

*The 25th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

September 20, 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>

Mass Intentions *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 19 & September 20, 2026
Saturday September 19, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Frank and Rita Dreher – Larry and Kye Sun Tom O'Brien – Theresa Harty
Sunday, September 20, 2026 @ 10:00 am Paul Tomchik – Mary Tomchik Marion Rysedorph – For Healing – Maureen Cellery
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 9:30 am Mary Ellen Lito – for Healing – Theresa Harty
Thursday September 24, 2026 @ 9:30 am John and Staska Fitzgibbons – Maureen Cellery Peter St. Pierre – For Healing – Theresa Harty
September 26 & September 27, 2026
Saturday September 26, 2026 @ 5:30 pm Betty Borey – Theresa Harty
Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 10:00 am John Fitzgibbons – Maureen Cellery Ian Towse Bill Cosgrove – Healing – Maureen Cellery
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 @ 9:30 am For the People of St. Mary's
Thursday October 1, 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

REFLECTION *Leo's Lens*

by Nick Brodie



The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbors; perhaps because their economies have been industrialized longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. "The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa", declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

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 September 12 & 13

\$2816

The September 12 & 13 collections goal met our necessary weekly budget. *Thank You Everyone!*

EVENTS

St. Mary's

St. Mary's Annual Picnic/Barbecue It is Here!!

Sunday 12:00 Noon

Nassau Sportsmen Club



St. Mary's Mass Remembering 9/11 was perfect. Everyone was moved by Fr. Close's words and the finger foods after was the ideal way to end the day. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Knit Together

Come join us for an evening of fellowship and crafting.
We will be knitting/ crocheting needed items for the refugees.
This month we will be making washcloths!

Thursday September 24th
6:30 - 7:30 pm in the rectory

Please bring your cotton yarn and crochet/ knitting supplies!
Beginners welcome!

There is a poster on the bulletin board

Faith Formation Parents & Grandparents

Our Faith Formation Program starts up on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, in the Church Hall at the usual time, 8:45 am to 9:45 am and followed by the 10 am Mass or attending on Saturday, at the 5:30 pm Mass For all grades, K-8th, including the 9th and 10th Confirmation students.

Tuition is still \$60.00 per student and \$5.00 for each additional student.

This Sunday, September 20th, is our annual Parish Picnic, held at the Nassau Sportsmen Club beginning at 12 noon, rain or shine. If possible bring a covered dish to share - if not possible please come anyway! There is always more than enough. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drink provided by the parish.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone: 518-766-43036 or cell: 801-7605.

All the Faith Formation teachers look forward to seeing you all!

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

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

Our Community

*Thank you for celebrating ONE YEAR of community
meals with*



Kurt's COMMUNITY Kitchen

Breakfast for dinner was a success.

We served 55 people!

Coming up...

Thursday, September 24th Pasta Party

Thursday, October 22nd Fall Finale

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day Dinner Fundraiser

We are taking a break in December

We'll be back in January



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.

What does this mean for you: The SUNNY ACT will enable the use of small, portable plug-in solar devices, often called "Balcony Solar", which can be connected directly to a standard household outlet without any complex installation! These can be installed on balconies, patios, rooftops, or other accessible spaces and start generating electricity immediately

The SUNY Act is still on the Governor's desk. Please call NOW – 518-474-8390. Or <http://www.governor.ny.gov>

St Henry's is planning a 9-day Pilgrimage to Fatima& Lourdes in the Fall of 2027. The information is on the bulletin board and brochure is available at the rectory for those interested. An information night is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3. If you would like to know more now, contact Lisa Hutchinson at 518-573-7098 or email her at lisahutchinson367@gmail.com

Each month the Diocese distributes a list of events happening within the parishes of the Albany Diocese. The events announcement is posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in any one of them and would like more information, please call the rectory. 518-766-2701 or the event coordinator.

IMMIGRATION - REFUGEE REPORT

September 19 - 20, 2026

27 September 2026 is the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

"The Gospel, invites us not to calculate: *even one*. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity." Pope Leo XIV

REFUGEE NEEDS

NEEDS!! 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!
Please do not overthink this.
what YOU would buy if you had nothing

NEW NEED- Draperies, curtains, (heavy ones). We were just told that these are needed for interior use, as Muslim women remove their Hajibs in kitchen when preparing meals and if there are guests present, the curtains are closed so their hair is not exposed. So inside apartment /living quarters, interior drapes are needed and CRI is running out. If you see these at thrift store, etc. we have some funds and can reimburse you. I DO have a couple that came in last loads which I am delivering today on my drop (weds. Sept. 9).

Sewing machines still welcome.

USCRI is telling its clients to

"BE CAREFUL of who you are gathering with and as to *THEIR Status*, *THEIR* Green Card, etc.!
This means who your children play with, who you interact with, etc. If they are at risk **YOU** could be taken in as well."

"ALSO - Consider writing your lawyer's, contact persons, case manager's phone number on your arm. so that you have it if you are swept up and your papers and phone are taken away. That is not the time to trust your memory!"

UPDATES

A reminder and Request

Please, no more clothing until we restart that initiative - if we do. Remember, if we are not getting any more people then our overall clothing needs drop. They have enough clothing and in fact are overloaded. There are not enough volunteers to sort what they have at this point. Apparently volunteer numbers have dropped, perhaps with the end of summer. Not sure why.

Secondly, I have clothing stored in church and at my house that I have to hold until there is once again a need.

Lastly, if and when we start clothing again, please, please, ensure that it is not overused, stained, worn out, etc. My wife and I have in some cases had to re-sort and get rid of some items. With all that must be done for this effort, I really don't have time for that **AND** its depressing to think that people would even donate clothes like that! If you would not wear it why would someone else? Refugees don't want to wear old, worn out clothing. It does not reflect who they are and diminishes their self-respect. That's not how you become a citizen of America. That's not who we are.

I have just completed a proposal, under my name, for a dedicated space/column in the Evangelist on the refugee/immigrant issue and sent that to the Bishop and the editor. I don't take this lightly but the church overall and even locally is not living up to the need to speak out for the refugees /immigrants. particularly in regards to this current administration's plans for them. I will report the result of that as soon as I receive an answer.

Many Thanks

Ken

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"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..."
Article 1; first sentence

OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website Contact Page	https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me/	
Representative Josh Riley -	Leeds Office	518-625-2100
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Area Office

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Assemblyman Scott Bendett	https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Scott-Bendett	
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