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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

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Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by appointment

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November 2nd, 2025 • 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Mary's Church

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Father Scott's Sharing Spot

A Message from Father Scott VanDerveer, Pastor at St. Mary's Church



Dear Parish Family,

As we begin the month of November and celebrate our **annual Bereavement Mass on Wednesday at 6:00**, I wanted to continue our series about preparing for and planning a Catholic funeral. Last week we talked about the way the parish – in collaboration with the funeral home – embraces families during the sad and (perhaps surprisingly) busy days following the loss of a loved one. Today we move to the next phase of the planning.

Once the parish and funeral home have set the date and time for the funeral, the family meets with our parish team to plan the liturgy. This is the moment when grief and faith come together in a very practical way: we prepare the prayers, readings, and music that will surround your loved one with beauty and hope.

Choosing the readings

At every funeral Mass, the Word of God is proclaimed in three readings: one from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and a Gospel passage. The Prayers of the Faithful (Intercessions) are also offered. Families may select which passages will be read, and they may also choose who will serve as readers. Some find it very meaningful for children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews to take these roles. Others prefer to have parish volunteers proclaim the Scriptures. Either option is perfectly fine.

Selecting the music

Music has a unique way of giving voice to what words alone cannot express. Families may suggest favorite hymns of the deceased and the family. Four musical moments are usually chosen: the opening hymn, the hymn at the preparation of the gifts, the communion hymn, and the closing hymn. A sung responsorial psalm is also included between the first and second readings. If the family has no preferences, Ben, our music director and Fr. Scott will select fitting and beautiful hymns.

Roles for family and friends

Besides the readings, there are other optional ways to involve loved ones. Some may bring forward the gifts of bread and wine, or serve as Ministers of Communion if they are already trained in that ministry. These opportunities allow family and friends to take part in a way that feels appropriate and healing.

What about a eulogy?

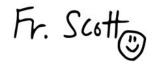
St. Mary's has earned a reputation for having thoughtful and personal funeral homilies. Since the priest or deacon already reflects on the life of the deceased in the homily, our parish does not require or suggest a eulogy at a funeral Mass. Many families find it more comfortable to offer personal remembrances at the wake or reception, where stories can be shared freely. Still, if the family wishes, a eulogy can be included at a designated place in the liturgy. The parish will help guide this with sensitivity.

Flexibility and reassurance

Not every family feels ready to make these choices. Sometimes, simply leaving the planning in the parish's hands brings the most peace. Please know that whether you customize every detail or ask us to take care of it all, your loved one will be honored with the dignity and beauty of the Catholic funeral tradition.

In grief, the details can feel overwhelming. Our role is to lift that burden and to surround your family with the compassion and faith of the Church.

With compassion and love,



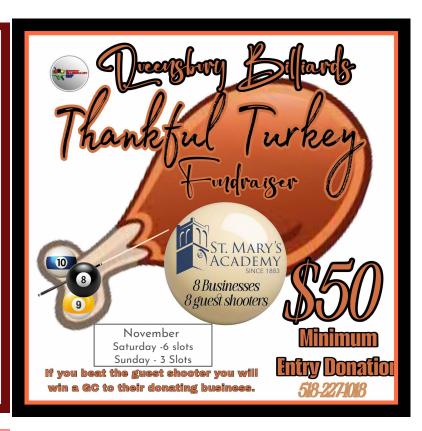


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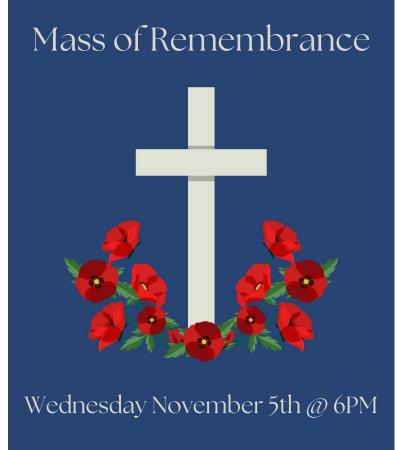


Friday, Nov. 7th: 3-8 Saturday, Nov. 8th: 9-3

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Hand Made Crafts
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Santa: Friday & Saturday!



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



Hometown Thanksgiving! "A Community Dinner for All"

Location: Christ Church United Methodist

54 Bay Street in Glens Falls

<u>Date: Thanksgiving Day</u>

Time: 12 - 2pm

If you would like to volunteer contact hometownthanksgiving@gmail.com



Scoutmasters Corner

Beginning Friday, October 25, 2025, the Boy Scout Troop 2 bottle/can return bin, located between the church parking lot and the entrance to the meeting room, will only be open to receive bottle and can donations from sunup to sundown. During the nighttime hours, the loading door will be locked. This is in response to the continued vandalism of our bin. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We ask that you adjust your schedule accordingly or visit our bottle/can return bins at St. Michael's in South Glens Falls or Our Lady of Annunciation in Queensbury. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 518-792-4416. As always, Boy Scout Troop 2 and leadership greatly appreciate your continued support.

Michael Winkelman

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

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** <u>Children</u> & Adult Winter Clothing**
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Thanksgiving Happenings

Wednesday November 26th

Office Closed

Mass Schedule:

12:10 pm Mass 5:15 pm Mass Giving Trees Begin

Thursday November 27th
Office Closed
NO 12:10 pm Mass



SMA Spotlight

Fifth Grade Fun with Forts!

To celebrate all of the hard work they've accomplished already this year, Mrs. Waters' fifth-graders enjoyed a "Fort Day" on Friday. Using sheets and blankets from home, they draped their desks and chairs to create cozy forts in which they did their work for the day!







Natural Artists

Inspired by a story in their i-Ready
Magnetic Reading program, secondgraders in Miss Casola and Mrs.
Meliski's classes created art from
items found in nature. The students
ventured out to the playground to find
leaves, sticks, rocks, and other items
and then used their finds to craft their
own amazing pieces of art, including
giraffes, turtles, bunnies, and squirrels!



Mass Intentions

November 1st - 9th

Saturday, November 1st - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Perry H Lowell by Joan Glode Lowell and Family
- Sherry Madison by husband, Tom and Family
- ❖ John Greenslade by Family
- * Michael Ross by Jackie and Pete Mead

Sunday, November 2nd - 31st in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Harry G., Jenny V., and Harry J. (Buddy) LaPoint by Family
- Harrison Freer by Thursday Night Small Groups
- ❖ Ellen D. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and Family
- ❖ Jim and Elaine Kane by Louise Sommo

11:15 am Mass

- Sharon Hickey Wright by Wendy Ashe
- ❖ Darlene Ricard by Louis Ricard
- ❖ Charlotte Potvin by Kate Hogan, Kevin Bruen, and Family
- Ken Ermiger by Seale Family

Wednesday, November 5th - 12:10 & 6 PM Mass

- ❖ Frank J. Grassia (1st Anniversary) by wife, Frances Grassia
- Ellen Smith by Children

Thursday, November 6th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Pedro Solis by Family
- ❖ Michael Earley by Family
- *Robert and Barbra Wright by Randy and Marie Freeman
- Sandra Monahan by Mark and Maria Polidore

Saturday, November 8th - 4:00 PM Mass

- Frank B. Girard (Anniversary) by Family
- Noranne Mulcahy by Fay Hooper
- Emidio, Henrietta, and Anthony Papa by Mary Ann and Stan Wood
- Catherine Denino by Patti and Rocky Denino

Sunday, November 9th - 32nd in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- Elaine Sommo by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Dr. Michael Sheehan by his daughter, Sue
- Kathy Hamell by Libby and Herb Sprott
- Russ O'Connor by VanSchaick Family

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ William J. and Jean W. Harris by Family
- Louise McCarthy by Jim McCarthy
- ❖ John Lemery by Kim Gray
- ❖ Tone Kraljic by Peter, Heather, and Brent McDevitt

Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

October 25th & 26th

 Cash
 \$3,483.40

 Envelopes
 \$5,181.00

 E-giving
 \$2,926.00

 Total Offertory
 \$11,626.40

Candle - \$182.48 Food Pantry - \$365 Evangelist - \$368

MASS ATTENDANCE

Total In-person:		989
Sunday	11:15 am	295
Sunday	8:30 am	392
Saturday	4:00 pm	302



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

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