

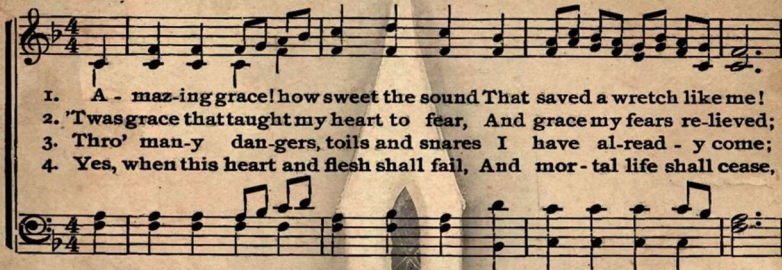
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Amazing Grace.

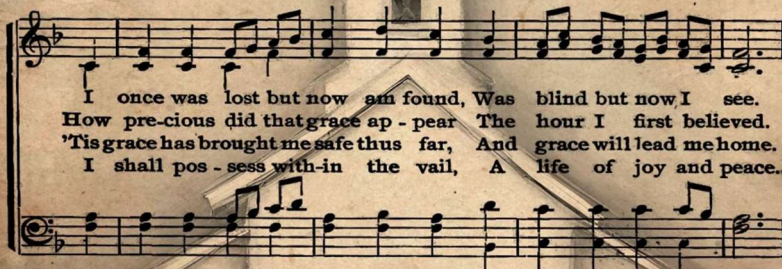
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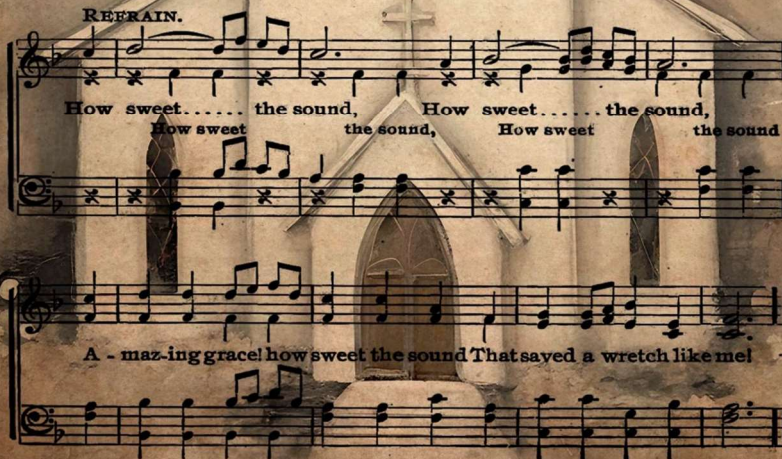
F. S. SHEPARD.



1. A - maz-ing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved;
 3. Thro' man-y dan-gers, toils and snares I have al-read - y come;
 4. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail, And mor - tal life shall cease,



I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
 How pre-cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first believed.
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 I shall pos - sess with-in the vail, A life of joy and peace.



REFRAIN.
 How sweet..... the sound, How sweet..... the sound,
 How sweet the sound, How sweet the sound,
 A - maz-ing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 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 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Jacqueline Schaaf – Barbara Mullins

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am

Ginny Doherty – Maureen Cellery

Thursday June 25, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Jacqueline Schaaf – The Russomanno Family

June 27 & June 28, 2026

Saturday June 27, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Arthur VanDeusen – Mary VanDeusen

Lee and Bud Rausch – Jim and Rocky

Ginny Doherty – The Russomanno Family

Sunday, June 28, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Michele Sweet – For My Healing, Comfort, and Peace – Michele Sweet

Jacqueline Schaaf – The Ridzi Family

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday July 2, 2026 @ 9:30 am

For the People of St. Mary's

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



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.

Quotes from General Audience, 1 April 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260401-udienza-generale.html>



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 June 13 & June 14

\$3278

Diocesan Appeal

To meet this year's assessment, we need:

\$10,204 by June 30, 2026 – 9 days

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

\$30,576

Our Collections to Date:

\$20,372

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.

Thank You...

A big thank you to everyone who donated their time and items to the first St. Mary's Garage Sale! It was a great success and we made \$435! Next year - \$500!

On-line Giving

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

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 more "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

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 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.

Religious Education

Learning About Our Faith Schedule

Learning About Our Faith final session is this Monday in the Rectory at 6:30 pm.

Our Journey of Faith Learning About Your Faith			
Session		Date	Topic
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 20-21, 2026

NATIONAL LEVEL:

I am still collecting information on the newest move by the administration to get immigrants and even refugees out of the US. Some of this only became apparent, especially when some of our Ukrainians had their jobs shut down after purportedly not renewing their annual status in time. We are now finding that this was also a convenient way to push anyone to re-think staying here, especially if they don't have the support. To date none of the Ukrainians have actually received deportation notices.

A few had been able to get renewed (but so far as yet none have jobs), but the majority simply exist in limbo with no support except from USCRI, and other sources. This is also beginning to show up in other programs. It is a part of the "QUIETER IMMIGRATION SHOWDOWN", as headlined in the Sunday June 14th TU. It basically is designed to stop the existing system from operating like it should so that people in it are forced to leave. By slowing or removing procedures that existed before, people have no other recourseand those ATTEMPTING TO COME, will give up as well.

The above combined with White House Czar Homan's threat to get more people out will result in fewer being allowed in at all for green cards, farm labor, etc. I will continue to follow this, although I confess, less and less people seem to care about it, especially in our economy. And it is summer. Haven't we had enough with the war, etc. which as I write this, is well almost over, sort of

The Religious Liberty Commission. This was formed last year by the White House, under the Department of Justice to advise them on religious liberty policies and operations here in America, with an official advisory Board of Religious Leaders. This would be a good opportunity to discuss some issues pertinent to our concernsso go ahead and read their minutes etc. and see what YOU think. Their membership includes WHITE Christian clergy and at last count one Jewish clergy member, and NO members from other religions (a law suit on that issue is in progress). Would you like to see how many Catholic Clergy are on it and who they are? Go ahead, do some homework, and find out. See who is speaking for US! Or NOT speaking for us!!

Did you register for the USCCB newsletter etc. yet? Too Busy? Don't care? Yeah, I feel like that somedays but then I think, what would my immigrant father say? Here's the link:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/migration/immigration>

NEEDS:

Food Staples (especially given the new push described above), Bikes, (two last week) Fans, (received two fans along with an AC unit last week) Baby Carriages (delivered one last week and have another from the village wide sale), Soccer balls, sewing machines (picking up two tomorrow as I write this), and gift cards are ok too.

**** We will continue to list our legislators in this bulletin. Remember you can contact them for other issues.****

WE PAY THEIR SALARIES -----AND THEY NEED TO EARN THEM. And most DO care!

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

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Senator Charles Schumer Website Contact Page	Albany Office. https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/message-chuck	518-431-4070
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Representative Josh Riley - Website Contact Page	Leeds Office https://riley.house.gov/contact	518-625-2100

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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
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