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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 1, 2024 • 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Dear Parish Family,

Advent is the perfect time for a fresh start. Research show that it can take as little as 21 days to form a habit, so the four weeks of Advent provide the perfect amount of time for us to undertake some spiritual habit formation. Four weeks is not an overwhelming amount of time to give something a try. Anyone could take a month to experiment with incorporating some new practices.

These days of preparation for Christmas are meant to be marked with hope, peace, joy and love. For many of us, the best way to make room for those new energies is to sweep out the clutter of cynicism, conflict, gloom and division.

Going to Confession is a great a perfect preparation for the preparatory work of Advent. Back by popular demand, we will offer an **Advent Day of Reconciliation**, with multiple priests on duty to hear your confession this **Tuesday 2-6 PM**.

Each time we offer this opportunity, more than 100 people flock to St. Mary's to take advantage of the cathartic power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes some courage to say out loud the things that have been taking you off the path you wish to travel, but everyone who comes feels like they got an incredible gift in exchange for their vulnerability.

If December 3, doesn't work for you, **St. Michael's** in South Glens Falls will offer a Communal Reconciliation Service on **Tuesday, December 10 at 1:00**. We'll also continue to offer our weekly confessions in the church on **Wednesdays after the 12:10 Mass** during Eucharistic Adoration.

One of my favorite Advent songs, People Look East, describes these days leading up to Christmas as preparation for the arrival of a long-awaited guest. The song says,

“Make your house fair as you are able;
Trim your hearth and set the table...
Love - the guest - is on the way.”

There are few better ways to sweep out our inner house and prepare ourselves for the arrival of Love Incarnate than to account for what in our lives has not expressed our best selves or our highest aspirations. Give yourself the gift of freedom that comes with absolution from the past and a fresh start for the road ahead.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Scott 😊



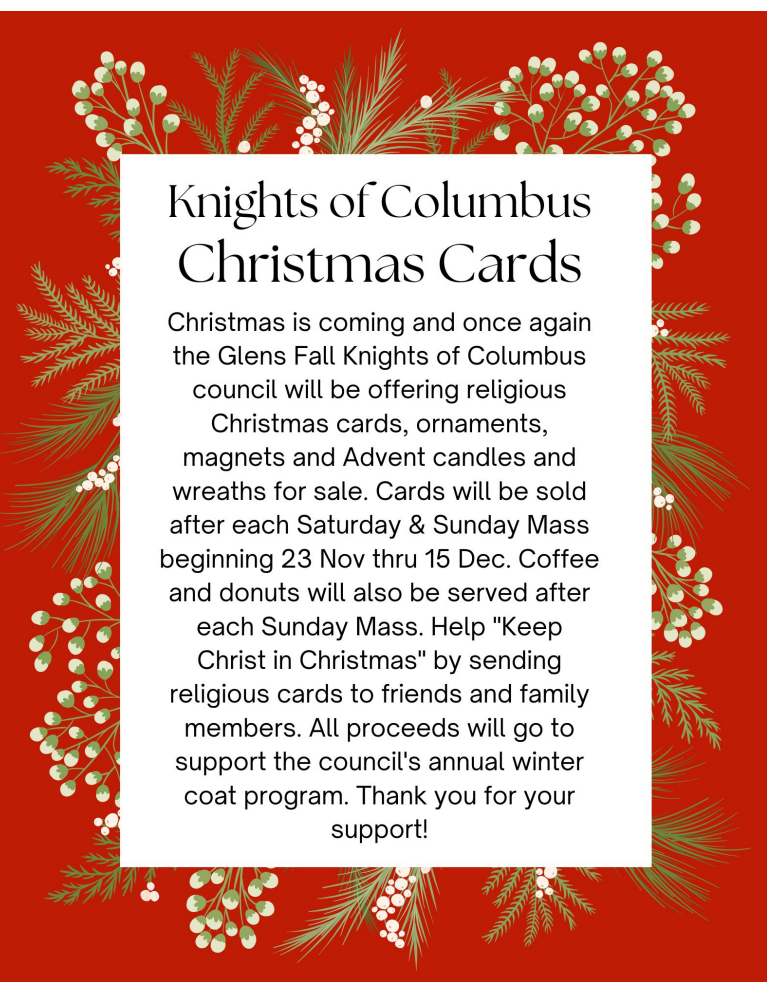
Starting November 16th

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



Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

Christmas is coming and once again the Glens Fall Knights of Columbus council will be offering religious Christmas cards, ornaments, magnets and Advent candles and wreaths for sale. Cards will be sold after each Saturday & Sunday Mass beginning 23 Nov thru 15 Dec. Coffee and donuts will also be served after each Sunday Mass. Help "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious cards to friends and family members. All proceeds will go to support the council's annual winter coat program. Thank you for your support!



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:



Contact Information: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Loved One(s): _____

Your Name(s): _____

Amount Donated: _____

Advent Day of Reconciliation
Tuesday - December 3rd

School Kids: 10 am - 12 pm
Open to All: 2 pm - 6 pm

There will be many priests to make for limited lines.

Grief Group Meets at St. Michael's in SGF

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETINGS:

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY
Leading grief - leading hope

Our grief support ministry meetings gather on Mondays at 3:00 pm and also at 6:00 pm in the meeting room. If you would like more information or would like to schedule a private appointment, contact Joan DeLarm at jsdelarm@gmail.com or 315-250-3210. This service is FREE of charge and available to anyone in the community. Joan was a Sister of Saint Joseph and is a retired psychotherapist and teacher with over 45 years of practice.

Joan DeLarm will be hosting a special presentation Monday, Dec 2 (4 pm) at St. Michael's on Coping with Grief During the Holidays.

Giving Trees!

Family Service Association's
2024 Christmas Gift Program
Starts this Weekend!

Grab a tag off the tree and help a family in need this Christmas Season! (Bring the tag back with the gifts!)

Please bring gifts and tags with the family's info to the church no later than **Wednesday, December 16th**

Christmas Pageant Sign - Up

It is time to sign - up for the St Mary's Christmas Pageant! The pageant will be December 21st at the 4 PM Mass. There will be two practices the weekend before and a dress rehearsal Friday December 20th. If you are interested reach out to Elizabeth Hogan - ehogan@nycap.rr.com

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

November 30th - December 8th

Saturday, November 30th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Mary Lou and William Tromblay by Family
- ❖ Evelyn A. Bourdeau (21st Anniversary) by Mary Ellen Bourdeau
- ❖ Bernard Healy (Birthday) by Family
- ❖ Albert Marcantonio Jr. by Sisters

Sunday, December 1st - 1st Sunday in Advent:

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family by Family and Friends
- ❖ Irene Sommo by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Francis (Chetter) and June O'Connor by Family
- ❖ Katherine Bavaro by father, John Bavaro

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Patricia Lynch (4th Anniversary) by daughter, Susie
- ❖ Peter Badera by Friends
- ❖ James and Ann Ives by Lesley Ross
- ❖ Edward J. Caples by Homkey Family

Wednesday, December 4th - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ Bartholomew Lee Girard (Birthday) by Family
- ❖ Joe Vogel by Joe Robinson
- ❖ Joseph and Rosalie Pezzulo (70th Wedding Anniversary) by Pezzulo Family
- ❖ Mamie Migliardi by Patti Carte

Thursday, December 5th - 12:10 Mass

- ❖ Ellen H Donohue (26th Anniversary) by Mary Ellen Bourdeau, Dale, and Maureen Wagner
- ❖ Joe Sullivan by Bill and Janet Coyle
- ❖ Tom Center Sr. by Family
- ❖ Louise McCarthy by Visitation Committee

Saturday, December 7th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Alex G Prevost by Prevost Family
- ❖ Kimberly A. Duell by Mary Ellen Bourdeau
- ❖ Henrietta, Emidio, and Anthony Papa by MaryAnn and Stan Wood
- ❖ Catherine Denino by Patti and Rocky Denino

Sunday, December 8th - 2nd Sunday in Advent:

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Anthony Sommo by Louise Sommo
- ❖ Bettie and Leo Kelly by Family
- ❖ Grace, Henry, and Jack Piper by Family
- ❖ James and Irene Kegan by Sharon and Jim Piper

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Lindsay Carte by Patti Carte
- ❖ Mary Anne Westfall by Sr. Mary Alice O'Leary
- ❖ John Ross (Anniversary). by Family
- ❖ Mahlon and Betty Clements by Mary Lieberman and Joan Lambert

Weekly Report

November 11-17

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

Cash	\$3,471.84
Envelopes	\$4,480.00
E-giving	\$2,091.00
Total Offertory	\$10,042.84

Candle - \$178.41
Food Pantry - \$300.00
Hannaford Bag Program - \$765.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	231
Sunday	8:30 am	244
Sunday	11:15 am	300
Total In-person:		775

St. Mary's Food Pantry



Open Fridays from 9am- 1pm

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

Spaghetti O's / Ravioli
Spaghetti Sauce
Cold Cereal
Shampoo
Rice Packets
Peanut Butter

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



SMA Spotlight

Lots of Lessons



Gratitude, spending time with loved ones and being kind friends. Those were the lessons Mrs. Smith's Noah's Arkers focused on this week.



As part of their Thanksgiving-themed week, the students made their own food items, crafting their own apples, grapes, corn, and pumpkins. The food items were then placed around the room in areas designated as an apple orchard, pumpkin patch, corn field, and market. Each child visited each area and found his or her own food items by looking for his or her own name. They then placed their items in their own market baskets.



The project gave students a chance to practice their name recognition and fine motor skills, Mrs. Smith said, and was a great example of playing with a purpose.

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