



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

God First. Loving Others. Making Disciples.



Office Hours:

*Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

**St. Mary's Church
is open for prayer:**

*Monday through Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.

Thursday: 12:10 p.m.

**Adoration of the Most Blessed
Sacrament**

Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Wednesdays following 12:10 p.m. Mass
or by appointment*

**St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus
Regional Catholic School:**

*518-792-3178
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BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2022 - 34th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Mary's Church, 62 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801 (518) 792-0989

Dear Parish Family,

Part of our commitment to excellence at our parish is to take time to consider the most effective way to accomplish our goals and then find a way to do that as inexpensively as possible. A good example of that is the food we're providing for our teens and tweens at our Sunday Night Faith Formation program featuring *The Chosen* and small groups.

We asked ourselves: *what would cause these kids to feel appreciated and taken care of? What would be a way to show that we intend for this to be fun – that learning more about God and about the path of Jesus is joyful, not boring or a burden?* And the answer appeared: Feed them! After all, they're hungry at 6 PM (although, at that age, they are ALWAYS hungry), so why not plan to serve pizza and feed them?

Since we're having "watch parties" for *The Chosen*, in the vintage SMA Little Theater, we need to offer the full theater experience with fresh popcorn, Junior Mints and Mike & Ike's. At first, this idea seemed extravagant, but in crunching the numbers, we found a pizza place that, knowing our goal, would discount the price. We found the most affordable source for buying the candy and a parishioner donated a commercial popcorn machine.

The result? The kids LOVED the pizza and real movie theater experience! Parents felt pampered with the responsibility for dinner lifted off their shoulders – and all this generated goodwill for our families will cost us a few thousand dollars a year.

Our staff and volunteers are the key to our success at St. Mary's. One thing that makes us different from every other Catholic church we know is that we have no parish secretary. Imagine that! When our longtime, beloved secretary Robin retired in 2021, we at first felt compelled to scramble for a replacement, but we soon realized that was not the best solution.

Instead, we hired Alison, our part-time Volunteer Coordinator, and she coordinates a team of volunteer receptionists who handle all of our front office tasks with commitment and excellence. No one who comes to St. Mary's or calls on the phone would ever dream that the person handling all those tasks is an unpaid volunteer.

Because we no longer employ a full-time secretary, we now are able to have a Business & Operations Manager, Gary, who oversees the financial and facilities needs of our parish and the campus of our school and two cemeteries with the drive and vision of a longtime entrepreneur. Having Gary means we no longer need to employ a separate Cemetery Manager and our bookkeeping position, which was once full-time, is now just a 10-hour position, which Charlie, a retired CPA and SMA grad does expertly.

Melissa came on board two years ago to assist Fr. Tom with meeting people's more involved pastoral needs and in time at St. Mary's, she's handled countless issues in every department and arena of parish and school life. We've come to realize that her skills and experience allow her to fill any number of roles, so she adapts her role to meet the most pressing need at any given time with the can-do attitude and hard work that's her trademark. Right now, she's saving us the cost of a full-time Faith Formation Coordinator by launching our dynamic new youth programs.

Talent attracts talent, so having a team this wonderful means that whenever we have an opening, we get people like Ben, our music director, an SMSA alumnus with a music composition degree from NYU... and Emily, our communications director, who also works for the Diocese and has experience working at WRGB and WTEN.

Churches usually struggle to offer decent compensation to their employees, but because of your generosity, and the commitment of our true blue volunteers, St. Mary's is able to pay a living wage to our staff. My priest friends often marvel enviously of what we are able to do at St. Mary's with the staff and volunteers we have. And I always tell them it's because of the people of this parish – the generous parishioners who allow us to dream big then and make those dreams realities, because of your tireless support, in good times and in bad.

Thank you – one and all – for the way you demonstrate your love and commitment to our church by the generosity of your giving to the mission of St. Mary's.

Faithfully,

Fr. Scott ☺

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 21 - November 27

Wednesday, November 23rd, 12:10 p.m. Mass

- ❖ Eleanor Roberts By Family
- ❖ Renee Griffin (9th Anniversary) by Thérèse Mary Griffin
- ❖ T. Silvo Agresta by Agresta Family
- ❖ Lorretta R. Landry by Reardon Family

Thursday, November 24th, 12:10 p.m. Mass

- ❖ No Mass, Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 19th, 4:00 p.m. Mass

- ❖ Aurelia, Noonan, and Toomey Family by Family
- ❖ Francis DelSignore, Bequest
- ❖ Genevieve Sink by Carol Worth
- ❖ Peter Fisher by Barbra Canavan

**Sunday, November 27th
1st Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m. Mass

- ❖ John, Monica, Peter & Bea Bellaphine by Dennis & Michele O'Connor
- ❖ Renée Griffin (birthday 11/18) by Thérèse Mary Griffin
- ❖ Lucille & Roland Gordon by Family

11:15 a.m. Mass

- ❖ Albert Soothcage by Family
- ❖ In Memory of the White Family by Dale & Lynn White
- ❖ Joseph Pezzulo by Rosalie Pezzulo
- ❖ John Morielli By The Sommo Family
- ❖ Marlene Canale by Peter and Brent McDevitt

Weekly Report November 7 through November 13

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

eGiving:

Envelopes:

Cash:

TOTAL

**Numbers
not available at time of early
bulletin submission**

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

Sunday 11:15 am

TOTAL IN-PERSON:

Live Stream Mass Views:



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SCAN ME



South Glens Falls Fire Company Holiday Parade

Sunday, November 20 at 1pm

SMSA students are invited to walk in the South Glens Falls Fire Company Holiday Parade on Sunday, November 20 at 1PM. More information is available on smsaschools.org



Thanksgiving Brunch

On November 22, the Annual Thanksgiving Brunch will be held in the SMSA cafeteria. More information will be added to our online blog as we finalize details.



Advent Wreath Workshop

Make a fresh Advent Wreath for your home/bring one to a friend on Monday, November 28 at the SMSA Cafeteria from 3-5PM. Students must be attended by parents. Adults can also come alone to make a wreath for their families. The cost of a wreath is \$35/kit.

St. Mary's Food Pantry

Open Friday's from 9am- 1pm

THIS WEEK, THE PANTRY
IS ASKING FOR THESE ITEMS

Instant Oatmeal

Canned Peas

Spaghetti Sauce

Instant Potatoes

Peanut Butter & Jam

Thank you very much for your
generous food and monetary
contributions.

LEND A HAND

WE ARE ASKING FOR

Gently Used

Ping Pong Tables, Foosball Tables, Corn Hole,
Basketball Nets, and more

Questions? Email ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org

the next generation spotlight

Our brand new programs launch
earlier this month! Did you miss
our registration window? Scan
the QR code below to sign up
today!



Readings for Sunday, November 20

First Reading:

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel. (2 Sm 5:3)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)

Gospel:

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:42-43)

Readings for the week of November 20

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

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Mass Schedules for Area Churches

St. Michael the Archangel, So. Glens Falls

Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Queensbury

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

St. Mary's/St. Paul's, Hudson Falls

Saturday Vigil at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

CAN YOU
HELP US
OUT?



St. Mary's is a thriving parish largely due to its amazing volunteers. Please consider adding your time and talents to our ranks!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Coffee Hour Host
- Office
- Food Pantry
- Clean Up Day
- Welcome Desk
- Food Pantry Refresh
- Decorating
- Greeter/Usher
- Food Pantry Pick Up
- Heavy Lifters
- Grant Writing
- Small Group Host
- Communications
- Lectors
- Building & Grounds
- Bulletin
- Sacristans
- Sanctuary Care
- Livestream
- Homebound
- Works of Mercy & Justice
- Parking Lot
- Bereavement
- Faith Formation

Do you have a specific skill to share? Let us know!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please submit parish announcements for future bulletins at least 2 weeks in advance to our communications/bulletin coordinator.



Once a month, a Regularly scheduled parish Mass in each Vicariate will be devoted to the topic of healing from Abuse and Trauma.

After Mass, we will have resources available for attendees, including counselors and information for local resources. Our Vicariate Mass is Sunday, November 20th at 10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament Church in Bolton Landing. Celebrant and homilist will be Father Matt Duclos. For more information, visit rcda.org/HopeandHealing



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