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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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September 15, 2024 • 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Father Scott's Sharing Spot

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



Dear Parish Family,

In the Bible we hear repeatedly that it is God's wish to have Christ redeem everyone and everything.

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Col 1:19-20).

"When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all" (1 Cor 15).

So what does this mean? What signs can we see that creation is awake and reveals God to us?

I am no expert on honeybees, but I recently had dinner with friends who are beekeepers and what I learned about the basics of their lifestyle just blew me away. I thought they were pests who we tolerated simply because they make honey, but I was wrong. Humans have a lot to learn from bees.

We've all heard that there is one queen in every beehive, but I didn't know that her only job is to procreate; she lays 1,500 eggs a day. Every bee in the hive is her son or daughter. The worker bees (the ones with stingers we see gathering pollen) are all females, daughters of the queen. They bring it home to make their honey. The males are all called drones and are only alive for a few months a year.

They stand out because of their humongous, way out-of-proportion eyes, which they use to spot other queens, so they can go fertilize other beehives, thus spreading their genes. Their sole life purpose is to help other queens procreate with their family's DNA.

When a hive becomes too big, the bees communicate with one another to pick one of the workers, a daughter of the queen, to become their new queen. This is when the old queen, as a true mother, bequeaths her hive to her daughter and flies away to a new location. Half the bees take this as a signal to follow the old queen and gather all around her to form a new hive. This is the phenomenon of "swarming." They're not trying to attack, just seeking to make a new hive around "The Queen Mum."

The workers get just one sting in a lifetime and use it only to defend the safety of the hive. Once they sting, they fly off to die. All bees live selflessly, doing all for the good of their hive, reminiscent of Paul's description of the ideal Christian community – "All who believed were together and had all things in common" (Acts 2:44).

Doesn't this make you want to be friend a bee? What amazing creatures! God really is at work in ALL creation.

With love,

Fr. Scott



Unleashing Love Women's Conference



The Unleashing Love Women's Conference will empower women to open their hearts to share God's love.

Saturday, October 19, 2024
St. Edward the Confessor Church
Clifton Park

Laura Phelps will be the Keynote Speaker! She is a nationally recognized author and speaker, who is also a Walking with Purpose content creator and podcaster.



Register here!



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



South Glens Falls Hannaford will donate \$1 of each "Helps" reusable bag purchased during the month of October to our Food Pantry. Thanks Hannaford!

Next Gen Registration!











Faith Finders and Next Gen Registration is now open for all students currently in Pre-K (Age 4) through 12th Grade! You can register below or on the front page of the website where it says Next Gen Registration next to the Live Stream!

Register Here!



Mass Intentions

September 14th- 22nd

Saturday, September 14th - 4:00 PM Mass

- Deceased members of the Butler Family by Laurie and Mike Butler
- ❖ Donald D. Weaver by Alita Weaver and Family
- ❖ Joseph Mongeon and Janice Jacobsen by Family
- Harrison Freer by St. Mary's Food Pantry Volunteers

Sunday, September 15th - 24th In Ordinary Time: 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ William J and Jean W Harris by Family
- ♦ Joseph V. Arnold by Don and Lisa Fane
- ❖ Marilyn White by Corbett Family
- Margaret and George Tupper by Corbett Family

11:15 am Mass

- Robert M Donohue (17th Anniversary) by Mary Ellen Bourdeau and Dale and Maureen Wagner
- ❖ John Gibson by Colleen O'Loughlin
- ❖ Harrison Freer by Victoria Green
- Connie Adams by St. Mary's Homebound Committee

Wednesday, September 18th- 12:10 pm Mass

For Our Parishioners

Thursday, September 19th- 12:10 pm Mass

Francis X. Angelo Sr. by Marianne, Francis, Michael and Cathy Angelo

Saturday, September 21st - 4:00 PM Mass

- Nancy Burns by Fay Hooper and Nancy Shortell
- ❖ Blanche and Raymond Canavan Sr. by Children
- Dory and Bob Evans by Paszko Family
- ❖ Marie Cartier by Family

Sunday, September 22nd - 22nd In Ordinary Time: 8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Justin Cestra by Arelys Cestra
- Cynthia Baker by The Weaver Family
- ❖ Bart Girard by Family
- Sandra Nailor by Dennis and Michele O'Connor
- ♦ Mary Anne Westfall by Mark and Nancy Zurlo

11:15 am Mass

- Deceased Members of the Bensko and Palacino Family
- Stephanie Wilson (1st Anniversary) by Family
- Richard Goodrow (2nd Anniversary) by Family
- Connie Adams by Family
- Harrison Freer by The Little Family
- ❖ Cindy Baker by The Little Family

Weekly Report August 19-25

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

 Cash
 \$2,853.13

 Envelopes
 \$4,221.00

 E-giving
 \$5,017.00

 Total Offertory
 \$12,091.23

Candle - \$139.49 Renovations - \$709

MASS ATTENDANCE

 Saturday
 4:00 pm
 222

 Sunday
 8:30 am
 264

 Sunday
 11:15 am
 296

 Total In-person:
 782



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Spaghetti Sauce
Potato Packets
Rice Packets
Peanut Butter
Spaghettio's/ Ravioli
Cold Cereal

Thank you to our generous parishioners who helped us provide nutritious food!



St. Mary's Happenings

Car Winner!

When we say we are so grateful to our community and that the blessings from this parish family are beyond our wildest dreams, this is what we mean! We are so proud and lucky to have this couple as part of our parish family. Jon and Maureen Matsen are active members of our church and are a prime example that being Catholic isn't what makes you belong. Jon has come to find a home in our church regardless of the fact that he is not a confirmed Catholic.

Maureen is the winner of the 2024 Toyota Camry! After she received the phone call, she and Jon made the decision to give the most EPIC raffle gift back imaginable! They have decided to GIFT the cash value of the car BACK to the school. We couldn't believe our ears when we got the call and could not be more thankful. This raffle has now raised almost \$80,000 for the school!

Jon and Maureen donated the funds for the following categories:

- A special gift to all school staff.
- \$1,000 Scholarship in honor of Jon and Maureen's parents; Barbara & Marc Matsen and Louise & Joseph Larkin.
- The remainder of the amount will be added to the Guardian Angel Fund which allows for students to attend our school that otherwise wouldn't be able to.

Jon and Maureen, SMA and St. Mary's thank you for your generosity and the joy that this gift will bring to the staff and students!



Giving as an act of worship has never been easier at St. Mary's Church.



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SMA Spotlight







It was an especially joyful first day celebration as our students returned to a school with a new name, St. Mary's Academy, a new Principal, Mrs. Marielena Hauser, and a 10% increase in enrollment! Thank you, Father Scott and St. Mary's parishioners, for your enthusiastic support of our mission: helping children develop powerful minds, prayerful hearts, and helpful hands! We couldn't do it without you!

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