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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*

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Wednesdays 1-6

**Reconciliation**  
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**MAY 5, 2024 • 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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Dear Parish Family,

Not too long ago, our second graders from our parish and from our school together received Eucharist for the very first time. There were plenty of tears on the faces of the adults as we saw the sincerity and innocence of our children meet the tenderness and humility of Christ in the Eucharist.

Our recently initiated, Joe, Ariel, Jacobe, Andrew and Thomas are aglow with the joy of having received the Eucharist for the first time at Easter, and of now having the privilege to receive Him again and again and again until they one day see him face-to-face in glory. The proper name for the period they are in right now is *Mystagogia*, a Latin term that could basically be translated as "afterglow," the blessed time of joy and thankfulness that follows the explosion of fresh faith into their lives.

During this period of *Mystagogia*, the newly initiated candidates have expressed a desire to learn how to share their experience in the Eucharist with people who are not Catholic and do not understand our passionate relationship with the sacrament. They are trying to find a way to express the paradox that the bread and wine continue to look like bread and wine, even though through the miracle of the consecration, they have actually become the body and blood of Jesus Christ... containing his soul and divinity within them.

Without careful reflection and skillfully choosing our words, we could actually inadvertently give people the wrong impression about what we believe about the Eucharist. On the one side, we could speak about it as if it were only a symbol, which can't express the full power it has as a vehicle for Christ's body and blood, soul and divinity. On the other extreme, we could accidentally make it sound like some crude form of cannibalism that would cause a reasonable person to recoil.

The real skill is to learn to speak about these things in a way that is true to the richness of the mystery, while still being easy enough for a child to understand. This Holy Week I was reflecting on the words to the ancient Catholic hymn "*Tantum ergo*," which masterfully expresses what we believe about the Eucharist in such simple, yet rich terms.

- ***Tantum ergo Sacramentum***: Down in adoration falling,
- ***veneremur cernui***: this great Sacrament we hail.
- ***Et antiquum documentum***: Over ancient forms of worship
- ***novo cedat ritui***: this new rite of grace prevails.
- ***Praestet fides supplementum***: Faith will tell us Christ is present
- ***sensuum defectui***: where our feeble senses fail.

What could be simpler? Our senses are limited, but our faith is not. Let us join our children and our RCIA candidates in their "afterglow" as we thank God for a gift as great as the Eucharist.

Faithfully,

Fr. Scott ☺



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# 2024 Vacation Bible School

## July 15-19

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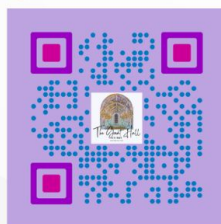
# Wedding Fair & Open Venue Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

12:00PM - 3:00 PM

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# Mass Intentions

May 4 - May 12

## SATURDAY, May 4, 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Barbara Butler by Laurie and Mike Butler
- ❖ Hooper and DePaolis Families by Family
- ❖ Magda Donovan (100th Birthday) by Family
- ❖ Della and Bob Harrington by Family

## SUNDAY, May 5 - 6th Sunday of Easter, 8:30 Mass

- ❖ Rosa Sparagna by Mark and Maria Polidore
- ❖ Randy Strong (Birthday) by Family

## 11:15 Mass

- ❖ Harry G. LaPoint (Birthday) By Family
- ❖ Annis Dashnaw by Debbie and Jack Mulcahy
- ❖ Anna and Michael Marino by Anna Mary Duggan
- ❖ Theresa McDonnell (seven-year anniversary) by Mary Quirk

## WEDNESDAY, May 8 12:10 p.m. Mass

- ❖ Renee Griffin by Thérèse Mary Griffin
- ❖ Living and Deceased members of the Mason and Terry Families by Richard Mason
- ❖ Rosa Sparagna by Josephine Kaczmarek

## THURSDAY, May 9 Ascension Thursday (12:10 & 6PM Masses)

- ❖ For the people

## SATURDAY, May 11 - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ For All of our Mothers Living and Deceased

## SUNDAY, May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord, 8:30 Mass

- ❖ For all Mothers Living and Deceased

## 11:15 Mass

- ❖ For all Mothers Living and Deceased

## Weekly Report April 15 - April 21

### GIVING at ST. MARY'S

Cash	\$2762.00
Envelopes	\$3,751.00
E-giving	\$2,022.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,535.00</b>

Candle- \$141.58  
Faith Formation - \$372

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	195
Sunday	8:30 am	251
Sunday	11:15 am	312
<b>Total In-person:</b>		<b>758</b>

## St. Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

### FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

**Beans**  
**Crackers**  
**Vegetable Oil**  
**Cold Cereal**  
**Soup**  
**Pork**

Thank you to our parishioners for their continuing generosity.



# St. Mary's Happenings

## 2024 Confirmation Classes

Calling all CURRENT High School Sophomores! It's time to get registered for your upcoming confirmation classes. A parent and candidate meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the SMSA Great Hall. Candidate classes will be held during the months of: May/June/September/October. The majority of the classes will take place immediately following the 11:15 Mass. Lunch will be provided. The "Sacrament of Confirmation" will take place this fall. This is also open to High School Juniors & Seniors who have not made their Confirmation yet. Please visit our website to access registration forms.

## Climate Action Walk

A Climate Action Walk will take place on Saturday, May 18th starting at 1PM at Glens Falls City Park. In addition to Fr. Scott and SMSA students, speakers include: Ken Tingley, students from Glens Falls High School, Emmett Smith (GF Community Hydro Project), CDTA, Michael Richardson (Third Act Upstate NY), David Sayer (Beyond Plastics), Rev. Patrick Wisley (First Presbyterian Church), John Seakwood (Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith). We hope you will join us for this community event which our Social Justice Ministry is helping to organize!

## Save the Date - 60th SMA Class Reunion

Plans are underway for the 60th Reunion of the Class of 1964 of St. Mary's Academy. It will be the 1st weekend in October 2024, with gatherings will take place on both October 4th & 5th. If interested, and you have not been contacted, please call Michelle O'Connor at 518-793-7338.



# SMSA Spotlight

## Upcoming Dates:

### **Grade 2 Theme Mass**

Monday, May 6

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 10

### **NYS Math Exams**

Tuesday, May 7 – Thursday, May 9

## **Kerry Day!**

If there's a bagpiper in the building, it can only mean one thing: it's Kerry Day! On Kerry Day, middle school students celebrate a day off of school work and take part in a surprise adventure planned by their teachers. This year, the middle-schoolers headed to the Fun Spot Amusement Center for mini-golf, rope climbing, arcade games, bumper cars, and go-carts. There isn't a happier day anywhere than Kerry Day! Thanks to all who made it possible, especially Mr. Gormley, Mrs. Stocker, and the rest of the middle school faculty! And a special thanks to Brennan Dowd, who had the day's most important role: the bagpiper who signals to students that Kerry Day has arrived!



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