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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

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Wednesdays 1-6

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Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by
appointment

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February 16, 2025 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Mary's Church

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Dear Parish Family,

"In addition to finding hope in God's grace" in this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis writes, "We are also called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us. We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence."

Don't you find yourself thinking that sometimes... that we are "overwhelmed by evil and violence"? I know I am tempted to go there. Pope Francis is inviting us to take a step away from that and look with thoughtful eyes through the lens of faith.

In the apostolic letter he wrote last year to provide a framework for the Jubilee, *Spes Non Confundit* ("Hope Does Not Disappoint"), Francis gives us several important reminders in his fatherly way.

"Hope is the virtue that sets our hearts ablaze with the certainty that no matter how dark the night, the dawn always comes."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said during the most discouraging days of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s that we were living through "midnight" in the social order.

But, with hope, he reminded everyone: the best part of midnight is that it doesn't last. February is often the coldest month of the year. But the best part about February is that the days are getting longer and the sun is getting stronger, whether we notice it or not.

"Christian hope is not passive; it is active, daring, and rooted in the promise of Christ's resurrection."

The Christian author John Powell once wrote: "If you believe the good news, would you kindly notify your face?" Our faith is defined by the belief that Good Friday turned into Easter Sunday. That is not just an "article of faith" that we can use as a test question on Catholic School exams. That is the whole bedrock of who we are and what we believe. Hope is what brings joy to the heart of a Christian.

Pope Francis says: "In a world often marked by division and despair, the Church is called to be a sign of hope, a beacon of God's mercy and love."

Let us extend that by saying:
in personal lives often marked by tragedy and discouragement our faith is given to us as a lifeline of hope.

With hope and gratitude,

Fr. Scott 

HUMAN TRAFFICKING, HERE?



Join us for

A night of awareness identifying the signs in our community

on

Thursday, February 27th

from

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

at

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

Conducted by

JASON MCLAUGHLIN

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Prayer to End Human Trafficking

O Lord, you said you came: "to set the captives free."

In our world young men and women who are trafficked are modern day slaves.

Help these young people not to lose hope.

Give the grace for elected officials to grow in awareness of and to take active steps to eradicate this horror.

Teach them not to prosecute the victims of trafficking but to bring to justice those who perpetrate this crime.

Lord, give the grace of conversion to those who mistreat unfortunates for their own personal gain.

May demand decrease as people realize that prostitution is a crime against human dignity, forced upon these people, who are more victim than anything else.

May the awareness of this horrendous crime spread throughout the world and may many join the efforts to stop trafficking and help the victims begin anew, filled with hope.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

~ Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC

As the world gathers to celebrate in the excitement of large sporting events, like the Super Bowl, it's important to shed light on the heinous crime of human trafficking that often goes unnoticed. Despite the festive atmosphere, these events attract individuals who seek to exploit the vulnerable for their own gain. While it's known that large sporting events attract many tourists, money, and job opportunities, it also creates a breeding ground for traffickers to engage in labor and sexual exploitation. This weekend, we invite you to continue to hold an intention and pray for an end to human trafficking. We also invite you to join us for a night of awareness- hosted by WAIT House director, Jason McLaughlin. We can end human trafficking.

~ with HOPE, the SJM Team

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

Thank you from Jo Kaczmarek

My Gratitude

It took a village to plan and carry out the magical event that took place in the Great Hall on January 25th.

I am grateful to all especially Father Scott, Gary and Lisa Patton, all of St. Mary's Parish Staff, as well as the amazing Gala Committee.

Many contributed generously, so that our historic school building could be accessible to all!

I hope all who attended, The Gala had as great a time as I did!!

With a grateful heart,

Jo

Glens Falls Hospital

Glens Fall Hospital has been graced with Eucharistic Ministers for many years. They have this past year serviced 4,094 patients, family and staff. We would appreciate more volunteers to assist in the ministry. Please contact Sister Donna Marie if such concern is had at 518-926-3532. Thank you for your consideration. Blessings and peace.

~Sister Donna Marie



The Way Of Saint James

October 15th - 23rd 2026

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SMA Spotlight

It's *Almost* Re-enrollment Time!

Watch for more details, but here's an
At-a-Glance Guide to Some Important Dates!

February 14

Re-enrollment Opens

April 1

Deadline for:

- Applying for diocesan financial aid
- Requesting busing from your school district

May 1

Deadline for:

- Enrolling at lower tuition rate
- Applying for school financial aid
- Receiving paid-in-full discount



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Mass Intentions

February 15th - 23rd

Saturday, February 15th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Norma Hewitt by Barbara and Brian
- ❖ George and Barbara O'Hare by Family
- ❖ Nicholas Schiavoni (1st Anniversary) by Dolores and Sons
- ❖ Katherine J. Root by her loving Husband

Sunday, February 16th - 6th in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Frances Hughes by Family
- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family by Friends and Family
- ❖ Bruce Breault by John Clements
- ❖ John Gibson by Colleen O'Loughlin

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Rev. Michael Hogan (SMA '57) by Mary Jane H. Mason (SMA '60)
- ❖ John LaPoint by Mary Rozell
- ❖ Rev. Michael Farano (SMA '60) by Mary Jane H. Mason (SMA '60)
- ❖ Louise McCarthy by Jim McCarthy

Wednesday, February 19th- 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Joe Girard, Sr. (9th Anniversary) by Nancy
- ❖ Philip Schwartz (Wedding Anniversary) by Connie Schwartz and Family
- ❖ Regina and David McCarty by Family

Thursday, February 20th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ John Crysel by Bates Family

Saturday, February 22nd - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Emidio, Henrietta, and Anthony Wood by Mary Ann and Stan Wood
- ❖ Richard L. Terry by Mary Jane Herlihy and Ann LaPan
- ❖ Joseph Tocci by Family
- ❖ Dennis Toomey by SMA Class of 1967

Sunday, February 23rd - 7th in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Bannon Family by Family
- ❖ Edward Beecher by Patti Jo Tennison
- ❖ Margaret Kelleher by Jim O'Keefe
- ❖ Charlotte Lynch by Craig Kuhn

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ John LaPoint by Chris Brown
- ❖ Steven Bielecki by Laurie Butler
- ❖ John LaPoint by Food Pantry Volunteers
- ❖ John Greenslade by Family
- ❖ Barbara Castiglione by son, Matthew

Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

February 8th & 9th

Cash	\$2,001.25
Envelopes	\$5,117.00
E-giving	\$1,912.00
Total Offertory	\$9,030.25

Candle - \$75.65
Food Pantry - \$500

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	258
Sunday	8:30 am	79
Sunday	11:15 am	141
Total In-person:		478



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Cold Cereal
Pasta
Tuna
Soup
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