

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"I am the light of the world."



March 15, 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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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
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

March 14 & March 15, 2026
Saturday, March 14, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Frank and Rita Dreher – by Larry and Kye Sun
Sunday, March 15, 2026 @ 10:00 am The Zucconi-Croft Family – by the Zucconi-Dellea Family Ann Wagner – by Tim and Mary Ann Roberts
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Luccine-Matto Family – by the Zucconi-Dellea Family
Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
March 21 & March 22, 2026
Saturday, March 21, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Ann Wagner – by Dee McCumber
Sunday, March 22, 2026 @ 10:00 am Carol – by Our Church Community Mamie Mazzatti – The Russomanno Family
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Charles Papa – by Charleen Papa
Thursday, March 26, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's

Our hearts and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Ann Wagner.

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
Ginny Doherty

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 March 7 & March 8, 2026

\$3042

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.
- As warmer months are approaching, grounds maintenance around the church, hall and/or rectory.

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.

ALSO....

There are several activities that are being contemplated for this year. Would you consider joining our volunteer group? It does not consume a lot of your time and you would not have to volunteer for all the activities. It would greatly help St. Mary's. We would love to be more active as a parish and in our community. Please call the Rectory 518-766-2701 and speak with Dee or leave a message.

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 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

Reconciliation Schedule 2026

St. Henry's	Monday, March 16	6:30 PM
St. Mary's	Thursday, March 19	6:30 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper	April 2, 2026 7:00 PM	St. Mary's
Good Friday	April 3, 2026 7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception
Easter Vigil	April 4, 2026 7:00 PM	St. Joseph's
Easter	April 5, 2026 10:00 AM	St. Mary'
Easter	April 6, 2026 11:30 AM	Immaculate Conception

Thank you to all who signed up for an hour or more at the March 6 Nocturnal Adoration

Many of the attendees commented on the unexpected extraordinary benefits they enjoyed resulting from their experience of keeping Jesus company.

Please consider signing up for one hour of worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ...

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus took his three closest disciples—Peter, James, and John—with him and asked them to "keep watch" and pray with him.

He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Can we not give Him one hour of companionship during His moment of anguish?

Please offer Our Lord one hour of company by signing up for our next 'Nocturnal Adoration' commencing after Holy Thursday Mass to Good Friday morning 7 pm-8 am

Sign-up sheets will be found at each Church entrance.

Lenten Reflections

REFLECTION OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

St Anthony writes: "Christ who is your life is hanging before you, so that you may look at the Cross as in a mirror. There you will be able to know how mortal were your wounds, that no medicine other than the Blood of the Son of God could heal. If you look closely, you will be able to realize how great your human dignity and your value are.... Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth"

(*Sermones Dominicales et Festivi* III, pp. 213-214).

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.



Lenten Reflections cont...

LENTEN VIEWING

Here is a great video about the conquest of Israel by Nebuchadnezzar
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebuchadnezzar>_II

the Babylonian captivity:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdwPxjxogY>

Christine Watkins, a Catholic writer, did an interesting and helpful presentation on **fasting**. Definitely worth the watch.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1xTJbvJOig>

On March 3, we remembered the Feast Day of Katherine Drexel, a saint dedicated to the Eucharist and caring for American Blacks and Indians. She was a saint of our times and died in 1955. Here is her fascinating story:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRgcMoLejOw>

EVENTS

St. Mary's

Fr. Cronin

Every other Tuesday, Fr. Cronin will be celebrating morning Mass at St. Mary's. In March, the remaining dates are March 17, and 31.

Coffee hmm!

Let's hear it for coffee! The weather is cooperating.... Mostly... It is trying.....
Meet in the Hall for some coffee, talk and treats.

Sunday, March 15
after 10:00 Mass.
Goodies are served!



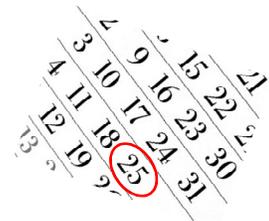
Did you Know...

The Vatican has an app. Really. If you go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store and search "Vatican" there it is. You can download it and keep up to date with all the news from the Vatican.
The Diocese also publishes Vatican News on their website. The direct link is: <https://www.rcda.org/vatican-news>

Hold the Date

COMING SOON – OUR ANNUAL SWEETS AUCTION!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25



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Reminders

April is Cemetery Spring Clean-Up Month

Each April is scheduled for clean-up. Believe it or not April will be here in just 3 short weeks! The leftover of winter debris from Mother Nature- and this year she gave us a lot-is picked up and discarded. Remember, if you have any decorations, please remove them so they are not taken away during the clean-up

Rice Bowls

Since 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million and 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. 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

The March 2026 edition of **OUR TOWNE** magazine ran a feature article on St. Mary's efforts in supporting refugee families. If you do not receive the magazine, they have a website: <https://ourtowne.net/#> On their home page is the most current publication. This is a PDF that once you select it, it opens and allows you to turn and read the magazine page by page. Our article is on page 20. It is also on our bulletin board.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year! Holy Spirit School is now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year (Pre-K 3–Grade 5). We offer a nurturing, faith-filled environment where every child is known and valued. Visit www.hsseg.com for more information or call 518-477-5739, email: hssoffice@hsseg.com to schedule a tour.!

AN AFTERNOON OF LENTEN SONG WITH DAN SCHUTTE

Hosted by: The Ignatian Volunteer Corps Albany
When: March 29
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Where: Corpus Christi Catholic Church
2001 Route 9, Round Lake NY
Ticket Price: \$15

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps Albany is pleased to again host composer and songwriter Dan Schutte. Mr. Schutte's has been the heartbeat to many churches spanning 50 years. His music includes "Here I Am, Lord," "City of God," and "You are Near" along with more than 150 more.

For ticket and sponsorship information: www.ivcusa.org/Schutte.

Additional information about this event email: AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org.



This is a new section to our bulletin. Every month, the Diocese emails upcoming events in the community and the Diocese. Diocesan updates are usually in the form of a video or You Tube presentation and posted on their website. If there is an accompanying flyer or poster attached to these communications, it will be on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome to join activities and view presentations. As these announcements and events change, this section will be revised

"THE PASTORAL CENTER PRAYS THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS" IS AVAILABLE NOW

Bishop Mark suggested we produce a Stations of the Cross with employees at the Pastoral Center sharing reflections on each station. Our office produced it as a special edition of the Called to Serve Podcast making it easy to listen to at home, in the car, or even in a church or chapel as you walk the Stations, alone or in a group. It is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcda.org/stations-cross-podcast>

THE STATE OF THE SAINTS

This is a new video series that Brigid Beck, Communications Specialist in our office, and Sr. Teresa Grace Baillargeon. Each month they will feature a different saint or someone who is being considered for sainthood. February's focus was on Sr Thea Bowman. March will feature Archbishop Fulton Sheen who will soon be beatified. That will be released Friday, March 6 on our social media platforms. You can find the State of the Saints on the diocesan YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3MplEVuXH74bvVZmwRM-ph0oM3pU6sou>

Dinner & Doctrine: Youth Ministry Nights: Calling all Middle School and High School Students! This takes place the fourth Friday of each month at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Schenectady. Poster on bulletin board.

Misatango: Argentinian composer and church musician, Martin Palmeri performs in the Siena University Chapel on March 21 and 22. Poster on bulletin board.

Bible Study: Sacred Heart of Jesus, North Albany – February 2026-September 2026 – the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10 am. Poster on bulletin board.

House Keeping Notes....

Eucharist Ministers and Lectors

If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled me, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace you. 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



One Minute Meditations

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Born in Mayorga, Spain, in 1538, St. Turibius studied law at the University of Salamanca. Known for his prudence and integrity as a judge, St. Turibius was nominated by King Philip II to be archbishop of Peru. After witnessing the need of the faithful in Lima, St. Turibius agreed and was ordained. He spent his office reforming the Peruvian diocese of corruption, founded schools, seminaries, and hospitals, and worked to protect the rights of the natives.

Lent is about love

Lent can feel discouraging. After all, we give up things we like and focus on suffering. Yet, in Holy Week, for which Lent is the preparation, we see God's response to us in our sins. He meets us in our mess. He returns our rejection with freely offered love, our selfishness with radical self-gift, and our suffering with unfathomable mercy. We give up things for Lent because Love gave Himself up for us.

"[Our Lord] is thinking about you and not only about you but about every hair of your head: this is an article of faith and you must not have the slightest doubt about it... you have no cause to doubt that he is looking upon you with love..." — St. Francis de Sales, *Selected Letters*

Create space for grace

Lent is not just a season of temporary sacrifice, but a call to lasting conversion. Consider choosing disciplines that reshape daily habits and create space for grace. Here are five meaningful ways to begin redirecting your path:

Practice trust. *"Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life?"* (Matthew 6:27). Concern is human, but persistent worry bears little fruit. When anxiety rises, turn it into prayer, "Jesus, I trust You, I place this moment and its outcome in Your hands." Trust grows through repetition.

Refocus your heart. Lasting fulfillment does not come from appearance or possessions, but from knowing God and resting in His love. Keep a daily record of blessings received. Review it often.

Create quiet. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God is the friend of silence." Silence begins by turning off what

competes for attention. Place screens in another room. Silence notifications. Turn to God in the silence.

Give rather than acquire. Learn to distinguish between wants and needs. Limiting spending to what is truly necessary challenges the habit of

"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."

St. Augustine

seeking comfort or status in possessions. When we forgo nonessential purchases and redirect those resources to others, we cultivate detachment, strengthen generosity, and put our security in God.

Choose mercy. Resentment binds the heart; forgiveness frees it. On the Cross, Christ chose mercy. This Lent, choose the same path toward healing and peace.

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics practice prayer, penance, and almsgiving during Lent?

Prayer, penance, and almsgiving are grounded in the prophets' call to genuine conversion. Joel urges the people to return to God with their whole hearts, not merely with outward gestures. Isaiah makes clear that the fast God desires feeds the hungry and shelters the poor, linking worship with justice. Jesus deepens this teaching in

Matthew 6. He assumes His followers will pray, fast, and give alms, but warns against practicing them for recognition.

When done in secret, these disciplines purify motives, reshape desire, and free us from attachment to possessions and approval. Properly embraced, they train the heart to seek lasting treasure in God rather than passing reward.

The right time is now

When is the right time to proclaim the Gospel, live the faith with greater intention, and renew our commitment to God's plan? During a January Angelus address, Pope Leo said, "God is at work at all times; every moment is 'God's time'." The call to discipleship is not reserved for a future time when life feels more settled. It is meant for us today.

God works in uncertain moments. The Gospels show that Jesus did not wait for favorable conditions. Matthew records that His public ministry began after John the Baptist's arrest, a moment marked by instability and threat. Rather than withdraw, Jesus proclaimed, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). What seemed like a setback became the starting point of His mission. If we postpone

necessary change until circumstances improve, we may never act. Every moment, even a difficult one, can become the moment of conversion because God is always at work.

God draws close. Jesus also chose an unexpected location. He began not in Jerusalem, the religious center, but in Galilee, a region known for cultural and religious diversity. His mission made clear that God's grace is not confined to a single place or people. As Pope Leo explained, the Gospel reveals a God who draws near to all. No environment is beyond His presence. In our own lives, this means that God's invitation unfolds in ordinary settings. He calls us to deeper friendship, lasting conversion, and faithful witness wherever we are.

from **S**cripture

Matthew 26:14-27:66, God turns suffering into glory

In this passage, we read Matthew's account of the Passion, which begins with Judas agreeing to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and continues through the preparations for the Last Supper. At that meal, Jesus institutes the Eucharist, giving His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to His disciples. The contrast is striking. While Judas pursues his own self-interest, Jesus gives Himself in total self-offering.

In Gethsemane, the contrast deepens. As Jesus endures profound anguish, He asks His closest companions to remain with Him in prayer. They fall asleep. Soon after, Judas arrives with an armed

crowd and identifies Jesus with a kiss. Jesus is then bound, falsely accused, mocked, and beaten. By the next day, He is scourged, condemned, crucified, and laid in the tomb.

Through these events, Matthew highlights Jesus' trust in the Father and His commitment to the Father's will. The Passion is not a sign of divine abandonment. It reveals the depth of God's mercy. In Christ's willing sacrifice, suffering becomes the means of redemption, grace is poured out, and death itself is conquered. Holy Week shows that God can transform even the darkest hour into the path to glory.

Q Does repeated failure & change how God loves me? **A**

It can be discouraging to struggle with the same sins repeatedly. The pattern may feel discouraging. Yet discouragement should never become despair. The central truth of the Christian life is that when repentance is sincere and there is a real desire to improve, God always receives us. As Pope Francis said, "He does not tire in forgiving. We are the ones who tire in asking for forgiveness." His mercy does not diminish with repetition.

At times, God may permit ongoing struggles to deepen our humility. Repeated weakness can protect us from spiritual pride, which blinds us to our faults and keeps us from seeking grace. Humility, however, recognizes imperfection without losing trust. A humble person is not shocked by failure but returns to God with greater dependence.

If you feel anxious about Confession, whether for a new sin or a familiar one, remember the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He waits, watches, and runs to meet his child. This is how God receives us. In every sincere confession, we encounter not frustration, but mercy renewed.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 601). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery, and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy, which states that we must earn our salvation. He was known for his inspiring preaching, penitential life, and kindness to the poor.

March 4 – St. Casimir of Poland (1483). Born to King Casimir IV of Poland, St. Casimir became known for his piety and integrity at a young age. When

the prince was older and his father sent him to conquer Hungary, Casimir assessed the odds against winning the war and turned back out of concern for his troops. He resolved never to be involved in war again. He died of illness when he was twenty-five.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 29 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

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IMMIGRATION – REFUGEE REPORT
MARCH 14-15, 2026

Ken is out of town. He will continue the column when he returns.

One primary focus now will be on the three Bills proposed here in NYS that will benefit Refugees and Immigrants. Ken has summarized them from our past bulletins and you can also find them on the web as mentioned before. The complete list of our legislators, Federal and State is on the last page.

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.

By now you may have seen the March issue of OUR TOWNE Magazine with the article on our work with the Refugees. If you have not, a copy of the article is posted on our bulletin board in the back of the church.

Shannon's office (our contact at CRI is hosting two webinars. The first is March 19 titled "[WHAT HAS CHANGED AND HOW IS IT AFFECTING OUR NEIGHBORS](#)" There are two viewing times in hopes you can fit one into your schedule.

March 19 – 1:00 PM

https://refugees-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pDTncoV9Q2ae4fZs92uITg

March 19 – 6:00 PM

https://refugees-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ljZ37sf7Sait0RzxGdRkpQ

Needs: Essential items Please!

- Diapers size 6
- cooking oils
- personal goods
- laundry detergent etc.

Check lists for this are in the file in the back of the church.

Thanks, *Ken*

"Human dignity is the same for all human beings: what I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own."

Pope Francis

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Representatives Legislator

	Area Office	Phone
Senator Charles Schumer Website Contact Page	Albany Office.	518-431-4070 https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/message-chuck
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Website Contact Page	Albany Office	518-431-0120 https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me/
Representative Josh Riley - Website Contact Page	Leeds Office	518-625-2100 https://riley.house.gov/contact

State Representatives Legislator

	Area Office	Phone
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Assemblyman Scott Bendett	https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Scott-Bendett	
Contact:	1580 Columbia Turnpike Building 4, Suite 1A Castleton on the Hudson, NY 12033 bendetts@nysassembly.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.