

The 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Church Est. 1852 26 Church St. Nassau, NY 12123

November 1, 2026

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 1st Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
	Every 1st 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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31 & November 1, 2026
Saturday October 31, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Billy Pecorraro – The Ridzi Family John Baxter – for Healing – Marion and Tom Rysedorph
Sunday, November 1, 2026 @ 10:00 am Tom and Mamie Mazzatti – the Roberts Family Fuller Hadley – Joan Hadley
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 @ 9:30 am Margaret Schuyler – The Ridzi Family
Thursday November 5, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
November 6 & November 7, 2026
Saturday November 7, 2026 @ 5:30 pm John DiCarlo – Mel Witkowski, Wife Ginny Doherty – Paul Doherty, Husband
Sunday, November 8, 2026 @ 10:00 am Joanne Schnurr – For Healing – Theresa Harty
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
Thursday November 12, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's

Beginning November 3, the Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am Masses will be in the Rectory. We do this each year to conserve fuel by not heating the church for weekday Masses.

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
Dom Devaney
Michelle Dymond
Charleen Papa
Michele Sweet
Rita Labrum
Marion Rysedorph Waldron
Stacy Hyson
Kate Hockford
Chamylla Stephanie De Frees
Bethany Jenest
Seth Kaminski
Sara Messineo Kent
Cathy Lavoie
Masresha Schaefer
Gina Lo Presti
Philip Sullivan
Linda Walsh
Anna May Gregg
Cory Roberts
Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Jake Rysedorph
John DeLap
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney
John Baxter
Amy Gumlaw
Ann Marie

Reminder: Does someone need a ride to Mass? Help? Communion at Home? Is someone in hospital? PLEASE call the rectory and let someone know. We will visit or get assistance for them.

EVENTS

St. Mary's



All Soul's Day

On All Soul's Day November 2, 2026, we Christians take this day to offer prayers on behalf of our departed relatives and friends. Our parish will hold a prayer service on Sunday November 1st in the Church following the Sunday 10 AM Mass. We invite all to this celebration to remember and pray for those who have gone from us but are still so much a part of our lives.

The prayer service will be about 30 minutes long and will include a reading, and a reflection as we remember our loved ones. There is a clip board at the entrance of the church to list those you would like remembered.

SAVE THE DATE



When: Sunday, November 22
Time: 10:00 Mass
Bishop Mark will celebrate 10:00 am Mass at St. Mary's.
After Mass, Bishop Mark will join in our coffee hour.

If would like to bake and share any of your favorite recipes, please reach out to our coffee hour coordinator, Antonette Perry.

Please save time to stop in! All are welcome!

Faith Formation Parents & Grandparents

St. Mary's Faith Formation Program is held at 8:45 am to 9:45 am and concludes with 10:00 Mass. The children in our Faith Formation are the heart and pride of our parish. The inheritance of faith, passed on to children is of the highest calling of parents.

Faith Formation Schedule – November

November

11/1	Class – Grecco Practice, Day Light Savings Ends
11/8	Class
11/15	Class
11/22	Class – Advent Begins
11/29	No Class – Thanksgiving Break



The Faith Formation Schedule for all of 2026-2027 Year is posted on the bulletin board.

AND 

Keep an eye open for our annual Thanksgiving dinner donation tree.
Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is closer than we think…..

REFLECTION

By Fr Michael Tate

The Beatitudes … A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished—the poor in spirits—be "Blessed"? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be "Blessed"? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are "saints" who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

The New Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone
since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.
And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
It's better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.
Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they're talking about
except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.
Basically, God,
Grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm
not you.

Amen.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?

Thought of becoming more involved ….

Have you considered participating as a lector or eucharistic minister. If you think this is something that you would like to explore, just ask any of our lectors or eucharist ministers or call the office, 518-766-2701. If no one answers, leave a message. You can also send an email the rectory. Our email address is: stmarysnassau1@gmail.com

Our Community

Rensselaer County Department of Health is hosting an awareness presentation on "Wandering Prevention and Project Lifesaver" at the Hudson Valley Community College. The event is free and open to the community. It is intended to inform attendees on prevention strategies, technology and tracing, local support programs and other important issues related to this condition.

Wandering Prevention and Project Lifesaver

When: Thursday, November 12, 2026
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: HVCC Bulmer telecommunications Center, 80 Vandenburgh Ave.

The poster is on our bulletin board with a QR code to use for registration.
You can also register from their face book page using this link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WC7776N
If you prefer, call the Rensselaer County Department of Health directly at 518-270-2726.

Reminder: If you are interested in the Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona (Oct. 17-26, 2027) is on November 3 at 6 pm at St. Henry's Church located at 39 Old Rt 66, Averill Park. Any questions contact Lisa Hutchinson at: Lisahutchinson367@gmail.com or 518-573-7098

From the Diocese

Safe Environment in the Dioceses of Albany
Awareness, Healing & Action

What's Happening Now? Where do we go moving forward?
Questions and Answers

When: November 4, 2026
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: Roger Bacon Hall, Siena University
515 Loudon Road, Loudonville
NO Registration Required
Contact: Safe Environment Office 518-453-6694

The poster is on our bulletin board.

Ken's Korner

Healthy Homes Right To Know Act
S.1280B (Senate) and A.73B (Assembly)

There is now another bill that was PASSED out of the legislature and is ALSO on the Governor's desk waiting to be signed.
The Healthy Homes Right To Know Act https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S1280/amendment/B would require potential buyers of gas stoves to know the FACTS about air pollution. As you will remember there has been a lot of discussion about "your rights being infringed on if you want a gas stove in your home " and most of that has been misinformation. This is an attempt to provide consumers with more information on that whole issue which has been politicized unfairly.

As side note, let me make one personal comment on that gas stove issue. While I have lived in homes in past with gas stoves and I did find them easier to regulate at times for certain uses, after 23 years with the Lung Association and reviewing the studies, particularly depending on certain homes structures, I do not and would not ever consider having a gas stove in my house.

The Governor has until the end of December to sign, and is probably waiting until after the election to do so. However, please call the governor or email her to sign these now. 518-474-8390 or http://www.governor.ny.gov

SUNNY Act
Solar Up Now New York (S8512B/A9111B)

Gov Hochul has not yet signed the SUNNY ACT into law. She has until the end of December to sign or veto. If she vetoes, it gets sent back to the legislature who can override the veto if they have a majority. IF you have not called please do so now! – 518-474-8390. Or http://www.governor.ny.gov

We suspect she has NOT signed yet and is holding off until the Election is over!

St. Mary's Committees

Your support and input are most necessary and welcome!

COMMITTEE	CONTACT	
Bereavement	Joanna Towse	518-436-7857
Building & Grounds	Dominic Russomanno	518-915-3464
Faith Formation	Barbara Wurzburg	518-766-4036
Coffee Hour	Antonette Perry	518-766-4345
Fund-Raising	Jen Clement	518-203-9130
Liturgy	Dominic Russomanno	518-915-3464
Technology	Ellie Russomanno	518-925-4687
Volunteers	Joanne Schnurr	518-794-7469

If you would like to join a committee but are hesitating because of time and commitments, you do not have to attend and support every project….please call the rectory and speak with someone or leave a message if no one answers.

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT
October 31 – November 1, 2026

REFUGEE NEEDS Ongoing

We will need foodstuffs and personal health goods for our refugees.

Food Items:		Household Items:	
Grains	Beans	Soap	Face/Wash Cloths
Cereals	Canned Meals	Liquid Detergent	Diapers!
Cooking Oils	Pastas & Rice	Paper Towels	Feminine Products

We still need draperies and/or curtains and Sewing machines. If you have the hardware for drapes or curtains – we could use that as well.

And…. thank you to the St. Mary's "knitting" ministry who provided the pot holders for them!!

NEW !

We had a wonderful donation of Dress Clothes by a parishioner with the intent they be used for refugees that are doing job interviews, and as Sara told me yesterday, also for GREEN CARD Interviews! Sara showed me the special area for this clothing! When someone is in that need status their Case Manager will bring them into this section so they can select what they need. This special drive has now been announced to all CRI Volunteers.

She said *OUR DONATION* triggered her to set this up and to add it to her news request for all their volunteers!

SPECIAL NEED IN THIS AREA! The men need Shirts with Collars, as their shirts are made WITHOUT collars! " WE " want them to look appropriate for these interviews.....*No Levis, no blue jeans*. Have nice shirts, pants, ties, etc. It's the same story as many of our ancestors had to go through when they came here to America. Look like you are on the upward track! So, *if you are able, help us fill this request*! Gently used goods are ok, BUT if you would not wear it to that big interview DON'T give it to us! Quality only!

THANKS to those who donated clothing for this special need.
It was welcomed on my supply drop this past week.

UPDATES

You can read about this on multiple news feeds and you can see the film of the Bishops standing behind the President in the oval office, AS THEY WERE DIRECTED TO DO BY WHITE HOUSE STAFF!

Then once done, this whole photo, prayer etc. was RELEASED WITHOUT THE BISHOPS PERMISSION BY THE WHITE HOUSE ! Archbishop Jeffrey Grob stated that this was all *"manipulated*" by the White House into a "*political photo opportunity*" and apologized for any harm the meeting caused.

The meeting was organized by the Heritage Foundation and was supposed to be private, to discuss matters of importance to the Church and our people, religious workers visas, and human dignity". I have yet to see what, if any, results of the overall discussion have been publicized. Or perhaps there were not any?

He [Archbishop Jeffrey Grob] further stated that "I did **not go without reservations** (and) I wish I had heeded them ". After the meeting the White House stated, "There has never been a greater president for Catholic Americans than President Trump and his strong record proves it".

October 25, 2026, Archbishop Jeffrey Grob penned a formal statement regarding this meeting and the subsequent photo. You can read this online: https://www.archmil.org/posts/a-public-apology-archbishop-jeffrey-grob

There are MANY COMMENTS I could make on this, but let me just say I truly regret that our Bishops allowed themselves to be taken in like this and that I hope it is a lesson for them how this administration operates!. Unfortunately, in my estimation, there ARE MANY Catholics who will celebrate this photo opportunity and use it to their advantage.
What do YOU think?

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET VOTED, PLEASE PLAN ON DOING SO THIS TUESDAY!

Ken kmscallon@yahoo.com

"The bosom of America is open to receive not only the opulent and respectable stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions."
George Washington

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

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Senator Charles Schumer	Albany Office.	518-431-4070
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Representative Josh Riley -	Leeds Office	518-625-2100
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