The 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

October 25, 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.

Rev. John Cronin – Pastor
Rev. John Close – Sacramental Minister
Dee McCumber – Parish Secretary
Email – stmarysnassau1@gmail.com
Phone – 518-766-2701
Barbara Wurzburg – Associate for Faith Formation
Email –stmarysnassaufaithformation@gmail.com
Phone –518-801-7605
Linda Ridzi – Associate for Faith Formation
Email – ridzilinda@gmail.com
Joanna Towse – Music Minister
Phone – 518-436-7857



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

Update Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV's doctors confirm 'no further treatment is necessary'

Pope Leo XIV's doctors confirm that the tumor removed on October 13 was a lung adenocarcinoma and that the disease was localized, noting that "no further treatment is necessary."

Vatican News

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-10/pope-leo-xiv-doctors-confirm-no-further-treatment-necessary.html

Following surgery which removed the lower lobe of his right lung, Pope Leo XIV's doctors reported on October 21 that the tumor removed on October 13 was a lung adenocarcinoma and that the disease was localized.

Dr. Luigi Carbone and Professor Stefano Margaritora issued a statement on Wednesday evening noting that a subsequent oncological assessment has confirmed that “no further treatment is necessary.”

"The final histopathology and molecular testing reports on the tissue removed during the Holy Father’s surgery were issued today. The results confirmed that the tumor was a lung adenocarcinoma and that the disease was localized. A subsequent oncological assessment has confirmed that no further treatment is necessary," read the full statement released by the Holy See Press Office.

Read also

AP News:
https://apnews.com/article/pope-leo-lung-cancer-operation-c03a9973ecd529a17193c23ac7585050

PBS News:
https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/pope-leos-tests-show-he-needs-no-further-treatment-for-lung-cancer-his-doctors-say

EWTN News
https://www.ewtnnews.com/vatican/pope-s-cancer-was-localized-requires-no-further-treatment-doctors-say

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.

Mass Intentions
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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 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

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
Michele Sweet
Dom Devaney
Rita Labrum
Michelle Dymond
Amy Gumlaw
Marion Rysedorph
Cory Roberts
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
John Baxter

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.

The Blessing of The Pumpkins



Fr. John will be blessing pumpkins this Sunday after Mass.
Pumpkin Blessings!

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 – October - November

October

10/25 Class – Blessing of Pumpkins

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.

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

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.

HOMILY

by Richard Leonard

Nguyen Van Mah is one of eight sons. In 1978 his poor farming parents had to decide which one of their twelve children would be sent on a boat from Vietnam. They knew there was a great risk that they would be sending their son to his death on the South China Sea.

At 4.00 am, a knock on the door of the family home came and Mah said his goodbyes. He has not seen his parents since. Mah was blindfolded and traveled in the back of a truck for eight hours. He was led through the jungle to a beach where the blindfold was removed. Mah told me that sometimes at this moment people are shot by evil traders who collect the money without any intention of dispatching a boat. That families never hear from their children is no surprise.

Mah told me, "We were lucky, we made it off the beach." There were 29 adults in a boat built for ten. Inadequately prepared for the two-week trip, all the boat people were sick, hungry, and exposed. Thai pirates attacked their boat, executed three men, and raped all the women on board. They were to bury another six people at sea who died from the effects of the journey.

On sighting land, the remaining twenty people in Mah's boat thought hope had arrived. But the Malaysian navy, under orders to fire on all Vietnamese boats, forced it to return to international waters. Mah told me, "At this point I almost lost my faith in God and human beings. I was going to die."

The boat began to take water and was noticed by a Dutch trading ship which rescued them and deposited them in the Philippines. Mah migrated to Australia twelve months later and is now the local doctor in a country community that could not get a doctor for two years.

Isaiah tells us today "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the love of God is fulfilled precisely in as much as we love our neighbor.

For many in the Western World immigration is a difficult issue. Until recently, most western countries have been good in offering hospitality to people who have chosen to leave, or have had to flee their country of birth. Given our comparative wealth this hospitality is entirely appropriate. And it is also appropriate for our countries to have a threshold number for the sake of the common good.

In today's Gospel, however, Jesus does not promise us that the love of God and neighbor is going to cost us nothing. Jesus' law of love involves sacrifice for us individually and as a nation. Through the acceptance of this teaching we are committing ourselves to being our neighbor's keeper. In another part of the same Gospel, Jesus tells us that "those to whom much has been given, much will be required." Sadly, many of us want the good life for ourselves, while doing very little to help other countries become more livable, and then we can reject people who want to share in the blessings we have worked for and inherited.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us the story of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus being forced to flee Israel for Egypt as refugees. If the Holy Family were coming our way these days, they might be sent back to King Herod. May this Eucharist see in us a change of heart that enables our faith to act justly toward all people everywhere. May our goodness and hospitality mirror on earth the welcome we hope to enjoy from Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the kingdom which is promised to all, irrespective of where any of us has been born.

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.

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 GOVENOR 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 24 - 25, 2026

REFUGEE NEEDS Ongoing

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

Food Items	Household Items
Grains	Soap
Cereals	Liquid Detergent
Cooking Oils	Paper Towels
Rice	Face/Wash Cloths – many will use and rewash
Beans	Diapers!
Canned Meals	Feminine Products.
Pastas	

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??

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

UPDATES

Temporary Protected Status which was due to end October 18 for Ukrainians and Sudanese forcing deportation for them has now been extended. While this is a BIG Relief for many, there has been no statement on what this ultimately means. Therefore, these people still live under the threat of ulterior actions. This affects about 100,000 Ukrainians and 1.800 Sudanese. Locally at CRI we have about 200 Ukrainians.

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 and AMERICA!!

My thanks to those who are supporting this fight

Ken

kmscallon@yahoo.com

"Remember, remember always, that all of us, you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists."
President Franklin D. Roosevelt

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 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@nysassembly.gov	

USCRI
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 350
Arlington, VA 22202

https://refugees.org/headquarters/

