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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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August 24th, 2025 • 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dear Parish Family,

Last week I introduced the four pillars of Catholic Social Teaching: (1) Care for the Common Good; (2) Upholding the Dignity of every Human Person; (3) Subsidiarity; and (4) Solidarity. Today we can take a closer look at the first one: the call to promote the **common good**, which is central to the Gospel and to building the kind of community Jesus envisioned.

The common good refers to those conditions in society that allow all people—*not just a few*—to reach their full potential. It's not about giving everyone the same things, but about ensuring that each person has access to the essentials they need to thrive. In other words, it's not just about me or you—it's about *us*.

Care for the common good is behind the concept of schools. Every community sets aside money and space so the local children have a place to learn and grow. That's exactly why we work so hard to maintain our **parish Catholic school ministry at SMA**. When we support Catholic education, we're investing in the formation of young people who will carry these Gospel values into the world. A Catholic school doesn't just serve its students—it blesses the whole community by raising up leaders with hearts for justice, truth, and compassion. Many of the greatest sponsors of SMA are not people with kids or grandkids in the school, but people who believe in forming the next generation in virtue and hope. That's the common good.

When we support things like **public libraries, clean parks, and safe neighborhoods**, we are living out this teaching. These are resources that benefit the whole community—especially those who may not have those things at home. A public library doesn't just offer books; it provides access to knowledge, technology, warmth in the winter, and cool in the summer. Parks give families a place to play, seniors a space to walk, and neighbors a chance to gather. When we advocate for clean streets and safe corners, we're standing up for the dignity and well-being of our fellow citizens. Let's commit to being people who think not just about what's best for us, but what's best for everyone. That's how we live the Gospel—not just in our pews, but in our parks, our schools, and our streets.

Together, let's build a community where all can flourish. That's the common good and our Catholic calling.

Faithfully,

Fr. Scott ☺

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- ✨ **Faith Finders** (Pre-K – 4th Grade)
- ✨ **Next Gen** (5th – 12th Grade)
- ✨ **First Eucharist Preparation**

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We're hosting a Hotdog Eating Contest Fundraiser
to support Saint Mary's Academy — and you're
invited! Come cheer, chow down, and help us raise
funds for our amazing students!



HOTDOG EATING CONTEST



September 14th
12:30pm-2:30pm



St. Mary's Academy
Church Street, Glens Falls

Register to compete at
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Contest for Adults! Hotdogs for
sale \$1.75 for all others attendees!

Please submit parish announcements for future bulletins 2 weeks in advance to
Amanda Jansen - Communications Coordinator at ajansen@stmarysglensfalls.org

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
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Lisa Cotter
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Two new women's groups are forming at
Our Lady of the Annunciation Church this fall.
Tuesdays 4:30-6 pm or Wednesdays 9:30-11 am

More info and registration at: SheShallBeCalledWoman.com

St. Mary's Scholarship Committee

The St. Mary's Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships totaling \$56,000 for the 2025-2026 academic year to the following students:

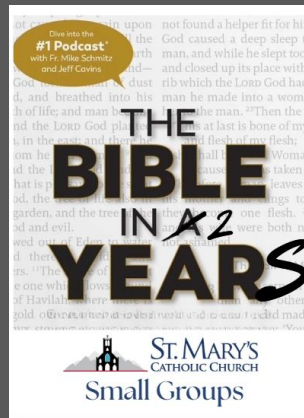
Borgos, Heath
Campopiano, Henry
Campopiano, Julian
Canale, Emma
Clohosey, Vincent
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Lyon, Reagan

Congrats!

Merzig, Carley
Murray, Amelia
Murray, Jillian
Patton, William
Powell, Lucas
Sanok, Raphael
Trackey, Lauren

These scholarships are the result of past benefactors of St. Mary's Church, whose generosity established the following funds from which the scholarships are awarded:

Foley-Burns Memorial Funds; Patrick Moynehan Memorial Fund; Raymond A. Balcom Scholarship Fund; the Elizabeth Sullivan Elementary Teacher's Fund and Sylvester T. Marzola Fund.



Small Groups Registration!

Small Groups is doing a wonderful series starting this Fall!

We will be breaking this bible study series into different small group sessions to dive deep with Father Mike Schmitz and group members into the Bible.

Fall 2025: Meetings start the week of September 21

Meet for 11 Weeks (no meeting the week of Thanksgiving) Last meeting the week of December 7

Scan to Register!

Paper Copy at
Welcome Desk



Next Gen Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for our Next Gen 5th - 12th Grade program. Next Gen is on Sunday nights and will be starting in September!!

If interested please email ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org or lpattson@stmarysglensfalls.org

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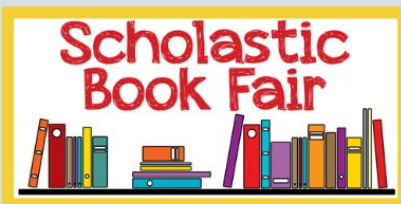
**WELCOME
BACK TO SCHOOL**

Ice Cream Social!!

September 2nd from 4-6 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Students come find your lockers and check out your classroom! This is a great time for others to check out the school and see all of the wonderful things going on in the building!



During the Ice Cream Social!

Stop into The Great Hall to support the school Library and buy some books at the book fair! (This will be the only book fair & fundraiser for the Library this year - thanks for your support!)

@smsaschool



Mass Intentions

August 23rd - August 31st

Saturday, August 23rd - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Helen, Tom, and Ed Cooke by Nancy
- ❖ Robert Smith by Elizabeth Miller
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wade by TJ
- ❖ Helen Gorham by Patti and Rocky Denino

Sunday, August 24th - 21st in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Kyle Nelson (Birthday) by Family
- ❖ Elaine Kane by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Kathy Hamell by Peter and Jackie Mead
- ❖ Kathy Hamell By Barb Adams and Bonnie Hazelton

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Maria Myzak by Anna Mary Duggan
- ❖ Katherine Maziejka by Michael Gray and Allan Millora
- ❖ Helen Gorham by St Mary's Ministry
- ❖ Jack Moore by Gazdik Family

Wednesday, August 27th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ William A and Margaret E Sheehan by Children
- ❖ Matthew David (9th Anniversary) by Doug David
- ❖ Mary Rooker by Jo Kacmarek

Thursday, August 28th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ For All Parishioners

Saturday, August 30th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Philomene and John Hooper by Family
- ❖ Deceased Members of the Spratt Family by Stanley Dybas
- ❖ Ann C. McCormack by The Henley and Martindale Families
- ❖ Mina Conlon by Agresta Family

Sunday, August 31st - 22nd in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Deceased Members of the Richard E. McCarthy Family by Family
- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Bannon Family by Family
- ❖ Ellen Kelly by the Merrill Family
- ❖ Kathy Hamell by Libby and Joan Sprott

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Katherine Maziejka by Ginnie Besthoff
- ❖ Ben Sylvester by Mark Polidore
- ❖ Bill Pateman (27th Anniversary) by Kathleen, Julie, and Mark Pateman
- ❖ Priscilla Foster by Helen and Vaughn Fowler

Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

August 16th & 17th

Cash	\$2,846.04
Envelopes	\$4,201.00
E-giving	\$7,615.67
Total Offertory	\$14,662.71

Candle - \$149.07

Assumption - \$1,241.44

Missionary - \$8,042

MASS ATTENDANCE

Assumption	12:10 pm	168
Saturday	4:00 pm	233
Sunday	8:30 am	253
Sunday	11:15 am	295
Total In-person:		949

St. Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Cold Cereal
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