St. Mary's 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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APRIL 14, 2024 • 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Father Scott's Sharing Spot

A Message from
Father Scott VanDerveer,
Pastor at St. Mary's Church

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Dear Parish Family,

Everyone in Glens Falls knows that I am in love with SMSA. I adore that school and feel so grateful to be in a place where Catholic Education is infused into the marrow of the community.

There are few Catholic schools that have had such a grip on the minds and hearts of the people of the town they're in the way St. Mary's Academy has. As one person told me, "A lot of parishes have schools, but St. Mary's in some ways has been more like a school that has a parish." I think we all can relate to why someone would say that. I've been a teacher at two other Catholic schools, and both were beloved in the community, but not the way St. Mary's is.

In many ways, the Catholic faith is transmitted most effectively in the school setting. I rarely meet a person who feels anything but grateful for the education and formation they received at St. Mary's. They may have a story or two about Father French or Sister So-and-So, but they almost always end the conversation with something to the effect of: "In the end, the best parts of who I am I owe to my St. Mary's Education."

Today's kids need and deserve St. Mary's more than ever before. In a world where unwholesome influences compete for our kids' attention and social media has a bigger influence on them than parental guidance does, the special alchemy of a St. Mary's education makes an even bigger, more noticeable impact than ever before.

The SMSA formula has three parts: (1) we elongate kids' childhoods, (2) we form them as leaders early, and (3) we inoculate them against despair.

Elongating Kids' Childhoods: We provide a safe environment where the values taught at home by the best and wisest parents are promoted and upheld in school. Kids are taught about virtues and vices and are held accountable for acting as though they were made in the image and likeness of God… because they are!

Forming Leaders: Because our school brings kids as young as three years old in community with other kids at the far end of childhood, students are given the opportunity to become role models in early elementary grades. Whether or not a St. Mary's student has a younger sibling at home, they all have a school full of little, adoring faces looking up to them and requiring them to the noble, virtuous protectors and role models these little ones imagine them to be. Further, we provide daily opportunities for student leadership in student gatherings, school assemblies and Masses. Kids are introduced to public speaking in Kindergarten and have those skills reinforced again and again and again throughout their St. Mary's educational career.

Inoculating Against Despair: With things like anxiety and depression at epidemic levels in our kids, every school is scrambling to develop programs of social and emotional learning to develop resilience. But I can promise you that none of them can compete with St. Mary's, because on top of social and emotional development, our program incorporates spiritual growth as well. Some will tell you that's not an essential part of human development, but they're dead wrong. With our Catholic and humanist values, our kids are able to address unavoidable life issues like death and loss from the earliest age. They learn how to pray for people, accept life on life's terms and trust in the goodness of life and of God. They become resilient and hopeful.

Cut out this Sharing Spot and share it with someone who has kids. Tell someone today about the school that gives kids the childhood they deserve and the full life God wants them to have.

In service and faith…

Fr. Scott

You're Invited!

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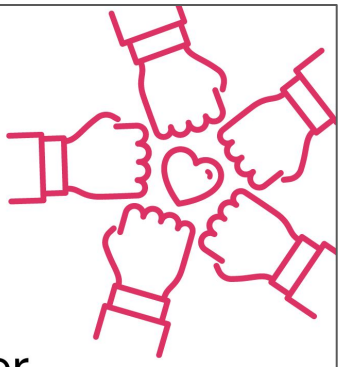

Volunteer Appreciation Mixer

Wednesday, April 24th

6–8 PM | The Great Hall

Please RSVP via QR code or call the Rectory no later than April 18th

Scan me to RSVP!

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Please submit parish announcements for future bulletins at least 2 weeks in advance to

Emily Hampton - Communications Coordinator at ehampton@stmarysglensfalls.org

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at St. Mary's

Wedding Fair & Open Venue Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

12:00PM - 3:00 PM

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TheGreatHallatSaintMarys.com or scan the QR code below:

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

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Mass Intentions

April 13 - April 21

SATURDAY, April 13, 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖Julia A Perkins by Family
- ❖Brian Butler (Anniversary) by Laurie and Mike Butler
- ❖Nick Nichols by Family
- ❖Robert H. Morgan by Family

SUNDAY, April 14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter , 8:30 Mass

- ❖Deceased Members of the Richard E McCarthy Family by Family
- ❖Helen Christensen (11th Anniversary) by Thérèse Mary Griffin
- ❖Roslyn Fiorini by Family
- ❖Nicholas Schiavoni by Gary and Karen Evens

11:15 Mass

- ❖Annis and Roger Dashnaw by Debbie and Jack Mulcahy
- ❖Blanche Canavan by Children
- ❖Nancy Morrissey by The Homkey Family
- ❖Marie Bocchi by The Homkey Family

WEDNESDAY, April 17 12:10 p.m. Mass

- ❖Philomena Westfall (102nd Birthday) by Family
- ❖Thomas and Mary Cassidy by Family
- ❖James and Anna Robinson by Joe Robinson

THURSDAY, April 18 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖Doris Healy (Birthday) by Family
- ❖Lindsay Carte by the Walking with Purpose Group

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 - 4th 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

Weekly Report
April 1 - April 7

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

Cash	$3,280.42
Envelopes	$5,364.00
E-giving	$6,195.00
Total Offertory	**$14,839.42**

Candle- $220.41
Additional Holy Land - $325
Additional Easter - $445

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	8:00 pm	225
Sunday	8:30 am	446
Sunday	11:15 am	255
Total In-person:		**726**

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Crackers
Instant Oatmeal
Salad Dressing
Cold Cereal
Ketchup
Tuna

Thank you to Stewart's Holiday Match program for donating $600 to our St. Mary's Community Food Pantry! Your generosity is appreciated by the people we serve!

St. Mary's Happenings

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 at the Dominican Retreat Conference Center in Niskayuna and Guggenheim Lodge Saranac Lake - respectively. The weekends combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. 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 .

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.

SMSA Spotlight

SMSA DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:

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