

Second Sunday of Lent

“Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.”



March 1, 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	Divine Mercy Mass 10:00 am Followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet – 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 Second Sunday of Lent
February 28 & March 1, 2026
Saturday, February 28, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Frank and Rita Dreher – Larry and Kye Sun
Sunday, March 1, 2026 @ 10:00 pm Paul Tomchik – by Wife, Mary Tomchik Emilia Sousa Gomes – by Rosemarie Silveira Derima
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Louis and Angelina Zucconi – The Zucconi-Dellea Family
Thursday, March 5, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
March 7 & March 8, 2026
Saturday, March 7, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Antonia and Angelina Zucconi – The Zucconi-Dellea Family
Sunday, March 8, 2026 @ 10:00 pm Marinda Gloria Silveira – by Rosemarie Silveira Derima
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
Thursday, March 12, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's

Our hearts and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Alice Finnegan who passed away Monday, February 23, 2026.

Please pray for our sick



Chamylla Stephanie De Frees
Alice Loughlin
Michele Sweet
Michelle Dymond
Thomas O'Grady

Michael Stephen Allen
Christine Anderson
Bill Ayers
Joan Campbell
Chad Cardoza
Maureen Cellery
Madison Chesterman
Barry and Jeanne Litt
Gina Lo Presti
Philip Sullivan
Dom Devaney
Mamie Mazzatti
Charleen Papa

Stacy Hyson
Kate Hockford
Elizabeth Hrifko
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Masresha Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney
Joseph Messineo
Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Cory Roberts
Jake Rysedorph
Marion Rysedorph
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
John DeLap
Avin Meyette
Linda Walsh
Anna May Gregg

Collections

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, as noted above, some of our expenses are unforeseen or fluctuate (fuel, maintenance, snow removal).

Our Collections for Ash Wednesday	\$ 603
February 21 & February 22, 2026	\$1950

Important Notes Regarding the Diocesan Appeal Collections

Any donation to the Diocesan Appeal that is made January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 is credited to the 2025 Diocesan Appeal. The collection schedule begins July 1 of the calendar year and ends June 30 of the following year.

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.

We Need Volunteers

Would you be willing to donate a small amount of your time to help in some of the responsibilities of St. Mary's. As time has passed we find that there is not enough time and are not enough people for all that needs to be done to keep us looking good and in working order.

Would you be willing to give a couple of hours every other week to:

- Vacuum the upstairs and downstairs of the Church Hall.
- Wash and iron the linens.
- Keep the sidewalk in front of the Church and Rectory clean of snow. ***This is required by the Village.***
- Shovel snow and spread salt on the walkways into the Church – when needed.

Perhaps a group could do one of the projects and finish with coffee or lunch. A team effort would make it easier and it would be a good way to routinely connect and keep in touch with each other.

If you would, please call the Rectory 518-766-2701. Speak with Dee or leave a message.

As the weather warms and more activities are scheduled, more volunteers will be needed. Please consider helping. We will be posting more activities as we find the need.

Thank you

St. Mary's Lenten Adoration Retreat

Stations of the Cross for Lent begin February 20 at 6:00 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and continuing every Friday at the same time



March 1	Video, Discussion, Reflection after 10 am Mass **
March 6	Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm followed by 1 st Nocturnal Adoration
March 7	Closing of Adoration
March 15	Video, Discussion, Reflection after 10 am Mass **
March 22	Video, Discussion, Reflection after 10 am Mass **
April 2	2nd Nocturnal Adoration following Holy Thursday Mass
April 3	Closing of Adoration Good Friday Service

**Parish Hall with coffee and Treats

Holy Week Schedule		
Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper	7:00 PM	St. Mary's
Good Friday	7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception
Easter Vigil	7:00 PM	St. Joseph's
Easter	10:00 AM	St. Mary'
Easter	11:30 AM	Immaculate Conception

GOD THE FATHER TO SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, *The Dialogue*

Do for your Neighbor what you Cannot Do for Me

I ask you to love me with same love with which I love you. But for me you cannot do this, for I love you without being loved. Whatever love you have for me you owe me, so you love me not gratuitously but out of duty, while I love you not out of duty but gratuitously. So you cannot give me the kind of love I ask of you. This is why I have put you among your neighbors: so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me—that is, love them without any concern for thanks and without looking for any profit for yourself. And whatever you do for them I will consider done for me.

Plenary Indulgences- General Conditions

The following "General remarks on Indulgences" from Gift of the Indulgence summarizes the usual conditions given in the Church's law (cf. Apostolic Penitentiary, Prot. N. 39/05/l):

1. This is how an indulgence is defined in the Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints".
2. In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed conditions (below, nn. 3, 4), and the performance of certain prescribed works [in this case, those granted for the Feast of Mercy]
3. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed. [i.e. one must be a Catholic, not excommunicated or in schism.]
4. A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:
 - o have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
 - o have sacramentally confessed their sins;
 - o receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required);
 - o pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.
5. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.
6. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, confessors can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin).
7. Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.



EVENTS

St. Mary's

Fr. Cronin

Welcome Fr. Cronin

Beginning this Tuesday, February 17 and continuing every other Tuesday, Fr. Cronin will be celebrating morning Mass at St. Mary's.

Our Coffee Hour!

Coffee is hot. The weather "seems to be" cooperating! Meet in the Hall for some coffee, talk and treats.

Sunday, February 28
after 10:00 Mass.

Eat some treats!



Rice Bowls

The Mission:

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 130 different countries. Twenty-five percent of donations stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

(<https://www.crsricebowl.org/about-us>)

The History:

CRS Rice Bowl began during Lent 1975 in the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, as an ecumenical response to the problem of world hunger—specifically in response to the drought in the Sahel region of Africa. Monsignor Robert Coll coordinated the effort with leaders of Allentown's Protestant and Jewish communities.

(<https://www.crsricebowl.org/about-us>)

To learn about the Rice Bowl Organization including stories of hope and recipes from around the world, visit their website: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Our Lenten Rice Bowls are on the table in the back of the Church.

In Our Community

Led by the Spirit

A Retreat for Men to Explore
the Vocation to Priesthood

When: Sunday March 8
Where: St. Ambrose Church
347 Old Loudon Road, Latham
Time: 12:30 – 5:30
Adoration and Confession to follow
Registration:
www.rcda.org/vocations

Join the Albany Diocese Vocations Team for a daylong retreat centered on vocations to the priesthood. Attendees will interact with members of the Vocations Team and have time for prayer and fellowship as they learn more about this vital vocation and how to discern it.

Bishop Mark will be present to celebrate Mass and for discussion.

House Keeping Notes....

Rides & Communion

Do you know someone who cannot get to Mass but would like to receive communion? Do you know someone who does not attend Mass because they need transportation? Please call the Parish office at 518-766-2701 with their name and phone number.

Eucharist Ministers and Lectors

The schedule for Eucharist Ministers and Lectors for the first quarter of 2026 has been confirmed and distributed to the participants. If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled me, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace you. Contact phone numbers were included with your schedule. Please call Michele Sweet (518-336-4422) if you have any questions.

Learn About Your Faith

Our Journey of Faith

Our “**Learning About Our Faith**” The 2026 schedule is posted on the bulletin boards. The schedule has been included to the “Religious Education” section of the bulletin.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation school year 2026 class schedule is published on the last page in the “Religious Education” section of our bulletin.

Religious Education Schedules

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes are from 8:45 am to 9:45 am for all grades, K through 10th, with Mass at 10 am

JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1/4 – Class 11 – Class 1/18 – No Class – Honoring MLK 1/25 – FAITH FORMATION CANCELED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER	2/1 – Class 2/8 – Class 2/15 – No Class (Winter Break) 2/22 – Class	3/1 – Class 3/8 – Class Daylight Savings Time Starts 3/15 – Class 3/22 – Class 3/29 – Class (Palm Sunday)
APRIL	MAY	
4/5 – Class 4/12 – Class 4/19 – Class 4/26 – Class	5/3 – Last Class 5/9 – First Holy Communion	

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
11	Monday	1/26/26	The Sacraments - Baptism & Confirmation
12	Monday	2/2/26	The Sacraments - Penance & Reconciliation
13	Monday	2/9/26	The Sacraments - Marriage
14	Monday	2/16/26	The Sacraments - Holy Orders
15	Monday	2/23/26	What is Lent
16	Monday	3/2/26	The Sacraments - Anointing of the Sick
17	Monday	3/16/26	The Sacraments - Social Justice and Dignity of Life
18	Monday	3/23/26	The Way of the Cross
19	Monday	3/30/26	The Meaning of Holy Week
20	Monday		Catholic Beliefs - Morality
21	Monday		Prayer Life, Discernment, Holiness, Evangelization
22	Monday		Mary
23	Monday		Purgatory
24	Monday		Conversion, The Laity, Your Special Gifts
25	Monday		The Saints

LENT 2026

St. Mary's Church

= a day of abstinence from meat



= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>	<p>February</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>22 Stay after Mass and pray for a spiritually fruitful Lent.</p>	<p>23 Pray the Morning Offering before checking your phone.</p>	<p>24 "Peace begins with a smile" (Mother Teresa). Resolve to smile at everyone.</p>	<p>25 Pray for one specific person by name today.</p>	<p>26 Worry closes the heart. Replace it with trust, "Jesus, I trust in You."</p>	<p>27 Even when things go wrong, be patient, starting with yourself.</p>	<p>28 Fulfill a commitment or promise you've been putting off.</p>
<p>I March Read Matthew 17:1-9. Where does God want to transform your heart, prayer, and life?</p>	<p>2 Today, pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who always need our prayers.</p>	<p>3 Read the daily Gospel and meditate on one line that stands out to you.</p>	<p>4 Today, choose silence instead of complaining.</p>	<p>5 Pray for Christians experiencing persecution. Pray for a conversion of heart for the persecutors.</p>	<p>6 Return love for Love. Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, where He waits in love.</p>	<p>7 Avoid gossip and change the subject when it starts. If it's untrue, unkind, or confidential, don't say it.</p>
<p>8 Read John 4:5-42. Where do you go when life feels messy? What if Jesus met you there?</p>	<p>9 If your responsibilities permit it, choose one weekday this week to attend Daily Mass.</p>	<p>10 Practice patience intentionally with one difficult person.</p>	<p>11 Skip a meal and donate the money saved from fasting to the poor box.</p>	<p>12 First thing today, tell God, "Thy Will be done!" — and really mean it!</p>	<p>13 Give up a small luxury — drive-thru coffee, streaming, take-out meals — just for today for God.</p>	<p>14 Do a hidden act of service without seeking thanks.</p>
<p>15 Laetare Sunday The priest wears rose for the halfway point of Lent. Enjoy a small treat to celebrate.</p>	<p>16 Holy Week and Easter are busy times for parishes and ask how you can help.</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day Pray for missionaries and catechists who, like St. Patrick, bring the faith to every corner of the world.</p>	<p>18 Experience God's mercy and attend Confession this week.</p>	<p>19 St. Joseph's Day Say an extra prayer for your father. Don't forget the priests — spiritual fathers.</p>	<p>20 Buy food or hygiene items for a local pantry.</p>	<p>21 Take a mini-retreat. Reserve time to silence your phone, light a candle, and be with Jesus.</p>
<p>22 Stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the Pope and your bishop.</p>	<p>23 Give the gift of a spiritual bouquet — a note recording prayers said for someone who needs them.</p>	<p>24 Think before you speak, especially before responding in annoyance or anger. Recall the presence of God.</p>	<p>25 The Annunciation We celebrate Mary's "yes," which opened the way for Christ's coming. Pray the Rosary in her honor.</p>	<p>26 Set out a box and fill it with gently used items, books, or clothes. When it's full, bring it to its destination.</p>	<p>27 Abstain from recreational screen-use between 12:00pm and 3:00pm in honor of Jesus' final hours on the Cross.</p>	<p>28 Visit a church or chapel for 10 minutes of quiet if possible.</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday Read Matthew 27:11-54, accompanying Jesus through His trial, Passion, and Death.</p>	<p>30 This whole week, practice the Heroic Minute and get up the moment your alarm rings.</p>	<p>1 April Today is the day, Judas plotted to betray Christ. Take time to seek forgiveness or to extend it, if needed.</p>	<p>2 Holy Thursday Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank Him for the Eucharist, the Mass, and the Priesthood.</p>	<p>3 Good Friday Pray the Stations of the Cross. Your presence and love today consoled Him then.</p>	<p>4 Holy Saturday Thank God for His blessings this Lent. Consider which practices you will continue.</p>	

IMMIGRATION -REFUGEE REPORT
FEBRUARY 28 – March 1, 2026

One primary focus now will be on the three Bills proposed here in NYS that will benefit Refugees and Immigrants. I have summarized them here from our past three Bulletins and you can also find them on the web as we have mentioned before. We also have the complete list of our legislators, Federal and State.

Note: If you have other issues for them you obviously can use that list.

New York For All. (S2235/A3506.). Primarily would prevent state and local law enforcement from participating in civil immigration enforcement. Also protects their personal data.

The BUILD Act. (S4538/A2689). Provides grants for workforce development and capacity to eligible organizations for representation for individuals facing deportation. Strengthens legal services.

Access to Representation Act. (ARA). (S141/A270). Establishes right to counsel in Immigration Court ensuring those without lawyers will be provided one.

GOODS needed at US CRI (Committee for Refugees and Immigrants):

- Blankets, Heavy Drapes;
- Men's Boots (they have enough children's and women's);
- Personal Products;
- Rice, Beans, Cooking Oils.

There are checklists in the back of church.-.the ones we used before when we started.

NEXT WEEK

We will have the response/Press Release from the US Council of Catholic Bishops (Bishop Cahill) on this Administrations Immigrant Detention Plan which I would expect you have seen in the news. This will be the **LARGEST DETENTION OPERATION** since **WW II** when America rounded up Japanese – Americans and sent them into Camps.

Still think you are living in the land of the Free?

Also Watch for **OUR TOWNE MAGAZINE** for March and the article on us and what we are doing!!

Blessings on All! of you.....*Ken*

When people begin to ignore human dignity, it will not be long before they begin to ignore human rights.

Gilbert K. Chesterton

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

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

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

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with either bill - S141 or A270, there is a box on the right-hand side of the page where you can enter your email address to receive status updates. Additionally, you can cast a vote to support the bill.