



*The 26th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

September 27, 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 *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 26 & September 27, 2026

Saturday September 26, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Betty Borey – Theresa Harty

Marion Rysedorph – For Healing

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

October 3 & October 4, 2026

Saturday October 3, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Bob and Cathy Schaefer - Healing – Theresa Harty

Fran Hotaling – Theresa Harty

Sunday, October 4, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Laurel Hamm – Maureen Cellery

Marion Alber – Theresa Harty

Maureen Cellery – Healing – Marion and Tom Rysedorph

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Viki Steedman – Healing – Theresa Harty

Thursday October 8, 2026 @ 9:30 am

John Fogarty – Barbara Wurzburg

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



Pope Leo says that “sharing in our humanity is the path that Christ calls the Church to follow.” We are called to become listeners who become doers, rather than talkers who do nothing!

The dynamic to which the Pope encourages us is “a sharing that calls on us to leave behind all passivity and indifference in the face of current events, history, and people’s lives.’ Rather than being “unengaged spectators,” the Pope reminds us that we are called “to listen with our hearts, allow ourselves to be challenged, and become involved.”

“With Christ and sustained by the power of His Spirit,” the Pope says, “believers are called to take on the burdens of their brothers and sisters, especially those who are crushed by injustice, discrimination, and violence.”

“In this regard,’ the Pope adds, “proximity towards humanity opens the way to a deeper understanding of events and of Revelation itself.” Plans and intentions have their place, but actual progress requires action.

“Christian solidarity commits us to engaging with reality,” the Pope reminds us. Which of us, we might consider, really does Our Father’s will? Is it the one who always aspires to address the problems of our age, or the one who rolls up their sleeves and starts to mend something??

Quotes from General Audience, 2 September 2026:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260902-udienza-generale.html>

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 19 & 20 **\$2094**

The September 19 & 20 collections did not meet our weekly budget goal by **\$406**.

EVENTS

St. Mary's



St. Mary's Annual Picnic – **RAIN** and **SHINE** – was a great success!

Check out the pictures on our bulletin board!



Our thanks to the Nassau Sportsman Club for hosting us at their facility and making the day a success.



Knit Together Ministry

Thursday Evenings

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

The Catechism reminds us that the family is the “domestic church” where children first learn the faith. Faith Formation reinforces the parent’s teachings of faith, morality, wholesome values, and principles that guide them in decisions and choices throughout their lives.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2222) states: “Parents must regard their children as children of God.... showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in Heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God’s law.”

Today’s world is as chaotic as ever, perhaps even more than at any other time in history. Love of God, good character, love of themselves, for others and responsibility to community won’t be encouraged or found on any media. It is found in the home, Faith Formation Programs, and the church community.

St. Mary’s Faith Formation Program begins this year on Sunday, September 24. The program for K through 8 including 9th and 10th grade confirmation students 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 enrollment is open now and accepting all ages from K-10th grades. Our parish also has adult programs for anyone interested in increasing their knowledge of faith or to receive sacraments. If you have any questions, you can call the parish office 518-766-2701.

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

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

Gov Hochul has not yet signed the SUNNY ACT into law. She has until the end of December to sign or veto. If she vetos, 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 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

There are brochures in the back of the church.

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 26 - 27, 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

Let me ask you a question: what do you want to know that I am not telling you about this issue? What else can I tell you?

If you have a request simply tear off a page of your bulletin and use the pens/pencils in back of church to jot me a note, and leave it in the box labeled for refugees on the table back there. I will try and answer those (if there are any), in our column here.

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.

Sewing machines still welcome and accepted. I took two in on Wednesday, September 23.

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

As of today, USCRI here in Albany is averaging one new white South Afrikaner client per month or less. (that is a single person or a family) .and no !! Afghans, or others of any kind!!

➤ You do know how to change all this don't you? The time is coming for you the voter to think about it.

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.

Thanks to all of you who remember their needs

Ken

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"Everyone has the right to life, liberty and the 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	Albany Office.	518-431-4070
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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
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Area Office

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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
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