has given to us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen



REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

Leo's Lens

Pope Leo suggests that “the equality of all the baptized” is a critical starting point for understanding our calling as Christians.

He reminds us that being baptized in Christ we share “the dignity and freedom of the children of God” and indeed “participate in the very priesthood of Christ.” This means that we are called to serve the world, working with the Christ who works through us!

This beautiful calling requires us to become open to change and challenge. Like Pope Francis, Pope Leo wants us to rediscover our calling to be “a Church embodied in history, always open to mission, in which we are all called to be missionary disciples, apostles of the Gospel, witnesses of the Kingdom of God, bearers of the joy of Christ whom we have encountered!”

As Pope Leo adds, “the Church is present wherever her children profess and bear witness to the Gospel: in the workplace, in civil society and in all human relationships, wherever they, through their choices, show the beauty of Christian life, which foretells here and now the justice and peace that will be accomplished in the Kingdom of God.”

Like Christ, we are intercessors of justice and peace. This is our call.



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 \$2351

Diocesan Appeal

To meet this year's assessment, we need: \$12,491 by June 30, 2026 – 17 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.

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.

EVENTS

Our coffee hour is this Sunday after Mass!



Coffee, cake, muffins and more....
Bring your “catch-up” conversation.
& enjoy.

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.



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).

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.

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
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.



Est. 1852

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

May 30, 1926 – May 30, 2026

Celebrating 100 Years in Our Present Church

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.

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT
June 13-14, 2026

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

By now you have probably seen some of the initial wrap up of Legislation since the end of the Legislative Session.

The most important "piece " for us is the Governors own " COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION PLAN " to protect New Yorkers " from ICE. There are a number of parts to this, (see below), some of which were proposed in other Bills. Since it has been proposed by the Governor it does not have to wait for her signature obviously, as other legislation does.

- Refocus local law enforcement on local crimes
- Ban law enforcement from wearing masks
- Hold Fed law enforcement accountable for constitutional violations
- Safeguard interactions with public employees
- Protect students right to free public education
- Keep immigration authorities out of sensitive locations

The details on EACH of these categories can be found on the Governors website along with commentary by others. [The Official Website of Governor Kathy Hochul](https://www.governor.ny.gov/): <https://www.governor.ny.gov/>

I must note that some issues and concerns from other bills are not included in her plan. I do not, at this time, have all that information. Most importantly, the "New York for All ", bill that was among the most stringent did not pass as written. And at this point I do not have the breakdown on other legislation. I do know that senator Jake Ashby 's bill did not pass, never-the-less, this is a big!!! Step for us here in NYS to help immigrants and to protect refugees who might get swept up in any coming actions.

Speaking of which, congress did just pass legislation to fund mass deportation and immigration enforcement via a nearly \$70 billion package layered on top of \$140 to \$ 170 billion allocated to ICE and Customs and Border Protection from the One Big Beautiful Act. (you can read the details on the web including on the AP (Associated Press) website. Incidentally, the AP website is one of the best for coverage of issues.

That \$\$\$\$ is our tax dollars at work. We are all culpable in this! Please communicate this to your legislators. They need to know how many of us stand against this. This is the money Mr. Homan and ICE have been waiting for to begin (**quietly**) moving people out of the country this summer and fall!!

NEEDS:

Our needs at the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants remain: food staples. Bikes. Fans. Air conditioners, baby carriages. Soccer balls. Sewing machines.

USCRI has still not been able to get approval for food deliveries from the regional food bank. That wait list apparently remains too long due to other agencies applications.

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. As we shift into summer please don't forget these people ... I know we are all in financial straits here, but it gets worse for all those down-the-ladder.

And think about WHY this is happening to us and what YOU are going to need to do if you want this to CHANGE.

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

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