



The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 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 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27 & June 28, 2026
Saturday June 27, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Arthur VanDeusen – Margaret VanDeusen Lee and Bud Rausch – Jim and Rocky Ginny Doherty – The Russomanno Family
Sunday, June 28, 2026 @ 10:00 am Michele Sweet – For Comfort, Healing, and Peace 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
July 4 & July 5, 2026
Saturday July 4, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Leslie Aldridge – The Ridzi Family Jacqueline Schaaf – Theresa Harty
Sunday, July 5, 2026 @ 10:00 am Bill Ayers – The Ridzi Family Patty Strevell – Maureen Cellery Harold Hotaling – Sharron Anselment
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Betty Borey – Theresa Harty
Thursday July 9, 2026 @ 9:30 am Michele Sweet – Theresa Harty

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

Leo's Lens

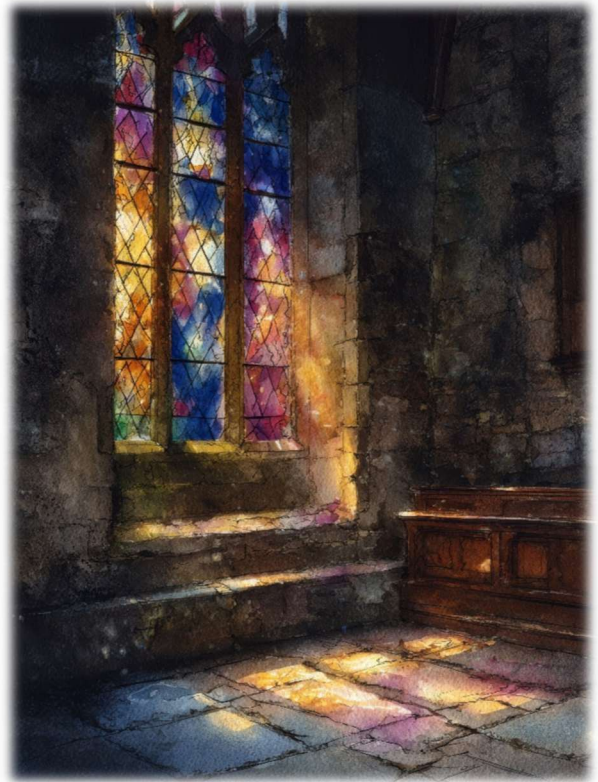
"We do not," Pope Leo XIV said recently, "dwell in an unfinished work, but in a temple still under construction." Speaking in the beautiful Basilica of Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Pope was really talking about the whole Church.

"Since we are the temple of the Holy Spirit," he reminds us, we are called to continually become a people who uplifts and welcomes others.

In today's Gospel Jesus places before us a model of welcome and hospitality. Rather than an inward-looking society, focused only on immediate family, we are called to love broadly and without discrimination. Like Jesus, we are called to lovingly serve the whole human family.

Such love, the Pope reminds us, goes beyond sentimentality. Christian love has real world implications. The Pope firmly declares that "we cannot believe in Jesus and promote war. We cannot believe in Jesus and kill the innocent. We cannot believe in Jesus and abandon those who suffer, those who weep, those who flee from misery."

As the Pope says, the cross is "a banner of charity." Explaining that "God loves us in this way, transforming an instrument of death into a sign of hope," the Pope wants us to see that taking up our cross means just this. We are called to be hope bearers.



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 20 & June 21

\$1284

Diocesan Appeal – If you would still like to donate, we are in the last few days of this assessment period. We have done a great job of moving toward satisfying our assessment. *Thank you EVERYONE!*

To meet this year's assessment, we need:

\$8,034 by June 30, 2026

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

\$30,576

Our Collections to Date:

\$22,542

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...

ST. MARY'S NEW FUND-RAISING CHAIRPERSON – JEN CLEMENT!

Jen has a big job ahead of her and needs all our support. If you can help Jen – in any way or if you have an idea for a fund raiser – *Please* let her know. This is for St. Mary's. We need to help her in every way we can.

Also - A big thank you to Ken who brought our profit from the garage sale up to \$500 with his donation!! So now next year our goal is \$550!

EVENTS

St. Mary's

Save the date – and your appetite!

The Coffee Hour pot is going back on!

Our next coffee hour is after Mass on July 12.





REMINDERS.....

How-to: On-line Giving

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 on this page or from the bulletin board and follow the prompts.



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 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	6/29	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 27-28, 2026

LEGISLATIVE FOLLOWUP:

I reported earlier that the Gov. did incorporate some of what was needed into her own Bill on this issue. The details can be found on the WEB or the Governors web site. That will go some ways to help our people.

As for other Bills that we asked you to promote:

NY for ALL----- This would have been the big one to help. It **DID NOT PASS**.

THE BUILD ACT - This Bill ended up in the Finance Committee and was **NOT PASSED!**

The Access To Representation Act (S141/A270) is in Finance Committee. It **DID NOT PASS!** (This is the Act that would have ensured the right to legal counsel for those who were at risk of hearings, deportation. It would have been the first of its kind in NYS.

All things considered, our Bills did not fare well. I will refrain from stating how I feel here about some of our legislators. Of course, HOW MUCH PUSH DID THEY GET FROM US VOTERS?

I want to re-visit, if you have missed this in the past, a philosophical concept that comes into play as we deal with different opinions etc. in our lives. Especially since immigration is one issue where there are many opinions.

The **PARADOX OF TOLERANCE** was developed by Karl Popper in 1945, where he argued that a truly tolerant society MUST retain the right to deny tolerance to those who PROMOTE intolerance.

Most of us have encountered this in some way and at times have, understandably decided to "walk away " feeling it is not worth engaging the person. Then sometimes felt later that we should not have walked away, as the person has then "claimed victory " based on that, rather than agreeing that we all have the right to different viewpoints as long as no one is "injured" in the process.

There are a variety of beliefs on how this should be carried out, and these can be found on the web with their originators. However, Popper states that if a society extends tolerance to those who are INTOLERANT, it risks enabling the eventual dominance of intolerance, thereby undermining the very principle of Tolerance.

If you would like to know more on Popper's theory, one of several good resources, is posted on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w89vn8WmJKs>

We need to be careful in our discussion of certain topics, especially Immigration, that we keep this paradox in mind and act accordingly to ensure that the other person fully understands that we do not agree with their premise or theory.

We still have the same need for FOOD STAPLES which I then deliver to CRI for their food pantry. Thanks to all who have given those as well as the Bikes, Sewing machines etc. (I am loading these after I write this today to deliver tomorrow, Wednesday, June 24th).

Respectfully, *Ken*

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	Area Office	Phone
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Representative Josh Riley - Website Contact Page	Leeds Office https://riley.house.gov/contact	518-625-2100

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