

THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

November 8, 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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Rev. John Close – Sacramental Minister
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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
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November 7 & November 8, 2026
Saturday November 7, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Dick French – Margaret VanDeusen 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
November 14 & November 15, 2026
Saturday November 14, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Frank And Rita Dreher – Larry and Kye Sun John DiCarlo – Mel Witkowski, Wife
Sunday, November 15, 2026 @ 10:00 am Cathy Schaefer – For Healing – Theresa Harty Joanne Schnurr – For Healing Lee and Bud Rausch – Jim and Rocky Rausch
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
Thursday November 19, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the Clancy Family
on the loss of Bill Clancy

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
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 Waldron
Michele Sweet
Rita Labrum
Marion Rysedorph

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.

Collection Obligations

FOR US TO COVER PARISH EXPENSES, OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION MUST MEET **$2,500**

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 October 24 & 25	$2886
➢ The October 24 & 25 collections met and exceeded our weekly budget goal by	$ 386
Our Collections for October 31 & November 1	$5416
➢ The October 31 & November 1 collections met and exceeded our weekly budget	$2916

THANK YOU!!

EVENTS

St. Mary's



SAY CHEESECAKE ....AND PIE



This year St. Mary's will be selling Thanksgiving Table Treats....Cheesecake and Pie.
Pre-Order Only, Pick-Up 11/24
Any questions and orders, contact Jen Clement, Fundraising Committee @518-203-9130.

Come back here next week for more details.....

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!

So that we can prepare for our coffee hour and to make sure everybody gets to partake in our delicious goodies, a sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Please add your name if you are planning to attend the coffee hour.

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

11/8	Class
11/15	Class
11/22	Class – Advent Begins
11/29	No Class – Thanksgiving Break





Our THANKSGIVING TREES are up!!
We are only 22 (gasp!) short days away from Thanksgiving!

REFLECTION

By Nick Brodie

Leo's Lens

"To welcome a person means to integrate them as if they were part of one's own family," Pope Leo says, "offering them the opportunity to develop their gifts, abilities and sensibilities, but also to enter into the life of the household." While we all must attend to the oil in our lamps, we must also ensure others have opportunity to do likewise.

We live in an epoch of what the Pope characterizes as "unprecedented encounter between peoples and cultures." This period, he says, "calls us to rediscover our roots in new and creative ways, while at the same time listening carefully to others."

As part of that, the Pope encourages us to reflect on how we are called to serve each other for the good of all. "We need to commit ourselves to patient dialogue," he says, "to show courage in negotiation and to be willing to give up some positions for the greater good of peace."

The Pope wants us to be true to our deepest values, open to the needs and gifts of others. In doing so, we become the illumination the world needs right now. The lamp we can light is that of kindness and compassion, humanity and common sense. Perhaps we can start by topping up the oil of welcome.

Quotes from Address to the Robert Schuman Conference, 28 September 2026: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/september/documents/20260928-francia-radici-europa.html

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.

Alight Baby Bottle Update

St. Mary's received a nice *Thank You* note from the Development Coordinator of Alight thanking us for our participation in their annual fund-raising drive. We collected $174!
The Thank You note is on our bulletin board.

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.

From the Diocese

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL & HEALING MASS

Date: November 11th. 2026
Location: Christ Our Light RC Church
1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY
Time: 7:00 pm
Presider: Bishop Mark O'Connell
Praise and Worship, 7:30 pm Holy Mass
Please note: This is the last celebration for 2026. It will resume on January 13, 2027

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

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
November 7 – November 8, 2026

REFUGEE NEEDS

Priority

We will need to increase the food staples and personal health goods – as noted below in my updates.

Food Items:		Household Items:	
Grains	Beans	Soap	Face/Wash Cloths
Cereals	Canned Tomatoes and Sauce	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!!

Continuing….

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 is 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!

UPDATES

Post-election for refugees:

With the midterms over please do not think this solves anything for refugees and immigrants at this point! This administration and this president are as dangerous for them as ever. If anything, they might attempt to accelerate deportations if we cannot block that.

And as for our work here in Albany, I literally (Wednesday 4 pm) just got an update from Sara our contact at USCRI. They have lost two of their largest food contributors due to cutbacks in funding etc. So now the pressure is on. Their family food deliveries are now smaller. So, *food staples are now a priority*! I hate to see us relying here on the half dozen regulars at St. Mary's…. let's see what we can do with that list at the top of the column.

Please stand by as I hope to find out more in the next week.

As always, many thanks

Ken

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"We welcome refugees, not because they are American – but because we are American."

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah
President & CEO Global Refuge

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Representatives

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

State Representatives

Legislator	**Area Office**	**Phone**
Senator Jake Ashby	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby	
	594 Columbia Turnpike	518-371-2751
	East Greenbush, NY 12061	
Contact:	https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jacob-ashby/contact	
Assemblyman Scott Bendett	https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Scott-Bendett	
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Contact:	bendett@nysassembly.gov	

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