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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  
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**Adoration**

**Wednesdays 1-6**

**Reconciliation**

**Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by  
appointment**

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**September 7th, 2025 • 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Dear Parish Family,

In our continuing series on the Four Pillars of Catholic Social Teaching, we now come to a lesser-known but vitally important principle: **subsidiarity**. The word may be unfamiliar, but the concept is deeply intuitive—and profoundly Catholic.

The principle of subsidiarity holds that decisions should be made at the most local, competent level possible. It's a way of organizing society that respects the dignity of each person by empowering families, communities, and institutions to take responsibility for their own lives. It encourages larger organizations—whether governments, corporations, or even churches—not to take over what individuals and local groups can do for themselves.

Why is this so important? Because it respects human dignity. Subsidiarity says: *You are capable. You are needed. You have a voice.* Whether it's a parent guiding their child, a neighborhood organizing for safety, or a parish planning its ministries—those closest to the situation are usually best equipped to understand it and respond wisely.

When subsidiarity is ignored, people feel powerless. But when it's embraced, people are energized and engaged. That's why we encourage lay leadership in our committees and ministries. It's why we trust parents to be the first teachers of their children. And it's why we listen to the lived experiences of those affected by poverty, illness, or discrimination—instead of assuming others know best.

But subsidiarity isn't about individualism. It doesn't mean "everyone for themselves." In fact, it needs to be balanced by the principle of solidarity—the idea that we belong to one another and must support each other, especially the weak and vulnerable. Without solidarity, subsidiarity can devolve into neglect. But without subsidiarity, solidarity can become smothering and impersonal.

So, how can we live subsidiarity in our daily lives?

- Encourage your children or grandchildren to take ownership of their responsibilities.
- Participate in local government and civic meetings and town halls.
- Listen to the insights of those closest to the issues—even when their perspective differs from your own.
- At St. Mary's, consider joining or proposing a ministry that responds to a real need you see in our community.

This week, ask yourself: Am I giving others the freedom and trust to act? Am I stepping up when I have the gifts to help? When subsidiarity is lived well, it builds confident individuals and strong communities, all rooted in human dignity.

Next week, we'll explore the final pillar: solidarity—the virtue that binds us together as one human family and reminds us that we're never alone in our struggles.

Faithfully,

Fr. Scott ☺



# Registration Now Open!

## for the new school year (2025/2026)

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

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**In an essay of 500-750 words, out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?**

Open to All Catholic Students in Grades 8 through 12!

All Essay Submissions and Entry Forms are  
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Please Mail All Essay Submissions and Entry Forms to:

**P.O. Box 664, Glens Falls, NY 12801**

For More Information, Please Contact Glens Falls K of C  
Community Director Gabe Bedore at [GBedore87@yahoo.com](mailto:GBedore87@yahoo.com)

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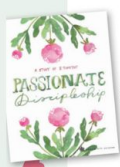
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START DATE: Sept 25  
TIME: 10-1130

Questions/Information: Contact Kathy McNulty  
518-502-3974  
[kmcnulty5@hotmail.com](mailto:kmcnulty5@hotmail.com)



WWP returns for our 10th year at St. Mary's!

LOCATION: St. Mary's Church Meeting Room  
DATE: Wed September 24  
TIME: 3-4:30 pm

Questions/Information: Contact Kathy McNulty  
518-502-3974  
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A FREE film screening for all  
**"Separated": Children at the Border**



A Powerful Afternoon of Awareness and Action

**Saturday, September 20, 2025 2:00-4:30 pm**  
**Crandall Public Library Community Room**

This PBS documentary explores the 2016 "Zero Tolerance" immigration policy and the trauma that families suffered as children were separated from their parents at the border.

## Next Gen Volunteers Needed!

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

If interested please email [ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org](mailto:ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org) or  
[lpatten@stmarysglensfalls.org](mailto:lpatten@stmarysglensfalls.org)

Please submit parish announcements for future bulletins 2 weeks in advance to  
Amanda Jansen - Communications Coordinator at [ajansen@stmarysglensfalls.org](mailto:ajansen@stmarysglensfalls.org)



## Paper Shredding Event that Benefits our Food Pantry!

Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (or ARCC) Shredding and Food Collection Event at Aviation Mall on September 20 from 9-11am

Those who bring papers to be shredded are asked to make a shelf stable food item or monetary donation to St. Mary's Food Pantry.

This is a great way to get shredding done and support our pantry.

## Important Notice!!

**Masses and Mass Intentions are canceled for 9/17 & 9/18**  
**Confession on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> is also canceled.**

The Bishop is holding a priest gathering that week.

Coming to St. Mary's Academy this September! An Oktoberfest!!

**Food and Beer!**  
Beer Tent  
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Popcorn



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**September 27<sup>th</sup> 3-8pm!!**

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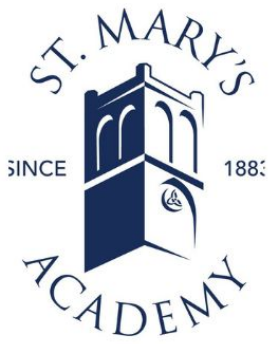
## ParishSOFT Online Giving Upgrade September 23, 2025.

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# SMA Spotlight

School is

## Back in Session!

We wish everyone a wonderful year back at school! There are a few new faces this year for teachers and staff and we are excited for them to be joining us this year!



## Ice Cream Social!

The Welcome Back Ice Cream Social was a hit!  
We hope that all who attended had a blast!



@smsaschool



## Mass Intentions

September 6th - September 14th

### Saturday, September 6th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ John and Norma Hewitt by Barbara and Brian
- ❖ Al and Teresa Delgaudio by Family
- ❖ Helen Gorham by Dolores Schiavoni
- ❖ John and Alex Prevost by Tim and Pearl Florick

### Sunday, September 7th - 23rd in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Lucille and Roland Gordon by Grandchildren
- ❖ Genevieve and Richard Rainville by Grandchildren
- ❖ Michael Sommo by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Edward and Catherine Murphy by Grandchildren

### 11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Georgette and Edward Fitzgerald by Norine Wilson
- ❖ Victoria Solis by Family
- ❖ Francis T. Collins by Eileen and Family
- ❖ Michael Darnell Brittin by Peter and Susan Brittin

### Wednesday, September 10th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Patty Spagnoulo by Maria Polidore and Family
- ❖ Josephine Pimpinella by Maria Polidore and Family

### Thursday, September 11th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Martha Allinder by Vickie Agresta
- ❖ Helen Fountaine by the Callahan Family

### Saturday, September 13th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ William J. and Jean W. Harris by Family
- ❖ Emidio, Henrietta, and Anthony Papa by Mary Ann and Stan Wood
- ❖ Helen Fountaine (Anniversary) by Beth Krug
- ❖ Frances DelSignore by Patti and Rocky Denino

### Sunday, September 14th - 24th in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family by Friends and Family
- ❖ Marilyn White by Corbett Family
- ❖ Margaret and George Tupper by Family
- ❖ Grace Wolff by Armando Perez

### 11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Joe Cervera (90th Birthday 9/17) by Terry and Dan Hickey
- ❖ Katherine Maziejka by Laurie and JoAnn
- ❖ Ellen Kelly by Joan and John Lemery and family
- ❖ Maribel Franco by The DelSignore Family

## Weekly Report

**GIVING at ST. MARY'S**

### August 30th & 31st

Cash	\$3,308.75
Envelopes	\$4,409.00
E-giving	\$3,611.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$11,328.75</b>

Candle - \$186.91

Catholic Home Mission - \$338.75

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	223
Sunday	8:30 am	262
Sunday	11:15 am	293
<b>Total In-person:</b>		<b>778</b>

## St. Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:**

**Cold Cereal**

**Rice Packets**

**Soup**

**Spaghetti Sauce**

**Peanut Butter**

**Crackers**

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