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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9-4

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

Adoration
Wednesdays 1-6

Reconciliation
Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by
appointment

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MAY 12, 2024 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

St. Mary's Church

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Dear Parish Family,

Many people have commented to me that a recent Gospel and homily about showing mercy by letting our foot off the gas on our judgment of others has stayed with them these past few weeks. This vice affects me and **SO MANY** of us... it is a rare person who doesn't have a struggle in this area. We're all united in wrestling with the demon of judging others.

I recently came across a prayer that strikes me as a good one for all of us who need God's help in dropping our judgments. See if it speaks to you...

Heavenly Father, help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

And please remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Oh Lord, help us to remember that the mature couple walking annoyingly slowly through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that of all the gifts you give us... the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those that are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

Faithfully,

Fr. Scott 😊



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

2024 Confirmation

Calling all **CURRENT** High School Sophomores!

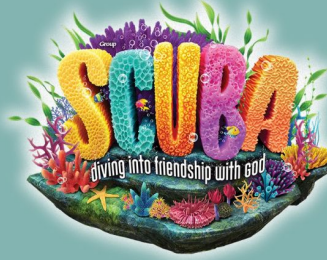
It's time to get registered for your upcoming confirmation classes. A parent and candidate meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the SMSA Great Hall.

Candidate classes will be held during the months of: May/June/September/October.

The majority of the classes will take place immediately following the 11:15 Mass. Lunch will be provided. The "Sacrament of Confirmation" will take place this fall. This is also open to High School Juniors & Seniors who have not made their Confirmation yet. Please visit our website to access registration forms.



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2024 Vacation Bible School

July 15-19

Registration is NOW OPEN!

Visit our website to register today

Please submit parish announcements for future bulletins at least 2 weeks in advance to
Emily Hampton - Communications Coordinator at ehampton@stmarysglensfalls.org

The Great Hall
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Wedding Fair & Open Venue Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

12:00PM - 3:00 PM

Pre-register now at no cost or register at the door (\$10 entrance fee applies):

TheGreatHallatSaintMarys.com or scan the QR code below:



Engaged couples, event enthusiasts, and the curious at heart -

All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

May 11 - May 19

SATURDAY, May 11, 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ For all Mothers Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, May 12 - Ascension of the Lord

- ❖ For all Mothers Living and Deceased

WEDNESDAY, May 15 12:10 p.m. Mass

- ❖ Joe Girard (Birthday) by Nancy Girard
- ❖ Peter Marcantonio by wife, Joanna
- ❖ Robin Goettke, MD by Terry and Dan Hickey
- ❖ Hazel King by Linda and Randy Norton

THURSDAY, May 16 12:10 & 6PM Masses)

- ❖ Jim Wilson (Birthday) by Norine Wilson
- ❖ Joseph Miclette by Marsha Fagan

SATURDAY, May 18 - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Bart Girard (41st Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ Henrietta, Emidio, and Anthony Papa by MaryAnn and Stan Wood
- ❖ Patricia Louise Kathryn Kelley By Family
- ❖ David Fontaine by Doug Paige and Scott Malin

SUNDAY, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday, 8:30 Mass

- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family by Family and Friends
- ❖ William J and Jean W Harris by Family
- ❖ Elaine Kane by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Rosa Sparagna by Fred and Ann Valastro

11:15 Mass

- ❖ David Fontaine by Gay and David Jarvis
- ❖ Sheila Mason by Bethany and Joe Maglione
- ❖ Mary Defayette by Family
- ❖ Lindsay Carte by St. Mary's Visitation and Rosary Ministries

Weekly Report

April 29 - May 5

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

Cash	\$2,717.91
Envelopes	\$6,674.00
E-giving	\$162.00
Total Offertory	\$9,553.91

Candle- \$139.62
Food Pantry- \$410
Charity/Works of Mercy- \$404

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	245
Sunday	8:30 am	247
Sunday	11:15 am	273
Total In-person:		765

St. Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Spaghetti Sauce
Crackers
Canned Peas
Cold Cereal
Soup
Mac & Cheese

In April, your generosity helped us provide 435 people in 189 families with nutritious food.



St. Mary's Happenings

Next Steps

Next Steps will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Baby bottles will be available in the back of the Church. You can donate by using the QR Code on the baby bottles. You can also place checks made payable to Next Steps, Cash, and Coins in the baby bottles. Whichever way you decide to participate, we are grateful for your prayer and your support as we continue to press toward Educating, Empowering, and Encouraging women facing pregnancy decisions in the Greater Glens Falls region.

Climate Action Walk

A Climate Action Walk will take place on Saturday, May 18th starting at 1PM at Glens Falls City Park. In addition to Fr. Scott and SMSA students, speakers include: Ken Tingley, students from Glens Falls High School, Emmett Smith (GF Community Hydro Project), CDTA, Michael Richardson (Third Act Upstate NY), David Sayer (Beyond Plastics), Rev. Patrick Wisley (First Presbyterian Church), John Seakwood (Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith). We hope you will join us for this community event which our Social Justice Ministry is helping to organize!

Catholic Women's Overnight Retreat

A Catholic Women's Overnight Retreat at the beautiful Wiawaka Center for Women on Lake George; June 8 & 9, 2024. This year's theme is "Rooted in Faith" and the speaker is Mary Deturris Poust. Space is limited to 42 women and likely to fill up quickly - registration closes on May 30th or earlier if the max number of retreatants is reached. For more information and registration visit: olaqby.wixsite.com/retreat



SMSA Spotlight

Upcoming Dates:

Grade 2 Theme Mass and May Crowning

Monday, May 13

Spring Concert: Band and Ensembles

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 PM

**More news & upcoming events can be found
on smsaschool.org and on Facebook**

A "Ticket to Ride" Returns!

SMSA's 2024 "Ticket to Ride" car raffle is now underway, made possible yet again by the generosity of the Romeo family. This year, we're raffling off a beautiful 2024 Toyota Camry Nightshade, pictured here. Tickets are \$50 each; only 1000 will be sold.

The drawing will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 5 pm. You need not be present to win; you do need to be 18 years of age or older. And you can't win without a ticket! Buy yours today at smsaschool.org/tickettoride -- and ask your friends and family members if they'd like to buy one as well. You'll be credited with two PACE hours for each ticket you sell!

And a huge thank you to the Romeos from all of us here at SMSA!

Please Mark Your Calendar:

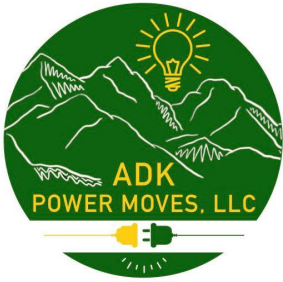
There will be **NO SCHOOL** for Noah's Ark - Grade 7 on **Thursday, May 23, 2024**. This is a change from the original calendar.

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