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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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December 15, 2024 • 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

St. Mary's Church

62 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

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Dear Parish Family,

In just 10 days we will be gathering for Christmas and filling our church with people in search of a meaningful experience.

Some will be coming because they want to connect to wonderful family memories... others because someone who loves them asked them to come "as my Christmas present."

Some will come because Christmas is sacred and they want to celebrate the birth of Christ. Others will come because this is home for them and they are here constantly; Christmas for them is just naturally a part of practicing their faith, the same as any other weekend.

Some haven't been to church in years, but a big life event this past year has made them begin to ask some deep questions and they're hoping the answers will be findable here. Others are getting married or having a baby this year and they want to call God's blessing down upon themselves.

Honestly, there's no bad reason to come for Christmas. Whatever it is that brings you through the doors of our church - be it something we would call a blessing or perhaps what appears to be a trial - whatever it is, let us be grateful that it to someone gathering with us for Christmas.

This is a natural time of year to consider inviting someone to come to church with you. What might feel like an awkward invitation at another time of year is an easier gesture during the Christmas season. No one is ever insulted to be invited, and you might just make someone's holiday. You may already have a sense of who will be gathering in a pew with you in a couple of weeks, but how wonderful it would be if someone you haven't yet thought of may be there with you, too. Be on the lookout for any last-minute invitations you can offer.


We hope you can join us:

**Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM in Church- 4:00 PM in the Great Hall
9:00 PM in Church**

Christmas Morning: 10:00 AM in Church

Remember, please be on the lookout for any last-minute invitations you can give. All are welcome at St. Mary's this Christmas. The Holy Family would have it no other Way.

Faithfully,

Fr. Scott 



Starting November 16th

Not going to the Gala but would like to be on **Jo's Honor Roll**? You can buy a sponsorship spot for her honor roll at the welcome desk for \$50! This list will be in the program at the Gala.

and - or

Bottles of Wine! If you would like to donate a bottle of wine to the Gala to be auctioned or bought during the event, please bring wine (quality \$20 or more) to the rectory or welcome desk.

All Gala proceeds go toward SMA Accessibility Project!

Saturday, January 25 | The Great Hall



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Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve:

4 PM in the Church

4 PM in the SMA Great Hall

9 PM in the Church

Christmas Day:

10 AM in the Church

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

This holiday season, consider making a donation in remembrance of a loved one. Help purchase poinsettias and other decor for St. Mary's Church. Scan the QR code for more information or fill out the form below no later than December 18th.

Scan here to to sign up for Christmas Decoration

Donations:



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Contact Information: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Loved One(s): _____

Your Name(s): _____

Amount Donated: _____



Now that Christmas shopping will be kicking into high gear, I might suggest to you to consider buying a gift that can help boost your loved one's faith. The Divine Mercy Catholic Store in South Glens Falls has all sorts of books, sacramentals, devotionals, statues, crosses & crucifixes. Support this shop and bring things of faith back into Christmas.

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Christmas Pageant
December 21st
4 PM Mass
Come experience the
Account of Jesus' Birth!



The Open Door Mission
Sock, Winter Hat and Mitten Drive!

Thank you for all of the donations! The drive was a great success!

The items will be given out at The Open Door Mission Christmas Party



The Scouts and leadership of St. Mary's Cub Scout Pack 2 & Boy Scout Troop 2 would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We would also like to extend many thanks to St. Mary's Parish it's Parishioners and the greater Glens Falls community for your continued support of our Pack & Troop and the Catholic Scouting program. As without your help we could not provide our youth with a quality scouting experience. Thank you.

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

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Mass Intentions

December 14th - December 22nd

Saturday, December 14th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Jerry Worth by Carol Worth
- ❖ James Sink by Carol Worth
- ❖ Theresa DuPell by Patti and Rocky Denino
- ❖ Patricia Potter by Family

Sunday, December 15th - 3rd Sunday in Advent:

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ William J and Jean W Harris by Family
- ❖ Elaine Sommo by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Mary and Joseph Polidore by Mark and Maria Polidore
- ❖ Christy Harrington by Christopher Harrington

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Catherine Collins Hogan by Children and Grandchildren
- ❖ Deceased Members of the Zarnick Family by Stanley Dybas
- ❖ Lindsay Carte (Birthday - Dec 7th) by Erma Carte and Family
- ❖ Anatalio and Luisa Tumaque by Family

Wednesday, December 18th - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ George Rutkunas by Mary and Andy Gregorio
- ❖ Therese Collyer by Kroeze Family
- ❖ Carol Ann Gagliano by husband
- ❖ Maria Cronin by Patty and Bill Sheehan and Family

Thursday, December 19th - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ George F. Nolan M.D. (Anniversary) By Florence Nolan, M.D.
- ❖ Constance Healy by Family
- ❖ Kay Levack by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Harrison Freer by Cantwell Family

Saturday, December 21st - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Neva Girard by Family
- ❖ Helen Fontaine by Malin Family
- ❖ Dr. George Nolan by Dr. Florence Nolan
- ❖ Elizabeth Mainville by Dr. Florence Nolan

Sunday, December 22nd - 4th Sunday in Advent:

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Deceased Members of the Bannon Family by Family
- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Sommo Family by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Claire Corbett by Family
- ❖ Colleen and Tim Dorsey by Family

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Jennie V LaPoint (Birthday) by Family
- ❖ Angela Marcino and Family by Family
- ❖ Harrison Freer by Tim and Kathy Bechard
- ❖ Peggy Chadwick and John Winslow by Family

Weekly Report

December 2 - December 8

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

Cash	\$2,846.00
Envelopes	\$5,454.00
E-giving	\$6,432.00
Total Offertory	\$14,732.00

Candle - \$168.00

Food Pantry - \$625.00

Immaculate Conception - \$992.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	252
Sunday	8:30 am	269
Sunday	11:15 am	273
Total In-person:		794



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

**Instant Oatmeal
Spaghetti Sauce
Ketchup
Potato Packets
Elbow Macaroni
Cold Cereal**

Thank you to all who help make our food pantry robust for those in need!



SMA Spotlight

Welcome, Advent!



We had barely wiped the Thanksgiving Breakfast crumbs from the Great Hall tables and Advent was here! Students throughout the building welcomed the season with joy...

First Grade

Mrs. Trzaskos' class collaborated on an art project that celebrated the true reason for the season...

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Waters' class worked together to create a classroom Advent wreath with fresh greens supplied by St. Mary's parishioner Cathy Vesterby. The students then joined in prayer to reflect on ways they can be light in the world.



In Need!!

Our popular Noah's Ark preschool and PreK programs are looking for help! If you'd like to spend your days working with bright, busy children ages 3 to 5, please reach out to Noah's Ark Director Beverly Kerpka or SMA Principal Marielena Hauser (518-792-3178 or bkerpka@smsarcs.org or mhauser@smsarcs.org) for more information on how to apply. Openings are for a part-time aide position, Monday through Friday, noon to 5 pm, and a full-time aide position, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Classroom experience preferred, but not required. Come aboard the Ark!



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