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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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**March 2, 2025 • EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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*Monday-Thursday 9-4*

*St. Mary's Church  
is open for daily prayer*

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Wednesdays 1-6

**Reconciliation**  
Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by  
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## Father Scott's Sharing Spot

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



God First. Loving Others. Making Disciples.

Dear Parish Family,

Lent. It begins on Wednesday.

Most of us remember the tradition of giving something up for the 40 days of Lent: chocolate, dessert, maybe alcohol. And that's still a perfectly valid and praiseworthy practice. It disciplines us and helps us pay better attention to our struggles and cravings - and we all need that. Lent is our annual tune-up... and because it only comes once a year, it's worth our effort.

Many people recommend that in place of giving something up, you can instead add some good practice to your life that you wouldn't normally do. Perhaps it means to give \$20 a week away to strangers who need it... or to call a lonely relative once a week. And that has just as much merit as denying yourself something you crave.

So, what are you going to do this year? Have you decided?

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, Pope Francis said, we are called to find ways to become "tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship." He proposed a number of concrete ways to do this.

He encouraged parishioners to consider joining a jail or prison ministry this year. As he called it, "to open a Holy Door" and walk through it into a prison, just as he will open the Holy Doors in the four major Roman basilicas this year. The Residents Encounter Christ program is looking for volunteers: <https://recrcda.org/> Might this be your call?

Pope Francis called on believers to be "signs of hope" to migrants who leave their homelands in search of a better life for themselves and their families.

If you have a neighbor or co-worker who came from another land, learn more about their story and see if you can be part of making their time here easier to bear, especially during days when rhetoric against immigrants is so loud and harsh.

Then in a powerful plea, Pope Francis said, "I ask with all my heart that we grant hope to the billions of the poor, who often lack the essentials of life." Some of the poorest people in our community are the homeless teens and vulnerable youth who are served by the WAIT House. As a sign of our care for them, we are going to donate 10% of our St. Mary's weekly collections during the five weekends of Lent to the WAIT House. Is there another cause close to your heart that you would consider donating sacrificially each week or each month to support?

Pope Francis called on more affluent nations "to forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." Nothing makes a stronger statement of support than to relent on a debt for someone who is being crushed by the weight of it. Is there someone in your life who owes you who could be set free if you were to forgive part (or all) of their debt?

It's amazing how something the Pope is asking us to think about globally can also be brought right down to our own households and relationships. Whatever you choose to do, may your Lent be infused with hope.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Scott 😊

# Lent at St. Mary's

## Lent and Holy Week Masses:

### **Ash Wednesday:**

March 5 at 8:10am, 12:10pm & 6:00pm

**Holy Thursday:** April 17 at 6:00pm

**Good Friday:** April 18 at 6:00pm

### **Easter Vigil:**

Saturday, April 19 at 8:00pm

### **Easter Sunday:**

April 20 at 8:30am & 11:15am

### **Weekday Masses:**

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 12:10pm

**Weekend Masses:** Saturdays at 4pm

Sundays at 8:30am & 11:15am

## Reconciliation:

### **Day of Reconciliation:**

Tuesday, March 11 from 2:00 - 6:00pm

### **Weekly:**

Wednesdays after the 12:10pm Mass

## Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 6:15pm in the Church.

3/7 & 3/14 - Deacon Dave

3/21- OCIA

3/28- Small Group

4/4- SMA Students

4/11- Next Gen

## Lenten Meals:

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fish Fry each Friday of Lent (3/7-4/11) in the SMA cafeteria from 5:00-6:00pm



# Sham'rocking TRIVIA NIGHT

in The Great Hall of St. Mary's Academy  
Saturday, March 15th  
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# ASH WEDNESDAY

## March 5th

8:10 am  
12:10 pm  
6 pm

Lent Begins

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

# WAY OF THE CROSS



**St. Michael's Church, SGF**

*invites you to*

## "The Way of the Cross"

Performed by *The Mystery Players* from Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, NY.

**Friday, March 21 at 7:30 pm.**

**This event is FREE.**

*Note: this is not recommended for younger children so as to not frighten them. It is a living stations-type performance.*

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**LENTEN EVENING OF SONG**

Beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday, March 28

**LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION**

Beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 29

**Christ the King Church** – 20 Sumter Avenue, Albany, NY

Tickets and sponsorship information are available at [www.ivcusa.org/Schutte](http://www.ivcusa.org/Schutte)  
\$15 for the concert; \$15 for the retreat; or \$25 for both events



For more information, contact IVC Albany at: [AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org](mailto:AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org)



## GARDEN CLUB

**All are WELCOME!**

As the warmer weather approaches, it is time to start thinking about **gardening!**

Meeting on:

Thursday March 6th  
11 am at Spot Coffee  
on Glen Street



The members of the Italy trip would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Boy Scouts who extended a wonderful random act of kindness. Returning home after an exhausting flight, their cars were cleared of snow and they could drive right home!  
Thank you, thank you, thank you!



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# SMA Spotlight

welcome to  
kindergarten

Please join us for ***Kindergarten Information Night***

At St. Mary's Academy! We're opening our doors to prospective Kindergartners and their families on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 5 to 6pm. Come and meet our teachers and principal, learn about a day in the life of a St. Mary's Kindergartner, find out what makes SMA special, and ask any questions you may have. It's a great chance to experience the warm, welcoming atmosphere our families love. Registration is requested, but not required. For more information about Kindergarten Information Night or about enrolling in SMA!

Please contact Sally Behan at:  
(518) 792-3178, ext 3308, or  
sbehan@smsarcs.org.

We hope to see you here!



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## Mass Intentions

March 1st - 9th

### Saturday, March 1st - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Benjamin and Mark Round by Round Family
- ❖ Dave and Helen Fountaine by Martha and Sandy
- ❖ Ann McCullagh by Smith Family
- ❖ Kathryn "Bridget" Kenney by SMA Class of '73

### Sunday, March 2nd - 8th in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Lucille Gordon by Family
- ❖ Louise Wilcox by Peter and Suzanne Cartier
- ❖ Tom Center Sr. (22nd Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ Fr. Tom Holmes by Lynn and Dale White

### 11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Beatrice Cosentino by Mark Nanni
- ❖ John LaPoint by Jayne Girard
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pezzulo by Barbara and Lew Varney
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Philip Casey by Barbara and Lew Varney

### Wednesday, March 5th- 12:10 PM Mass (Ash Wednesday 8:10 AM 12:10 PM & 6 PM)

- ❖ For All Parishioners

### Thursday, March 6th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Frank Passineau by Family

### Saturday, March 8th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Michael Donovan (Birthday) by Family
- ❖ Charles V and Charles F Duell by Family
- ❖ Emidio, Henrietta and Anthony Papa by MaryAnn and Stan Wood
- ❖ Anne Speer (5th Anniversary) by Family

### Sunday, March 9th - 1st Sunday of Lent 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ William J and Jean W Harris by Family
- ❖ Lindsay Carte by Erma Carte and Family
- ❖ Eileen, Terry, and Edward Baker by Alice Sullivan

### 11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Lindsay Carte by Patti Carte
- ❖ Alfred Blanche by Friend
- ❖ John LaPoint by Margaret Klick
- ❖ John LaPoint by Alice Sullivan

## Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

### February 22nd & 23rd

Cash	\$3,187.42
Envelopes	\$4,723.00
E-giving	\$2,483.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$10,393.42</b>

Candle - \$158.80  
SMA Repairs - \$315  
Food Pantry - \$675

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	239
Sunday	8:30 am	310
Sunday	11:15 am	287
<b>Total In-person:</b>		<b>836</b>

## St. Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

**Cold Cereal**

**Crackers**

**Bars of Soap**

**SOUP**

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