



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 26th, 2025 • 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Mary's Church

62 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

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Dear Parish Family,

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.

The loss of a loved one is one of the hardest moments in life. In the swirl of emotions, it can feel overwhelming to know what to do first. The good news is that you are not alone. The Church, along with the funeral home, walks closely with families to guide each step.

Who to call first

When a death occurs, the first practical call is usually to the funeral home. Funeral directors know how to handle the immediate logistics, whether the death happens at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. One of their very first questions will be: "What church will you be working with?" This is where you simply give the name of your parish. From there, the funeral home and parish staff work together to coordinate dates, times, and details.

The parish's role

As soon as we receive word, our parish reaches out to support you. We schedule a meeting with your family—usually within a day or two—to plan the funeral liturgy and to surround you with the care of the Church.

The planning meeting

This meeting is gentle and conversational. Two things happen at once:

1. **Support** - We begin by offering compassion, listening to stories about your loved one, and getting to know the person you are grieving. This is not just "planning paperwork"—it's a moment to share and remember together.
2. **Liturgical Planning** - We guide you through the choices for the funeral service: readings from Scripture, hymns, and the participation of family and friends. Some families come with clear preferences; others feel too burdened to make decisions. Both approaches are welcome. If you prefer, the parish is happy to select everything for you. The important thing is that the funeral truly honors your loved one and brings peace to your family.

The roles of family and friends

Families often like to include children, grandchildren, or close friends in the funeral Mass. They may read the Scripture passages, bring up the gifts of bread and wine, or offer the prayers of intercession. These small acts of participation can mean a great deal, but they are always optional. If no one feels able to take on a role, parish volunteers step in with love.

The gift of being carried

In a time of grief, even simple decisions can feel like too much. That is why the parish offers both guidance and freedom: you are invited to personalize the liturgy, but never pressured. If you only want to say, "Father, please just do what you think is best," that is perfectly acceptable.

The Catholic funeral is a work of love carried out by the whole community. You do not have to walk this path alone.

In solidarity and with love,

Fr. Scott ☺



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Raffle is Back!



Enter to WIN this Chevy Trax!!
Romeo Chevrolet has donated a
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For the SMA Car Raffle this year!
Drawing will be in late December, and
tickets are \$50!
Tickets available at the welcome desk.



October
Month of the *Holy Rosary*

Free Rosary beads and
instruction pamphlets are
available in the church
vestibule!

Please join us in responding
to Our Blessed Mother's
request to pray the Rosary
every day for World Peace.

"If there were one million
families praying the Rosary
every day, the entire world
would be saved."

Pope St Pius X



2026 Honoring Dr. William Tedesco

Saturday, January 24, 2026
The Great Hall
6 PM - 11 PM
Formal Attire
\$125

All proceeds from this gala
benefit accessibility projects at SMA

Gala Tickets on sale now!!

Come to the welcome
desk or the rectory!
\$125 per ticket
Only around 50 tickets left!



**Holiday Market Place &
Craft Fair**

Friday, Nov. 7th: 3-8

Saturday, Nov. 8th: 9-3

**St. Michael's Parish Hall
South Glens Falls**

Hand Made Crafts

Vendors

Raffles

Bake Sale

Cuisine Cafe

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

Date: Thanksgiving Day

Time: 12 - 2pm

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

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 times 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

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Thanksgiving Happenings

Wednesday November 26th

Office Closed

Mass Schedule:

12:10 pm Mass

5:15 pm Mass



Thursday November 27th

Office Closed

NO 12:10 pm Mass



SMA Spotlight

On the Right Track

As part of their continuing study of energy and how it's stored, Mrs. Harris' fourth-graders released marbles onto roller coaster tracks they'd created. (See also the featured photo above.) The students varied the height and distance of the tracks and made predictions about the effects the changes would have on the speed and distance the marble traveled.



Then they logged the outcomes and determined which variable actually had the greatest effect. (The answer: height!) Next, they'll be experimenting with collisions; Mrs. Harris said that lesson will also surely generate enthusiastic participation!



Scary Pictures

Mrs. Beyer's middle-school artists are getting ready for the Halloween season by creating self-portraits in the style of director, producer, and artist Tim Burton of "Beetlejuice" and "Batman" fame.



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Mass Intentions

October 25th- November 2nd

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

Wednesday, October 29th - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ Anthony J O'Connor by Family
- ❖ Carl Ross by the Kuhn Family

Thursday, October 30th - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ Mary Sullivan by Jo Kaczmarek

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

Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

October 18th & 19th

Cash	\$3,214.89
Envelopes	\$3,324.00
E-giving	\$8,952.67
Total Offertory	\$16,831.87

Candle - \$136.58 Fuel - \$742.25
Food Pantry - \$600
Renovations - \$511

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	226
Sunday	8:30 am	296
Sunday	11:15 am	311
Total In-person:		833

St Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Evaporated Milk
Toothpaste
Spaghetti Sauce
Tuna
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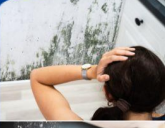
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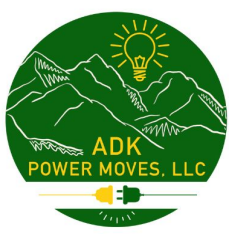

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