

I am the Lord, and there is no other



*The 29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

October 18, 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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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 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>

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called “The Mighty,” “The Wonder-Worker,” because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.

Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. O St Peregrine, pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, gather our Holy Father under your mantle. Stay close to him in his suffering and comfort him as you comforted your Son. Bring our prayers to the Lord, that He may grant him healing and give him strength to keep shepherding the Church and serving the world. Amen.

Who Is St. Peregrine?

St. Peregrine, OSM is a patron of America’s most deadly disease; cancer. He is a priest of the Order of Servants of Mary. If you would like to know more about St. Peregrine, Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, SVD has published St. Peregrine’s story in the EWTN on-line library:

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/cancer-saint-st-peregrine-osm-5742>

Updates and Bishop Mark Interviews regarding Pope Leo’s Health

The Diocese has provided media updates regarding Pope Leo XIV health and are listed below:

The Diocese statement released to media after learning about Pope Leo’s diagnosis:

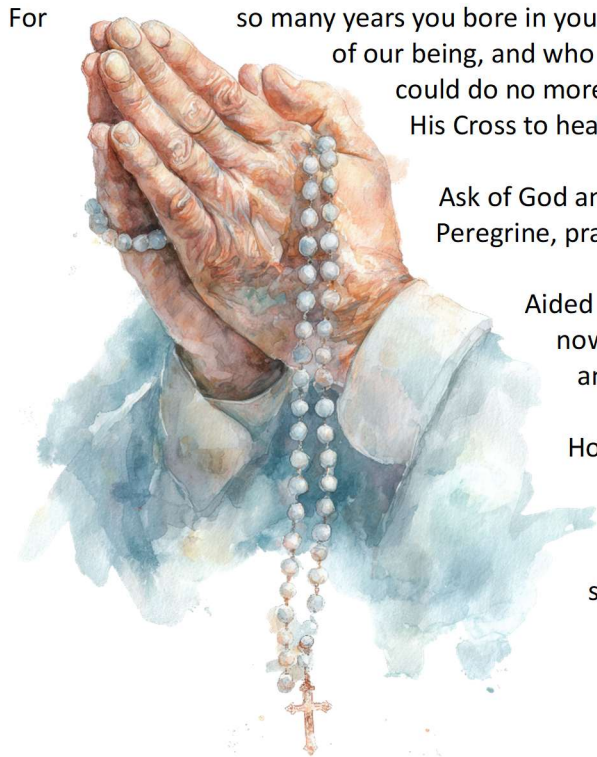
<https://www.rcda.org/news-events/media-center/news-releases/bishop-mark-oconnell-encourages-all-roman-catholic-diocese-albany-pray-pope-leo-xiv>

WTEN: <https://www.news10.com/news/prayers-for-pope-leo/>

WAMC Radio interview with Bishop Mark

https://www.wamc.org/news/2026-10-14/albany-bishop-reacts-pope-leo-cancer-diagnosis?_amp=true

EWTN News <https://www.ewtnnews.com/>
The most up to date information



Mass Intentions *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

October 17 & October 18, 2026

Saturday October 17, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
Frank and Rita Dreher – Larry and Kye Sun

Sunday, October 18, 2026 @ 10:00 am
Sally Frey – The Ridzi Family

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday October 22, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

October 24 & October 25, 2026

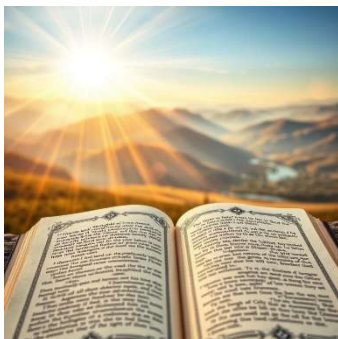
Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
John DiCarlo – Mel Witkowski, wife

Sunday, October 25, 2026 @ 10:00 am
John and Staska Fitzgibbons – Maureen Cellery

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

Thursday October 29, 2026 @ 9:30 am
For the People of St. Mary's

Please pray for our sick



Michele Sweet
Rita Labrum
Amy Gumlaw
Cory Roberts

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
Marion Rysedorph
Ann Marie 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
Charleen Papa

Nancy Quinn
Peter Quinn
Jake Rysedorph
John DeLap
Tom Rysedorph
Linda Schaefer
Cathy Schaefer
Colin Sullivan
Ann Devaney

Reminder: Does someone need a ride to Mass? Help? Communion at Home? Please call the rectory and let someone know. We will get help.

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 10 & 11

\$2056

➤ The October 10 & 11 collections fell short of meeting our weekly budget by

\$ 444

EVENTS

St. Mary's

It's Back.....This Sunday!

Coffee Hour In our Hall after 10:00 Mass
Cakes to be eaten, coffee to be consumed,
& conversation to be enjoyed.

*Please save time to stop in!
All are welcome!*



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.

The Blessing of The Pumpkins



It is that time of year again. Our children decorate pumpkins to be blessed by Fr. John. Sunday, October 25 is the day the of the Pumpkin Blessing!

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.

The Faith Formation Schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

The 15 Promises of the Rosary

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

REFLECTION

Leo's Lens

by Nick Brodie

"Our time is in great need of precisely this," Pope Leo says, "men and women who have the courage to do good even when it comes at a cost." As Jesus showed us: sometimes we are forced to make a choice, but we need not respond in the way the world expects.

Our way is a surprising one. "Draw near to those who are alone, support those who are weary, seek out those who have drifted away," the Pope says. "Have the courage to forgive, to begin anew and to engage in dialogue. Goodness is not always recognized and often demands sacrifice; yet it is precisely this daily courage of charity that makes our proclamation of the Gospel credible."

Indeed, as we draw ever closer to Christ, we learn "the joy of our vocation and learn to love as he loves." The Pope encourages us to be "a church that walks together behind the same Lord, listening, welcoming and recognizing in the other a brother or sister and a companion along the way, never a rival."

Unlike those who seek to sow division, we are called "to discover that following Christ does not diminish freedom, but brings it to fulfillment; that faith does not restrict life, but opens it to a greater horizon."

Quotes from Address to Korean Priests and Consecrated Men and Women, 5 October 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/october/documents/20261005-sacerdoti-religiose-corea.html>

St. Mary's Committees

Below is the list of our committees and the chair persons contact information. Your support and input are most necessary and welcome. Please consider participating.

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

Our Community

SUNNY Act

Solar Up Now New York (S8512B/A9111B)

This year the NYS Legislature has passed the Solar Up Now New York (SUNNY) Act which will enable all New Yorkers to start generating their own power by plugging in solar panels that can be purchased on line or at a store. It is a small but important step towards more Solar for consumers. Please help all of us with this.

Gov Hochul has not yet signed the SUNNY ACT into law. Based on my discussion with environmental lobbyist friend, there does not appear to be an issue with this legislation so CONTACT THE GOVERNOR NOW and ASK HER to SIGN--
- [Stop the delay!](#)

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!

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT

October 16 - 17, 2026

REFUGEE NEEDS Ongoing

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

Food Items

Grains
Cereals
Cooking Oils
Rice
Beans
Canned Meals
Pastas

Household Items

Soap
Liquid Detergent
Paper Towels
Face/Wash Cloths – many will use and rewash
Diapers!
Feminine Products.

We still need draperies and/or curtains and Sewing machines. Thank you to the last donation we had.

FYI... Diapers get distributed on a mandatory basis by Income. If a family has X number of children, and X income then they are eligible for X # of diapers for those children who need them.

This is important for everyone to know especially those among us who think these people just get everything handed to them! I do not encounter too many people in this category but we all need to push back on this bs from some in our society!! If you do not speak up for them, who will??

The baby stroller for the one-year old Syrian child was delivered. Bless you for monetary donations that allow us to do this.

The space heaters we have had stored will go in 2 weeks from now!

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.

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 DONT GIVE IT TO US! **QUALITY ONLY!** *Thank you.*

UPDATES

My request of the Evangelist Editor 3 weeks ago to carry a column twice a month on Refugees etc. using the Catholic Bishops web site and the RISSE, CRI news has met with **SILENCE**. I did specifically offer suggestions, as well as my help. (Oh but Ken, they are so busy with.....all the other crisis, [many of their own making!])
Three weeks is enough time for them so I will take this up with them next week.

Immigration/Refugee issues are moving faster than I can keep up--**PLEASE** read the USCCB news web site among other sources and you will see what I mean. It's absolutely draining...But it is exactly what Steve Bannon recommended ---

**HIT THEM HARD WITH EVERYTHING YOU HAVE .. AND DONT WAIT FOR THE LEGAL SIDE TO CATCH UP
.....JUST DO IT !!!**

LASTLY get ready to vote like you live in the Ukraine!!

My thanks to those who are supporting this fight

Ken

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"Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."
Article 3, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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