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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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Monday-Thursday 9-4

St. Mary's Church

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Wednesdays 1 -6

Reconciliation

Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by appointment

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June 29, 2025 • SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER & PAUL

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Dear Parish Family,

It's rare for the feast of Saints Peter and Paul to fall on a weekend, and I believe in my 12 years of priesthood, I've never before had the opportunity to preach to a weekend congregation about these two incredible saints. Because of that, when I looked through the files I've kept over the years of tidbits about Peter and Paul, I realized I had far too much to be able to put into one weekend homily. So here are a couple of reflections - one for Peter one for Paul - that I thought you might find interesting.

This first one is from the marvelous Episcopal priest and author Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor from her book *The Seeds of Heaven*. She reminds us that Jesus' statement to his followers: "It was not you who chose me but I who chose you," applies to all of us in every situation, even when we feel grossly inadequate.

"It is nothing that Peter is or says or does all by himself that wins him the keys to the kingdom. He is blessed because his answer is God's answer, and he is a rock because he is a chunk off the Rock of Ages, and it is on this relationship that the church is built, not on any virtue of Peter's—or yours, or mine. Peter is chosen, but not because the right answer has occurred to him. On the contrary, the right answer has occurred to him because he is chosen, because Jesus is his unsearchable wisdom, his inscrutable way, decided to pick a bullheaded, bighearted, fallible, stubborn, never-say-die rock upon which to build his church."

Florence Morgan Gillman PhD, STD, is professor of biblical studies at the University of San Diego. An expert on St. Paul, she is the author of many scholarly articles and wrote a book called *Women Who Knew Paul*. That list of women included an influential royal figure named Bernice. Professor Gilman reflects on Paul's poverty and weakness in comparison with Bernice's regal stature.

"Bernice was a member of the Jewish Herodian royal family and (is a figure who) appears briefly in Acts 25. Bernice had power over Paul and was one of those who decided that he should be callously sent as a prisoner to Rome.

The irony however, is that in the Acts narrative about Paul, written only some decades later, Bernice is so briefly mentioned, even so unimportant, as to become almost a footnote in his life.

This fascinating reversal, such an inversion of who seems to be important or who seemed of no consequence during their lives, causes one to ponder appearances and the directions we choose for ourselves in our brief existences.

As the biblical scholar T. R. Glover comments: The day was to come when people would name their dogs Nero and their sons Paul."

I highly recommend both of these authors to anyone who wants to dive more deeply into study of the Bible. Where would we be without those who follow the call to study scripture and learn about the faith so that they can teach the rest of us so effectively?

Faithfully, Fr. Scott 😊

Missionary Speaker

August 16th-17th

Pope Leo XIV has called us to be a church of missionaries.

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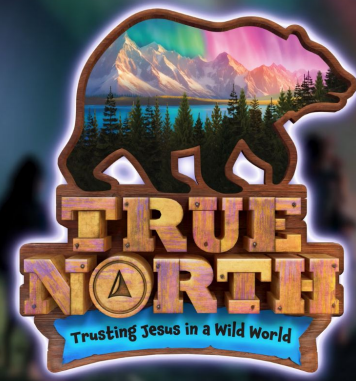
than supporting the missionary that will be coming to your parish this summer.

It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support. Last year, through the Mission Cooperative program our diocese raised \$228,754.73. Thank you for your generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!

Our speaker:

Bishop Anthony

from a rural diocese in India
(Diocese of Daltonganj)



SUMMER 2025

Mark your calendars! VBS is the week of July 21st this year! Can't wait to see you there :)



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4th Annual Diocese of Albany's Young Adult Adoration, BBQ, & Corn Hole Tournament:

When: Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 PM
Where: St. Clement's Church: 231 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs

Adoration & Reconciliation at 5:30 PM
BBQ Dinner at 6:30 PM
Corn Hole Tournament & Ice Cream Social

Attendee's Must Register: <https://forms.gle/EFQ624xK2ndkNnTy8>

For more information, contact Tom Cronin at Thomas.cronin@rcda.org



Scan to Register



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

SMALL GROUP INQUIRY

For the fall launch of Small Groups we are considering taking on Fr. Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year podcast. To be able to cover it all and keep our regular meeting schedule (see below), we will present it as The Bible in Two Years.

Proposed Schedule:

- Fall 2025: Start meeting the week of September 21
 - Meet for 11 Weeks (no meeting the week of Thanksgiving)
 - Last meeting the week of December 7
- Spring 2026: Start meeting the week of January 11
 - Meet for 15 weeks (no meeting during Holy Week)
 - Last meeting the week of April 26
- Fall 2026: Start meeting the week of September 20
 - Meet for 11 Weeks (no meeting the week of Thanksgiving)
 - Last meeting the week of December 6
- Spring 2027: Start meeting the week of January 10
 - Meet for 15 weeks (no meeting during Holy Week)
 - Last meeting the week of April 25

This program is produced by Ascension Press and they have created a trio of companion books that will provide guidance and structure for Small Groups. Each of these books is \$24.99 plus shipping.

Some Questions to Help Us Make Our Decision

To see if this program is feasible for our Small Groups, please answer the following questions. When completed please return to the Welcome Desk or the rectory.

Name _____

Email Address _____

Are you interested in being a part of a The Bible in Two Years Small Group?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in Hosting or Co-Hosting a The Bible in Two Years Small Group?

☐ Host ☐ Co-Host ☐ No

Would you be willing to contribute \$25 to offset the parish cost of the 3 companion books?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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these questions
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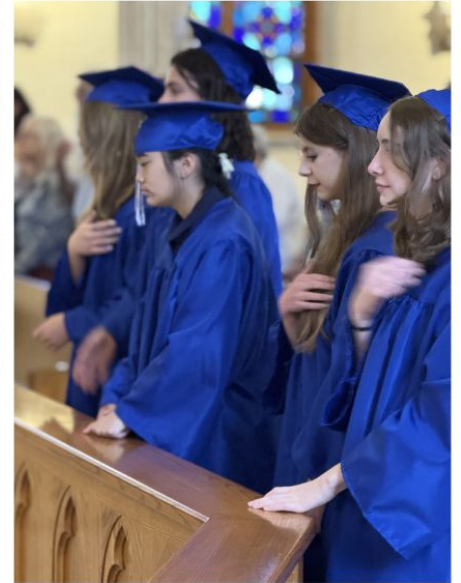


SMA Spotlight



Congratulations 8th Grad Grads!

This is the hard part. Saying goodbye after all these years. Watching them change from impossibly little Noah's Ark or Kindergarten students into the young men and women they've become and then sending them off to take on the world! Class of 2025, may God be with you in all you do. It has been a pleasure and an honor to teach you and be taught by you. Now, take what you've learned here and go change the world!
And never forget: Once a Kerry, Always a Kerry!



Special Visitors

Two St. Mary's alums now graduating from high school returned to SMA this week for a walk-through. Raphael Sanok (son of Noah's Ark teacher Gerianne Sanok) and Trinity Tonks were met with applause and cheers from students and faculty on all three floors!



Raphael is the Valedictorian of Saratoga Central Catholic's Class of 2025 and is headed to RIT in the fall to study physics. He plans to become a researcher or engineer. Trinity, also a Saratoga Central Catholic student, is headed to Sacred Heart University to study biology; she plans to become a medical doctor.

We congratulate them both and thank them for giving us the chance to send them off with a prayer and our best wishes!



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Mass Intentions

June 28th - July 6th

Saturday, June 28th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Michael Donovan (28th Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ Jim Wilson (3rd Anniversary) by Norine Wilson
- ❖ Richard S. Herlihy by Mary Jane and Family
- ❖ Cheryl Bassilo by Bill and Kelly Palmer

Sunday, June 29th - Solemnity of Saint Peter and Paul

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Bannon Family by Family
- ❖ Patricia Sullivan by Mary Quirk
- ❖ Robert Slack by Janet and Bob Wood
- ❖ James Kane by Anne Sheehan
- ❖ Jack, Betty, and Regina Sheehan by Family

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Dennis Duggan by Family
- ❖ Sandra Lewis (Anniversary) by Husband and Children
- ❖ Deceased members of the Farrell Family by Family
- ❖ Margaret Manno by Gene and Evelyn Casella

Wednesday, July 2nd - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Chris Sandie-Gutmann By Dick and Noreene Tarantino

Thursday, July 3rd - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Francis T. Collins by Eileen and Family
- ❖ Anna Agresta by Family

Saturday, July 5th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Emidio, Henrietta, and Anthony Papa by Mary Ann and Stan Wood
- ❖ Marie Cartier by Family
- ❖ Nancy Burns by Fay Hooper
- ❖ John Prevost by Dolores Schiavoni

Sunday, July 6th - 14th in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Dr. Michael Sheehan by his daughter, Sue
- ❖ James Kane by Dennis and Michele O'Connor
- ❖ Lea O'Connor by Dennis and Michele O'Connor
- ❖ Preston Jenkins by Peter and Brent McDevitt

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Michael Darnell Brittin by Peter and Susan Brittin
- ❖ Robert Dutcher by William and Philinda Heil
- ❖ Katherine Maziejka by Laurie Butler
- ❖ Joseph Bruso by Louise and Family

Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

June 21st & 22nd

Cash	\$3,048.97
Envelopes	\$4,044.00
E-giving	\$2,606.00
Total Offertory	\$9,698.97

Candle - \$160.22

Catholic Communications - \$288

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	239
Sunday	8:30 am	320
Sunday	11:15 am	257
Total In-person:		816

St Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Mac -N- Cheese
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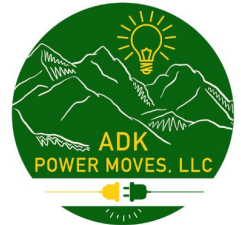
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