

A PENTECOST
Blessing



May the breath of God renew you,
filling you with hope, peace, and joy.

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 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>

REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

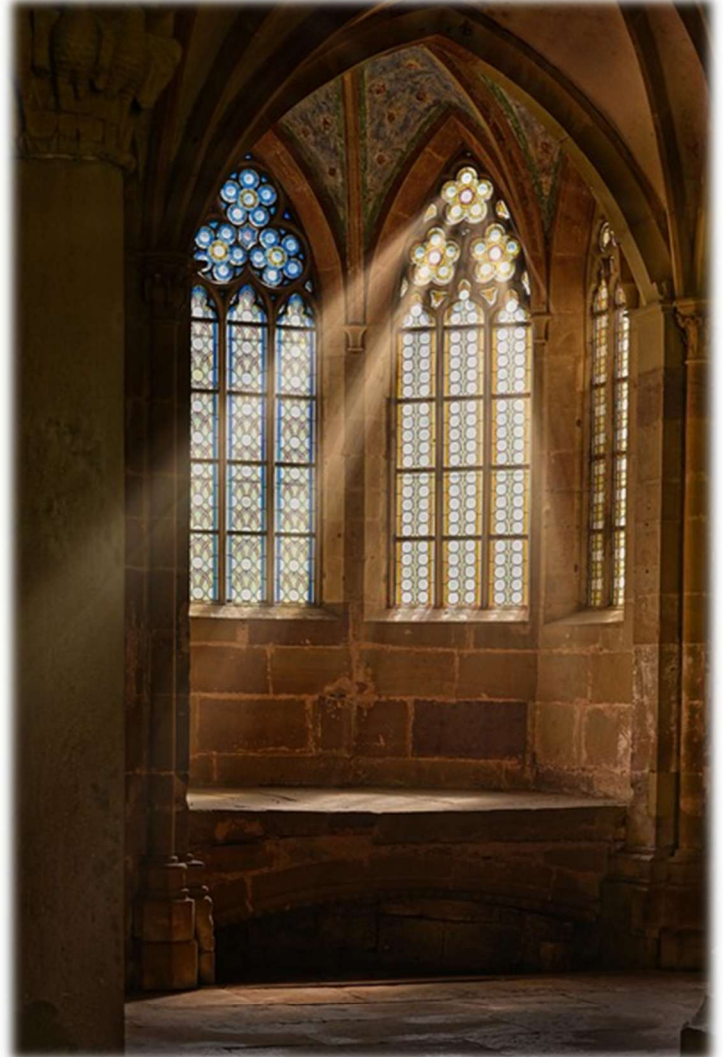
Leo's Lens

The Church, Pope Leo XIV reminds us, is more than an institution. It is “mystery made perceptible.”

This mystery is not an unsolvable problem, but an indescribable reality. As the Pope explains, we experience the mysterious workings of Jesus’ call to unity “first of all in the assembly gathered for the liturgical celebration.” Our act of gathering, the Pope understands, “is experienced as an attraction exerted by the cross of Christ, which is the supreme manifestation of God’s love. It is feeling called together by God.”

Christ’s summoning of us is therefore a sign of his presence among us. As the Pope elaborates, it is in our assembling for worship that “differences are relativized, and what counts is being together because we are drawn by the Love of Christ.” Indeed, we thereby become a sign to the world that Jesus “broke down the wall of separation between people and social groups.”

“The condition of humanity is one of fragmentation that human beings are unable to repair,” the Pope points out, “even though the tendency towards unity dwells in their heart.” Our liturgical celebrations, therefore, are moments where “Jesus Christ’s action enters into this condition, and through the Holy Spirit, he overcomes the powers of division.” This is the mystery of his presence, still working among us.



Mass Intentions Pentecost Sunday
May 23 & May 24, 2026
Saturday May 23, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Ann Wagoner – by Barbara Mullins Ginny Doherty – The St. Mary's Community
Sunday, May 24, 2026 @ 10:00 am Mamie Mazzatti – by Barbara Mullins Thomas Mazzatti – by Mamie Mazzatti Mamie Mazzatti – by The St. Mary's Community
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Mary Ellen Lito – Healing – Theresa Harty
Thursday May 28, 2026 @ 9:30 am Maureen Cellery – Healing – Theresa Harty Lee and Bud Rausch – by Jim and Rocky
May 30 & May 31, 2026
Saturday May 30, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Bob Yager – Healing – Theresa Harty Ginny Doherty – Marion and Tom Rysedorph Ann Wagoner – by Barbara Wurzburg
Sunday, May 31, 2026 @ 10:00 am Margaret Shuyler –The Ridzi Family Sharon Fromma – by Maureen Cellery Special Intentions – by Sharron Anselment
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ @ 9:30 am Fr. Antone on the Anniversary of his Ordination – Larry and Kye Sun
Thursday June 4, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's

The St. Mary's family extends its hearts and prayers to the Shannon family.

Please pray for our sick

Michael Stephen Allen
Christine Anderson
Bill Ayers
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
Elizabeth Hrifko
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Masresha Schaefer
Gina Lo Presti
Philip Sullivan
Michele Sweet
Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw
Chamylla Stephanie De Frees

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Cory Roberts
Jake Rysedorph
John DeLap
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney
Dom Devaney
Michelle Dymond
Marion Rysedorph





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

Celebrating 100 Years
in Our Present Church

May 30, 1926 – May 30, 2026

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.

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 16 & May 17
Ascension Thursday

\$2028
\$ 293

Diocesan Appeal

To meet this year's assessment, we need:

\$13,195 by June 30, 2026

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

\$30,576

Our Collections to Date:

\$17,381

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.

EVENTS



*Special Public Rosary**

Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Prayed outdoors in front of Our Lady of Life statue
Dress appropriately

St. Mary's Catholic Church
26 Church Street
Nassau, NY 12123

Prayer Intentions

1. For world peace and triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
2. In reparation for sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
3. For an end to the culture of death and paganism.
4. For the holy souls and conversion of sinners.
5. For every nation to honor Christ the King.

*Held in conjunction with other local initiatives from USA Prays Public Rosary, the Worldwide Public Rosary, and the Worldwide Marian Procession.

More information on our bulletin board.



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

TO MAKE OR RENEW YOUR
CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 5 – JUNE 7

THE HISTORICAL ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN ALBANY

THURSDAYS
6:30 – 8:30 PM

BEGINNING APRIL 30

For more information. Contact Ellie or Dominic Russomanno:
518-915-3464
domrussomanno48@gmail.com

This announcement is also on our bulletin board.

Save the Date Bring your  stuff...

St. Mary's and the Nassau Village Wide Garage Sale!

We want your trinkets and your treasures

...No trash

We want your gadgets and your gizmos

No garbage

June 13 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Set up in the Parking Lot



Food and drink and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Donate to the Parish Table or rent a table of your own for \$20 and keep the profit!

For more information call Jen Clement (518-203-9130) or Dee at the Rectory (518-766-2701).

Thank you

St. Mary's received a "Thank You" note from the St. Mary's Recycle Mission Group expressing their gratitude for our donation of religious items. They will be put to use by others who need and will help preserve them. More Information about the St. Mary's Recycle Mission Group is found on their website:

<https://stmaryrecyclemissiongroup.com/>

The thank you note is 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 5:00 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).

Eucharist Ministers and Lectors

A new quarterly schedule was distributed to Eucharist Ministers and Lectors. If you have any questions, please call Michele Sweet (518-336-4422) If you are unable to perform your duties on your scheduled, please call another Eucharist Minister or Lector to replace you.

QUESTION

St. Mary's received a request for as much information as we can provide on Fr. Basil Corbett. The request came from an alter server in the early '60's. His name is Dr. John (Jack) Casey. He is now retired and living in Las Vegas. He is researching to correct conflicting information published on different on-line resources regarding Fr. Basil's life, death, and tenure as a priest.

Fr. Corbett was responsible for building the Church hall, purchasing our rectory form Dr. Duffy and having the St. Francis prayer inscribed behind the alter. He also heard confessions with his dog Blackie on his lap....

If you have any information or recollections about Fr. Basil, please let Dee know. You can email the rectory stmarysnassau1@gmail.com or call and leave a message 518-766-2701.

Let's try to help Dr. Casey out and correct Fr. Basil's life....

Thank you

In Our Community

Magnificat Meal

Hosted by the Gentle Woman of Praise Albany, NY, Chapter

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location:

Wolferts Roost Country Club 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd.

Albany, NY 12204

Registration required. Tickets \$35. Please see the on-line registration for credit card or mail-in registration form.

Poster is on the bulletin board.



Steve Clarson who attends the Nassau Wednesday Nights Parking Lot Rosary will be starting a new weekly Public Rosary at Immaculate Conception, 732 US-20, New Lebanon starting Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 PM. For more information, contact Steve Clarson at 917-580-0620

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
23	Monday	6/1	Purgatory
16	Monday	6/8	The Sacraments – Anointing of the Sick
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.

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT

May 23 -24, 2026

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.

Do you know who your legislator is? Go on NYS government web site and ask for it by entering your address.

Please understand that legislators' regions do not go by counties alone!! They often cross county lines, etc.

To date I have received NO RESPONSE from Senator Ashby and Assemblyman Bendett our NYS legislators on support for these bills. IF ANYONE ELSE HAS RECEIVED A RESPONSE LET ME KNOW. YOU HAVE CONTACTED THEM HAVEN'T YOU??

Senator Ashby has introduced his own Bill on Immigration Enforcement. The Bill # as of two weeks ago was 9104. PLEASE GO ON HIS WEB SITE WHERE YOU CAN READ IT.

Senator Fahy, (Albany County) has a Bill that has PASSED entitled the MELT Act, regarding ICE masking, etc. here in NYS. Please visit her web site for more details.

*Both Bills have been added to the last page under the "NYS Bills" section.

THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WILL END **JUNE 4**.

WHY DO WE NEED THE LEGISLATIVE BILLS MENTIONED ABOVE TO PASS??

Nearly 340,000!! cases are pending before Immigration Courts located in New York!! The Bills above will help reduce that number by providing SUPPORT FOR SERVICES to a very overworked body of Immigration lawyers and staff. See Commentary in TU, Apr. 9th, by Lauren Desrosiers, of Albany Law Schools Immigration Law Clinic.

NEEDS: Bikes (we will be exploring the ones available over in Lebanon). Sewing Machines. Food staples. Soccer Balls. Clothing for Children UNDER 6!

I will have delivered 2 bikes, 5 sewing machines, 8 various tote bags of supplies, kids clothing, food staples this past Wednesday.

In attempting to keep us informed, I review multiple news sources including America Magazine and The Evangelist. I try to cover refugees/immigration in this way to provide a "world view" BUT also steer us towards what might affect our local refugees at the CRI. I have asked CRI for any new figures on cases that are approaching Citizenship, and will report those when I get them.

If you have other questions let me know and I will try and get answers. Again, we all must realize that this Administration is willfully hiding numbers etc. to make it more difficult to find the truth.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops - you can visit their web site and sign up for alerts. No new statements etc. were found this week on Immigration, etc.

Thanks, *Ken*

kmscallon@yahoo.com

"Let us never cease to feel compassion for those in want. Let us never tire of helping victims of injustice and oppression. He who puts his faith in the restoration of human dignity cannot be wrong." ~ Poul Hartling

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	
	594 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061	518-371-2751
Contact:	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby/contact	
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
Contact:	bendett@nyassembly.gov	

NYS Bills

NYS Senate Bill S9104 *(Introduced by Senator Ashby)	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S9104
NYS Senate Bill S8462 *(Sponsored by Patricia Fahy)	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S8462
NYS Senate Bill S141	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S141
NYS Assembly Bill A270	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A270
NYS Senate / Assembly Bills (S2235/A3506.)	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S2235/amendment/A
NYS Senate / Assembly Bills (S4538/A2689)	https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S4538

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with any of these bills, there is a box on the right-hand side of the page titled, "Get Status Alerts" here you can enter your email address to receive status updates. Additionally, in a box above, you can cast an AYE or NAY vote in support the bill.