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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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**APRIL 21, 2024 • 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*St. Mary's Church*

*62 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801*

*(518) 792-0989*

Dear Parish Family,

Each one of us has a certain cause that captures our heart. Some causes seem to choose us. One example of those for me, as many of you know, is adoption. I know first-hand that it provides a "win - win - win" for childless couples, children and for those dealing with crisis pregnancies. Another cause that has chosen me is the care for the environment. I was born on Earth Day, so I feel that God gave me a special calling to care for the earth and to encourage others to have reverence for creation.

The following suggestions have had a powerful influence on me and cause me to be careful in the way I use and discard things. Perhaps some of them will speak to you, too.

**See the Earth as a mother. Recognize a duty to care for her.** Terms like "Mother Nature" are meant to remind us that the Earth is alive. Sitting in quiet in the grass can help you to realize how many forms of life God has given us in every square inch of earth. Each comes from God and each is precious.

**Say grace before you eat, recognizing that our nourishment comes from the earth.** Reminding ourselves that we would be nothing and have nothing without God helps us treat God better...and the earth better, too.

**Recognize that humans would have nowhere to live if we lost the earth.** We can't throw away our garbage because there is no "away." Where else would it go but in the ground... in the ocean... or burnt up into toxic smoke? Recycling allows us to avoid pretending that throw "away" garbage on our round planet. We need to see recycling as a spiritual practice, because it is. Learn what items the local Transfer Station in your town accepts.

Then check out the "How 2 Recycle website" <https://how2recycle.info/> to see the long list of items that can't be put in regular recycling but can be dropped off at a nearby hardware store. You'll be surprised how many things don't belong in the garbage.

**In making decisions, consider the 7th Generation away from now and ask if your choice will help or harm them.** We exist because our ancestors made decisions that allowed us to one day flourish. We owe our unborn grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren the same gift. Join the community **Climate Action walk on Sunday, May 8 at 1 PM**, from City Park up Glen Street to Crandall Park. We want our future descendants to see our faces in the old pictures of events from before they were born that were intended to make the world a better, more livable place for them.

This earth does so much to support our lives. Spring is the perfect time to see that in action. The little things we do can make a big difference. Show your gratitude to God by caring for God's gift to us - our beloved planet Earth.

Happy Earth Day,

Fr. Scott ☺







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Save the Date!



2024  
Vacation  
Bible School

July 15-19

## 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.

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

The Great Hall  
at St. Mary's

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](http://TheGreatHallatSaintMarys.com) or scan the QR code below:



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

All are welcome!

**Mass Intentions**  
*April 20 - April 28*

**SATURDAY, April 20, 4:00 PM Mass**

- ❖ Nick Schiavoni by the Prevost Family
- ❖ Henrietta, Emidio, and Anthony Papa by MaryAnn and Stan Wood
- ❖ David Fountaine by Jan and Tom Malin
- ❖ Patricia Louise Kathryn Kelley by Family

**SUNDAY, April 21 - 3rd Sunday of Easter , 8:30 Mass**

- ❖ Nicholas J. Sommo Sr. by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Stanley Kosek by Donna and Rick Fallon
- ❖ John Quirk (6 Year Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ Kyle Nelson (6 Year Anniversary) by Family

**11:15 Mass**

- ❖ Sheila Mason by Barbara Adams
- ❖ Alfred C. Blanch by Family
- ❖ Joanne Cahill by Tom and Jean Cahill
- ❖ Therese Collyer by Julie Ball

**WEDNESDAY, April 24 12:10 p.m. Mass**

- ❖ Lindsay Carte by Kathleen Stachnick

**THURSDAY, April 25 12:10 PM Mass**

- ❖ Geoffrey Sommo (Birthday) by Family
- ❖ Rosa Sparagna by Atkinson Family

**SATURDAY, April 27 - 4:00 PM Mass**

- ❖ Francis Donovan (37th Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ John Greenslade
- ❖ David Fountaine by Nancy Girard
- ❖ Nicholas Schiavoni by Kathy Hamell

**SUNDAY, April 28 - 4th Sunday of Easter, 8:30 Mass**

- ❖ Deceased Members of the Bannon Family by Family
- ❖ Marty Griffin by Patti and Rocky Denino
- ❖ Roy Hamlin and Family by Shireen and Joe Sheehan

**11:15 Mass**

- ❖ Sheila Mason by Barbara Nokes and SMA Class of 1954
- ❖ Lindsay Carte by Kim Gray
- ❖ Roy Hamlin by Steve and Eileen Dunn
- ❖ Teri Collyer by The Potvin Family

**Weekly Report**  
**April 8 - April 14**

**GIVING at ST. MARY'S**

Cash	\$2,893.65
Envelopes	\$4,979.00
E-giving	\$2,227.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$10,089.65</b>

Candle- \$217.43  
 Improvements & Renovations: \$413  
 Food Pantry - \$975

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday	8:00 pm	268
Sunday	8:30 am	245
Sunday	11:15 am	283
<b>Total In-person:</b>		<b>796</b>



**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:**

- Soup**
- Tuna Fish**
- Evaporated Milk**
- Cold Cereal**
- Bars of Soap**
- Shampoo**

Thank you for your continuing generosity to the pantry.





# St. Mary's Happenings

## Keep our Planet Clean!

Earth Day is Monday, April 22nd. God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. It's our responsibility to care and protect it and all people, who are part of creation.

**Did you Know?** - A simple daily action is picking up litter on your walk or bringing compost to the Farmer's Market. Another daily action we can take is bringing broken household items to the Glens Falls Repair Cafe on April 27th from 11-2 at Crandall Park Library. For more information, please call 518-792-6508 ext 267. In addition, the Social Justice Ministry will have a meeting on Sunday, April 28th in the Meeting Room after the 11:15 Mass.

## Beacon of Hope Dinner - Honoring Laurie Butler

If you haven't heard already, one of our school and parish volunteers, Laurie Butler, is being honored as a Community Spirit Award Winner by the Diocese of Albany School's Office. Come celebrate her at the Beacon of Hope Reception on April 26th at 5PM. Tickets are \$85 each. Tickets must be purchased in advance. If you can't attend, you can donate in honor of Laurie by visiting [beaconofhopefund.org](http://beaconofhopefund.org).

## Save the Date - 60th SMA Class Reunion

Plans are underway for the 60th Reunion of the Class of 1964 of St. Mary's Academy. It will be the 1st weekend in October 2024, with gatherings will take place on both October 4th & 5th. If interested, and you have not been contacted, please call Michelle O'Connor at 518-793-7338.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreats will be held May 3-5 and May 24-26, 2024. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160, Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574 or Vickie Agresta 518-683-1596 or e-mail: [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

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STUDENTS  
GRADES 1-8

**Friday, April 26**  
**7:30 am - 2:10 pm**

Parent Information Session: 1:30 - 2:10 pm (Optional)

Register by April 24:  
[smsaschool.org/BeADogForADay](http://smsaschool.org/BeADogForADay)



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