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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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**January 26, 2025 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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**  
Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by  
appointment

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## Father Scott's Sharing Spot

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



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Dear Parish Family,

The academics at St. Mary's Academy are excellent. The learning going on at SMA each day continues a 142-year tradition of this jewelbox of learning in the center of Glens Falls.

Academics and safety are the top priorities of our principal, and Mrs. Hauser devotes significant time and attention each day to monitoring student outcomes and measuring academic success.

But, in my opinion, in a community like ours, with excellent public schools in every direction, academics, as good as they are at SMA, would not necessarily be my greatest motivation as a parent in sending my child to Catholic school.

In 2017, Harvard School of Education asked 10,000 middle school students whether their parents cared more about them getting good grades or being kind. 80 percent said their parents' emphasis was on grades. Research and surveys are showing that American parents have an increasing focus on grades and sports. Grades and sports are important, but ignoring other aspects of what kids need to learn is resulting in school days of metal detectors, emergency lockdowns, and a growing discomfort with the kind of things our kids are picking up "by osmosis."

Parents around here know that a solid education is being provided in our local public schools. But we have to acknowledge that the values we want our kids to have will not be picked up by osmosis in an environment where God is not acknowledged.

At SMA, kids hold doors, respectfully greet adults, power down their devices, close their eyes and bow their heads when they pray.


The low student/teacher ratio means that every child is watched throughout the day with care and attention. Bad days are noticed, melancholy is met with comfort, concerns are addressed right away, there are no drugs in our bathrooms.

The columnist David Brooks notes in his book *The Road To Character* that today, our honor societies are filled with students that have achieved the highest grades. By many, honor is defined only as achievement. At SMA, we see honor through a bigger lens.

Our graduates regularly wind up in the top 10 of their senior class, but they are not just achievers. They are kind, compassionate humanitarians who have been exposed to big ideas and a transcendent understanding of life in this amazing divinely-created universe. In our unique environment, faith and knowledge intertwine. Our kids learn to pray for people experiencing illness, carry boxes of donations to our food pantry, and speak up when they see something wrong.

On **Sunday, February 2 at 12:30 (directly following the 11:15 Mass)**, we will welcome one and all to come through the beautiful Gothic doors of SMA to experience what makes this form of education different at our **Open House**. Whether you have school-age children or not, we encourage you to come and feel the pride of knowing what our Catholic community is providing for this generation of parents and kids. Enjoy some refreshments and see for yourself what a positive impact this holistic educational approach has and will continue to have on Glens Falls and on our world.

With steadfast joy and commitment,

Fr. Scott 

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

Jan 26th - Feb 2nd



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## Mark Your Calendars, Please!

The date of our annual  
**Open House**  
has been changed to  
**Sunday, February 2**  
12:30 - 2:30 pm

*It'll be a great day at SMA!*



**In addition to being a great  
celebration of and for our  
school community,  
Open House marks the official  
start of Enrollment Season for  
new families!**

**Let your friends and neighbors  
know!**



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Thursday, Jan 30th,  
and Friday, Jan 31st.  
Will reopen on Feb. 1st  
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**\*There will be no Mass Jan 30th\***

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# SMA Spotlight

**OPEN HOUSE!**  
**Feb 2nd!**



**Respectful. Welcoming. Warm. Inspiring.** These are the adjectives St. Mary's Academy parents choose most frequently when asked to describe the school.

If those are elements you're looking for in a school for your child, join us on Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm, as St. Mary's opens its doors to prospective families for our annual Open House.

You're invited to tour our historic building, learn about our exceptional academics, meet our creative and compassionate teachers, and experience the warm atmosphere our families love. No registration is necessary.

But Open House isn't just for prospective families. We invite all parishioners to join us for light refreshments and a chance to see and learn more about the school you support so generously! And if you're an alum – all the better! We'll have a display of items from our archives in the Great Hall for you to enjoy.

Saint Mary's offers the area's only Kindergarten-Grade 8 program. It is the only Catholic school in Warren and Washington counties and the only school of any type in those counties to have earned internationally-recognized Cognia accreditation.

For more information about Open House or applying to St. Mary's Academy, please contact Beverly Kerpka (Noah's Ark) at (518) 792-3178, ext. 1002, or Sally Behan (K-8) at ext. 3308.



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TO  
ENROLL

We hope to see you on the 2nd!

**@smsaschool**  



## Mass Intentions

January 25th - February 2nd

### Saturday, January 25th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Carol Donnelly by Lois and Tom McPhillips
- ❖ David Fontaine by Helen
- ❖ George and Barbara O'Hare by Family
- ❖ Anne Hodge by Family
- ❖ David Fontaine by Beth Krug

### Sunday, January 26th - 3rd in Ordinary Time

#### 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the Bannon Family by Family
- ❖ Edward K. Beecher by Bill and Sandy Casey
- ❖ Patrick J. Nolan by Patty and Bill Sheehan

#### 11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Beatrice and Fred Godfrey by Family
- ❖ Jason Charles Little by Judy and Bill Dennison
- ❖ Patricia Killion by Pat, Mary, and Karen Smith
- ❖ Collette Duggan by Family

### Wednesday, January 29th- 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ George Habshi by Family
- ❖ Kenny O'Loughlin by Colleen O'Loughlin
- ❖ Joseph D. Kelleher by Mary Anne Flanders
- ❖ Harrison Freer by Janet and Bill Coyle
- ❖ John LaPoint by Jo Kaczmarek

### Thursday, January 30th - NO Mass

- ❖ CHURCH CLOSED

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

- ❖ Rosemary Sherman (Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ George and Barbara O'Hare by Family
- ❖ Lauren E. Potter by Lois and Tom McPhillips
- ❖ Anthony Makowski by Joan and Gerry Wilson

### Sunday, February 2nd - 4th in Ordinary Time

#### 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ John LaPoint by the Murray Family
- ❖ Carol Ann O'Brien by Patti Jo Tennison
- ❖ Debra Ann Nataro by The Conte and Schiavo Families
- ❖ Debrina Kawam

#### 11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Mary Ellen Thombs (3rd Anniversary) by daughter, MaryAnn
- ❖ Joseph John Brusio by Family
- ❖ Father Jim Callan by Friend
- ❖ Tadd Casey by Ida Smith

## Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

January 18th & 19th

Cash	\$2,675.57
Envelopes	\$3,763.00
E-giving	\$6,031.67
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$12,470.24</b>

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	213
Sunday	8:30 am	251
Sunday	11:15 am	294
<b>Total In-person:</b>		<b>760</b>

## St. Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

**Spaghetti O's/ Ravioli**

**Soup**

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