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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:**

***CLOSED MONDAY***  
***due to holiday***

***Tuesday - Thursday***  
***9AM - 4PM***

**St. Mary's Church**  
**is open for daily prayer:**  
***Monday through Saturday***

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**Adoration:** Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

**BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 14, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Dear Parish Family,

Last week I told you about the Care Portal, the exciting new way for our parishioners to serve our community by providing resources and elbow grease to help keep kids with their families and out of the foster care system. The background of this ministry is important to know.

This summer, in advance of the launch of the Care Portal locally, our Volunteer Coordinator Alison Hancock connected with Justice for Orphans (JFO), the Albany grassroots organization that brought the Care Portal to the North Country. When it began, JFO's original goal was to help children whose parents had died and to advocate for adoption for children of unplanned pregnancies. In time, JFO realized the tremendous need to support the sagging foster care system, in which a lot of the children JFO aims to help are being cared for. In researching how they could help, JFO learned some stunning facts.

Every year, there are thousands of calls to the county's Child Protective Services Office. Most of those calls came from a family in hardship. For example, there were repeated instances of mothers who had been living in a domestic violence shelter who were now rebuilding their life without their abusive spouse and who wanted their kids back from foster care, but lacked much of what they needed to rebuild a household from scratch.

JFO discovered that the #1 item parents in that kind of situation needed were kids' beds, since kids can't leave foster care without a bed to sleep in. Many kids in underprivileged homes sleep on air mattresses on the floor. Other mothers were not able to bring their babies home from the maternity ward of the hospital because they lacked a car seat, so the child had to be brought to a foster family instead.

One family's home had been vandalized and they had garbage bags where their windows were broken. The kids' mom slept on couch downstairs so she could leap to defend her children in case of home invasion. Their social worker saw the situation and knew that the house needed replacement windows in order for the kids to live there safely.

In our 8-county region in 2023, 2,200 children were aided through the Care Portal - and 5,200 have been aided since 2018! In just two months, St. Mary's parishioners have already provided a bed safety device for a local special needs child and delivered and donated the linens and assembled five kids' beds (donated by an Albany car dealer), which allowed two local families to remain together and reunited a third family. How exciting!

Is this the involvement you have been waiting for? If so, we need:

- o Volunteers to deliver items to the families (and often assemble the items)
- o Donations (Payable to St. Mary's with "Charity" in the memo)

For more, please contact Alison at our office at 518-792-0989 x 111 or [ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org](mailto:ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org).

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## *Become a Volunteer in our St. Mary's Community*

We are looking for volunteers in the following ministries:

- Music
- Greeters
- Coffee Hour Hosts
- Communications
- Buildings/Grounds
- Livestream Team
- Grant Writing
- Next Generation (Small Group Hosts)
- Small Groups
- Care Portal
- Lectors
- Sacristians

Scan Me!



Interested? Scan the QR Code to fill out this form  
or contact Alison Hancock for more information

## Mass Intentions

### January 13 - January 21

#### **SATURDAY, January 13, 4:00 p.m. Mass**

- ❖ John Butler (Anniversary) by Laurie and Mike Butler
- ❖ Julia and Michael Gissonna by Patricia and James Gissonna
- ❖ Christopher (Christy) Harrington by Chris Harrington and Family
- ❖ Art Byers by wife, Sandy

#### **SUNDAY, January 14- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 8:30 Mass**

- ❖ William J and Jean W Harris by Family
- ❖ D. Jay Morrissey by The Morrissey Family
- ❖ Carol S. Firth by Michael O'Connor
- ❖ Douglas R. Miller by Sean, Tawn and Ben Driscoll

#### **11:15 Mass**

- ❖ Patrick Whalen by Sandy and Dick Noonan and Family
- ❖ Michael Bailey by Pat Caiazzo
- ❖ Harold "Bud" Taylor by Dave Sperry and Ida Smith
- ❖ Toni Marie Coleman by Family

#### **WEDNESDAY, January 17, 12:10 p.m. Mass**

- ❖ Betty Robinson (Wedding Anniversary) by husband, Pat Robinson
- ❖ Nancy Morrissey by Jo Kaczmarek

#### **THURSDAY, January 18 - 12:10 p.m. Mass**

- ❖ John Patrick Griffin (3rd Anniversary on 1/22) by Therese Mary Griffin
- ❖ Norman Hall by (1st Anniversary) by Dana Hall and children

#### **SATURDAY, January 20 - 4:00 p.m. Mass**

- ❖ Deceased members of the Weinman and Moriarty families by Timothy and Lucille Moriarty
- ❖ Diamond Havens by Helen & David Fountaine
- ❖ Nick Nichols by Paul and Linda Hamlen
- ❖ Bonnie Connery by The Seymour Family

#### **SUNDAY, January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time , 8:30 Mass**

- ❖ Catherine Bavaro by Food Pantry Volunteers
- ❖ Catherine Levack by The Homebound Committee at St. Mary's
- ❖ Michael R. Bourdeau(1st Anniv) by Mary Ellen(Wife)
- ❖ Jim Seeley by Mark and Nancy Zurlo

#### **11:15 Mass**

- ❖ Agnes & Daniel Hynes by Patricia & James Gissonna
- ❖ Mary Lorne by Seale Family (Living)
- ❖ Richard and Donald Singleton by Ida Smith
- ❖ Mary Lou Singleton Goss by Ida Smith
- ❖ Leslie and Helen Rymkewicz by daughters

## Weekly Report

### January 1 - January 7

#### GIVING at ST. MARY'S

Cash	\$2,234.00
Envelopes	\$2,979.00
E-giving	\$4,722.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$9,935.00</b>

Candles: \$125.25

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	192
Sunday	8:30 am	229
Sunday	11:15 am	308
<b>Total In-person:</b>		<b>729</b>

## St. Mary's Food Pantry



**Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm**

#### FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

**Tuna**  
**Hearty Soup**  
**Cold Cereal**  
**Crackers**  
**Canned Peas**  
**Vegetable Oil**

Thank you to our generous parishioners  
who keep our food pantry filled in the  
colder months!





# St. Mary's Happenings

## ADK Catholic Informational Meeting

On January 21st, ADK Catholic will be holding a meeting at St. Mary's in Glens Falls after the 11:15am Mass. This year, they will be focusing entirely on service opportunities.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Sunday, January 14th (Rain date Monday, January 15th) 3PM: Meet at City Hall on Ridge St. 3:30PM: March from City Hall to Christ Church United Methodist Church, 54 Bay Street. Celebration at church followed by refreshments and fellowship. It will be cold this weekend so dress warmly!

## Saturday, January 27th - 60s and 70s Themed DJ Dance

Get ready to dance the night away in our beautiful Great Hall at SMA! Enjoy a night of music, sound and light show, light snacks and a cash bar. All are welcome to turn back the jukebox! Tickets will be on sale this weekend at the Welcome Desk. Doors will open at 7PM.

## Catholic Schools Week - January 28th - February 3rd

The last week of January is traditionally coined Catholic Schools Week. SMSA will be hosting an open house following the 11:15 Mass on January 28th. More details are available in the SMSA Spotlight.

## Small Groups - We want to hear from YOU!

We are a few weeks away from beginning our next Small Group Series, *Beautiful Eucharist*. If you are interested in either hosting or joining a small group, scan the QR code below. Questions? Please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator, Alison Hancock. Her contact information can be found on the front of our bulletin.

## How to Scan a QR Code:

- 1) Open the Camera app on your smartphone device
- 2) Point your camera to the QR Code
- 3) Follow the link and fill out our form!





# SMSA Spotlight

## Upcoming Dates:

### **NO SCHOOL | MLK Jr. Day**

Monday, January 15

### **Kerry Blue Basketball**

Saturday, January 20

### **Catholic School Week**

January 28th – February 3rd

## Open House

SMSA will host its festive annual Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2024, from 12:30–2:30 pm, to kick off its celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Whether you're a prospective parent, an alumnus, a parishioner, or a curious friend, please join us that day for light refreshments and a chance to see our beautiful building, meet our fantastic faculty, and enjoy a display of creative student art work! Principal Patrick Gormley will give a presentation at 1:00, which will be followed by a short Q & A period. Following that, tours focusing on both our Noah's Ark preschool/preK and K-8 programs will be available. Come and see what sets SMSA apart! Don't want to wait for the Open House to learn more? For information about admissions at SMSA please call Noah's Ark Director Beverly Kerpka at (518) 792-3178 x. 1002 or K-8 Admissions Director Sally Behan at (518) 792-3178 x. 3308 or visit our website, [smsaschool.org](https://smsaschool.org).

Before Christmas break, Mrs. Trzaskos's first-graders learned the science behind glue 'magically' becoming less sticky (and a lot more fun!) with the addition of baking soda and contact solution. Then they added peppermint extract, food coloring, and glitter for a true holiday experiment!



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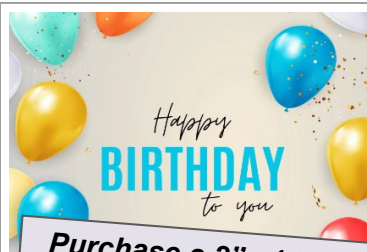


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