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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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**April 20, 2025 • EASTER SUNDAY**

### **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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**St. Mary's Church**

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Dear Parish Family,

What a joy it is to witness Hailey and Stephen join Joseph, Ed, Amyah and Paige being fully initiated into the Catholic faith at the **Easter Vigil**. Having six new fully initiated members this year has been tremendously uplifting for us all.

We have been blessed to have new Catholics being initiated through our parish every year, since before I arrived here in 2021. Interestingly, this is not unique to St. Mary's. An increase in the number of adult women and men seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation has been noticed across our Diocese and in other parts of the world, as well. At our Cathedral in Albany back on the first Sunday of Lent in March, there were 94 catechumens at the Rite of Election, double that of the past few years.

It is well known that the Catholic Church in France and most of Western Europe has been anemic, so to speak, for at least two generations. But in 2024, over 7,000 adults entered the Church in France during last year's Easter Vigil. The Holy Spirit is truly at work!

What is happening, we wonder? Many point to a deep longing for meaning in an increasingly complex world. Others see the lasting effects of the pandemic, which led many to re-evaluate their lives and seek a stronger spiritual foundation. For some, the Church has become a place of community and belonging in a world that often feels isolating.

This growth presents both an opportunity and a challenge for us as a faith community. With more catechumens, we are called to walk alongside them in faith, offering support, formation, and prayer. It is also an invitation for each of us to deepen our own faith and discipleship, as we witness the beauty of conversion and renewal in Christ.

As we rejoice this Easter, let us give thanks for this outpouring of grace and commit ourselves living lives radiant with virtue, that cannot help but attract the attention of our neighbors. If you know someone seeking faith, encourage them. If you feel called to help in our OCIA ministry, let us know. The harvest is abundant, and together, we can share in the joy of welcoming new sisters and brothers into the family of God.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Scott ☺



## **Rectory Closed!**

The Rectory Office will be Closed on:  
Monday April 21st & Tuesday April 22nd



Are you an adult who has been wondering (maybe hearing an inner voice?) whether a relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is what is missing in your life? OCIA might be the exact thing you are looking for.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) has been the pathway for many since the beginning of the early Church. OCIA includes formation, prayer and liturgical rites and is a vital part of St. Mary's parish and the universal Church. Participants typically come together in small groups to study, pray and reflect on the teachings of the Catholic Church.



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**Small groups are where our large church gets small. Small groups meet to discuss faith, go deeper into a weekly message and to support one another in their relationship with Christ.**

**Small groups are a place to explore, share, ask questions, and grow. Small groups make it possible for us to gather in the midst of the pandemic to deepen our fellowship and faith.**

**To join or host a small group contact:  
[ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org](mailto:ahancock@stmarysglensfalls.org)**

## **SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2025**



**WEEK OF  
JULY 21-25, 2025**



**For children in grades kindergarten through 4 Sunday mornings during the 8:30 and 11:15 am Masses After Opening Prayer, children attending Mass with their families will be invited to join us in the Parish Faith Finders Room to listen to a more kid friendly reading of the Gospel, participate in a short discussion/reflection of its message, and discuss/reflect how its message relates to them. This will be followed by a brief related activity before the children are asked to re-join their families (to occur before the Offertory). Our goal is for kids to strive to attend 25 sessions throughout the calendar year. We are asking families to register; however, there is no fee to register.**

*Sign Up Here!*



Please submit parish announcements for future bulletins 2 weeks in advance to  
Amanda Jansen - Communications Coordinator at [ajansen@stmarysglensfalls.org](mailto:ajansen@stmarysglensfalls.org)



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**DATE:** May 30 – June 1, 2025

**PLACE:** Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY

**COST:** \$195.00  
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For information or to register, contact:  
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# SMA Spotlight

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## Mass Intentions

April 19th - April 27th

**Saturday, April 19th - 8:00 PM Easter Vigil**

❖ For All Parishioners

**Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday**

**8:30 am Mass**

❖ For All Parishioners

**11:15 am Mass**

❖ For All Parishioners

**Wednesday, April 23rd - 12:10 PM Mass**

❖ Doris Healy (Birthday) by Family

❖ Nancy Morrissey by David Morrissey

❖ Lea O'Connor by Josephine Kaczmarek

**Thursday, April 24th - 12:10 PM Mass**

❖ For All Parishioners

**Saturday, April 26th - 4:00 PM Mass**

❖ Francis Donovan (38th Anniversary) by Family

❖ Janice and David Hourihan by Clements Family

❖ Rosa and Enrico Sparagna by Clements Family

❖ Pat and Charlotte Girard by Children,  
Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

**Sunday, April 27th - Second Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 am Mass**

❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Bannon  
Family by Family

❖ Nicholas Sommo Sr. by Louise Sommo

❖ Anna Robinson by Michael and Joe Robinson

❖ Dr. Michael Sheehan by daughter, Sue Sheehan

**11:15 am Mass**

❖ Mary Ellen Miller by Family

❖ Louise McCarthy (Birthday) by Jim McCarthy

❖ Steven Bielecki by Laurie Butler

❖ Deceased Members of the Cogan Family by Ellen  
Cogan Farley



## Weekly Report

**GIVING at ST. MARY'S**

April 12th & 13th

Cash \$4,017.00

Envelopes \$5,987.00

E-giving \$2,342.00

**Total Offertory \$12,346.00**

Candle - \$189

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4:00 pm 279

Sunday 8:30 am 338

Sunday 11:15 am 382

**Total In-person: 999**

## St. Mary's Food Pantry



**Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm**

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:**

**Spaghetti Sauce**

**Canned Corn**

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