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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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October 19th, 2025 • 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dear Parish Family,

November is always a sacred time to remember loved ones who have died and to consider that all of us are pilgrims, making our way through the chapters of life toward a life to come with God in heaven.

I wanted to spend the weeks leading up to our annual celebration of All Saints and All Souls writing a bit about one of the most beautiful parts of being Catholic - when we gather to commend a loved one to the mercy of God. On the day of a Catholic funeral, every Catholic present is grateful to God for their faith (and everyone else who is there is wishing they were Catholic, at least for that day).

A Catholic funeral is not just a farewell. It is a beautiful prayer of the Church that holds together grief, gratitude, and hope. It is the most sacred way we, as Catholics, face the mystery of death. The Church teaches that a funeral has three purposes. First, we pray for the soul of the one who has died, entrusting them to God's mercy and asking that the Lord welcome them into eternal life. Second, the funeral strengthens and consoles the grieving family, surrounding them with the prayers and presence of their parish community. Third, it proclaims our faith in Jesus' victory over death and his promise that we, too, will share in the Resurrection.

A Catholic funeral has traditionally been made up of three parts:

1. **The Vigil (Wake)** - A time of prayer, remembrance, and keeping watch with the family. This is often a very personal gathering, where stories and memories are freely shared, and where the Church prays the Rosary or other Scripture-based prayers for the deceased.
2. **The Funeral Mass** - The central liturgy of Christian burial. Here we gather at the altar to offer the greatest prayer we can: the Eucharist. Surrounded by Scripture, song, and sacrament, the family brings their loved one to the Lord, who first gave them the gift of life. In the homily, the priest or deacon recalls the person's life in the light of God's Word. At the heart of it all, we entrust our beloved dead to Christ, who shows us that God's love conquers everything - even death itself.
3. **The Committal (Burial or Interment)** - The final act of farewell at the cemetery or mausoleum. Here, the body is laid to rest, and we together begin to ritually imagine how we will go forward with the help of God and the love of our family and friends.

Taken together, these moments give us space to grieve honestly, to remember lovingly, and to hope confidently. Catholic funerals are not only rituals of sadness, but also proclamations of love. They assure us that, even in death, life is changed, not ended.

In the weeks ahead, this series will walk through practical steps of planning a Catholic funeral—whether you are making decisions at the time of a loved one's passing or thoughtfully preparing your own funeral in advance. My prayer is that these reflections will help you to see the beauty of the Church's tradition and the comfort it can bring in a difficult time.

With love,

Fr. Scott ☺



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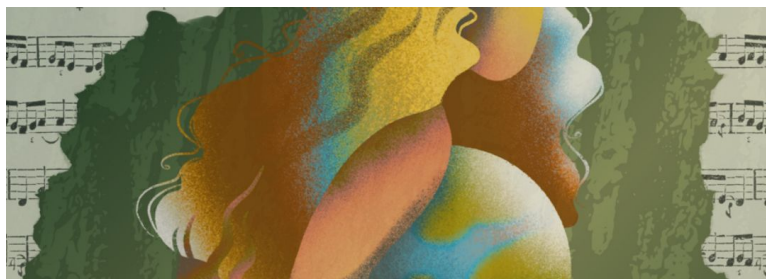
Pope St Pius X

Altar of Remembrance

It is time to assemble the
Altar of Remembrance for
our loved ones that have
passed on.

The Altar will be
assembled on
October 30th

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Amanda Jansen - Communications Coordinator at ajansen@stmarysglensfalls.org



The Great Hall at St. Mary's Academy!

The Great Hall has been a place of gathering for years & recently we have expanded the possibilities of the space and want you to capitalize on it! The space had been refreshed with things like lighting and air conditioning!

Possible Events:

Weddings Reunions Galas

Bring your creativity and we will help you make it happen!

Contact Gary Patton for More
Information and Booking Details:
gpatton@stmarysglensfalls.org

✨ Photo from a recent gala
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The Great Hall Here!



Calling All Mama's!

This fall we are introducing a group especially for moms at St. Mary's. It will be a **virtual** group, meeting 1-2 a month, to help us ladies connect, find strength, and support in each other and Holy Mother Church as we work in the trenches of daily life. Most importantly, we will take the time to care for ourselves and grow into the wonderful women God has created us to be. Through His light and grace we will find peace, friendship, and joy that will bolster us!

**First meeting: November 13th
6:30-7:30pm**

If you are interested in joining us, sign up at the Welcome Desk or email dsteves@stmarysglensfalls.org. Welcome, Mama, you are loved!

Winter

Child & Adult Clothing Drive!

Saturday November 15th from 9am -1pm
In The Great Hall at SMA

Drop off in the church meeting room the week of
November 9th -14th

62 Warren Street Glens Falls, NY 12801

Donations Needed:

**** Children & Adult Winter Clothing****

Jackets

Sweaters

Sweatshirts

Sweatpants

Hoodies

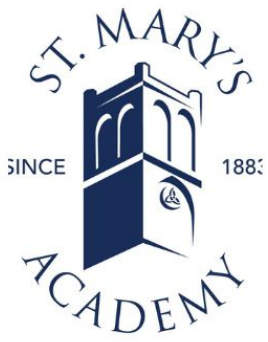
Boots

Winter Accessories

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat**, November 14-16, 2025 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh or e-mail:

rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



SMA Spotlight

Helpful Hands

Our Noah's Ark students have been learning about the crucial role that community helpers play in the life of a city or town. Some classes have enjoyed dressing up as helpers (see also featured photo above) and, last week, they all had the chance to meet some of these real life hometown heroes, as representatives of both the Glens Falls Fire Department and the Warren County Sheriff's Office visited our campus, bringing their official vehicles and providing an opportunity for some hands-on learning.

Many thanks to Sergeant Kyle Kolar and the Warren County Sheriff's Office and to the members of the Glens Falls Fire Department, not only for the work they do, but also for sharing so generously of their time and knowledge with our students!

And thanks, too, to our School Nurse, Olivia Dunbar, for her work as a community helper here at SMA! She welcomed students to her office to teach them about some of the tools she uses in caring for them when they are injured or sick.

We are so blessed to have all of these community helpers surrounding us!



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Mass Intentions

October 18th- October 26th

Saturday, October 18th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Harry J. (Buddy) LaPoint by Family
- ❖ Barbara Butler by Laurie and Mike Butler
- ❖ David Fontaine by Beth Krug
- ❖ John Prevost (Birthday) by the Prevost Family

Sunday, October 19th - 29th in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Deceased Members of the Sherman and Cooney Families by Family
- ❖ Kenny O'Loughlin by Colleen O'Loughlin
- ❖ Julia VanVranken Buyce by Sandy and Dick Noonan and Family
- ❖ Patty Farrell (Birthday) by sister, Kathy Farrell

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ James H and Mary Ellen Duggan by Anna Mary Duggan
- ❖ Katherine Maziejka by Stan and Michelle
- ❖ John and Isabelle Morielli by John Clements and family
- ❖ John Lemery by Walking With Purpose Bible Study

Wednesday, October 22nd - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ Maurice O'Connor by Family

Thursday, October 23th - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ For All Parishioners

Saturday, October 25th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Daniel Johnson (Birthday) by Maureen and Family
- ❖ Mary and Lilbern Yandon by Yandon Family
- ❖ Mary M. Rooker by the Leone Family
- ❖ Mary Poczobut by Patti Carte

Sunday, October 26th - 30th in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Bannon Family by Family
- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Robinson Family by Michael and Joe Robinson
- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Farrington Family by Family
- ❖ W. Norman Charles by Family

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Kenneth Erminger by Seale Family
- ❖ Barbara Colvin by Anne and Peter Powers
- ❖ Ralph G. Salem, Jr. by The Bolen Family
- ❖ Anne Hodge by Family

Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

October 11th & 12th

Cash	\$4,300.20
Envelopes	\$3,579.00
E-giving	\$2,741.00
Total Offertory	\$10,620.20

Candle - \$157.30

Catholic Campaign - \$273

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	306
Sunday	8:30 am	282
Sunday	11:15 am	283
Total In-person:		871

St Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Peas

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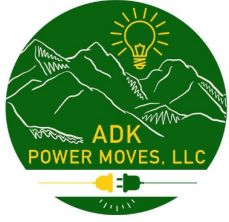

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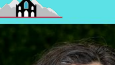
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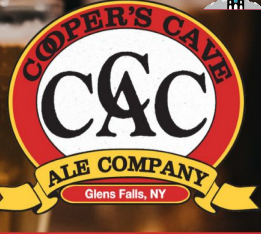
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