

St. Mary's Church

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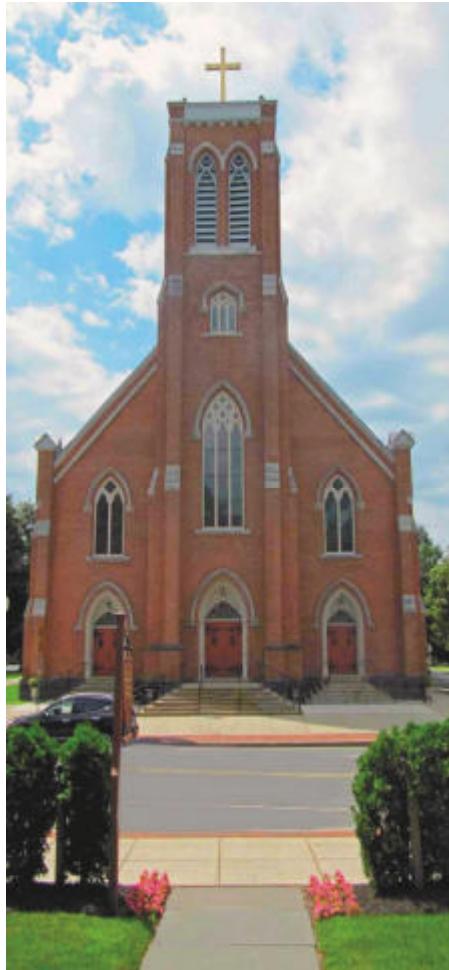
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Church open for prayer:

Monday - Friday
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

January 31, 2021

Pandemic Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:15 AM

Wednesday: 12:10 PM

Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month 9 AM – 3 PM
Wednesdays 1 – 9 PM

Sacrament of Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Wednesdays after 12:10 PM Mass or upon request

Sacrament of Matrimony:

For adequate preparation arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the desired date.

St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus

Regional Catholic School:

Patricia Balmer, Principal

Pre-School – Grade 8

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Glens Falls Hospital Chaplain

Sister Donna Irvine, S.S.N.D.

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From Father Tom

Behind every great priest...

Recently I concelebrated funeral Masses for the relatives of two priest-friends. The first priest was burying his mother. The second priest was burying a beloved sister. A special grace must have been given to these men to preside at these services while they were experiencing such painful loss. You could see the sadness in their eyes as they struggled to celebrate the Eucharist for these beautiful women. They seemed emotionally at sea yet both managed to do what they wanted to do most – to celebrate the Holy Eucharist for them, to express their love and gratitude for them, and to show their great trust and faith in the Resurrection and future reunion. These men and these Masses were truly inspirational and, I imagine, deeply moving for those who were in attendance and those viewing on livestream. Courage, faith, family love and hope overflowed. Their mother and sister would have been so proud.

Subsequently, these funerals reminded me of the important role of women in the lives of priests. My first priest-friend remembered his mother as a person of deep faith, a no-nonsense Catholic with a heart full of love. He talked about a childhood where faith was taken for granted in the home, with firm expectations that each member live out their lives with integrity and a desire to make the world a better place in which to live. While his parents did not push their children to a religious or priestly vocation, he saw that his parents set the stage for their children to choose a life of purpose. Clearly, whether she had directly promoted it or not, his mother had made it possible - - I'd say even probable -- for her son's religious vocation.

There is an old and perhaps paternalistic adage that still has a kernel of truth in it: "Behind every great man is a great woman." And it follows, that in a great many instances -- the mothers of many of our priests provided the best possible garden for a priestly vocation to take root and grow.

Other women, too, have made it possible for young (and sometimes older) men to choose the priesthood. Grandmothers, sisters, godmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, female in-laws, female friends and classmates have also fostered awareness of, and commitment to, priestly religious service. Many Religious Sisters fostered vocations in big ways. Countless parish priests have nuns to thank for their choice of the priesthood.

Most of us priests are blessed – or have been blessed – by deep female relationships in our lives which forged, sustained and sustain us. Our mothers, sisters, grandmothers, nieces, in-laws, female school friends have all made an unfathomable impact in our lives and vocations. In a real way, scores of encouraging women have regularly produced, encouraged and inspired men for the priesthood and, most of the time simply went unnoticed or taken-for-granted. Their priest-sons, uncles, brothers, in-laws and friends got the public recognition and the privilege of serving the Church. These forgotten women, however, were – and are -- the real silent forces behind that great band of servant-brothers.

At the end of the one of the funeral Masses I attended, the priest-son and celebrant of the Mass for his mother took the urn with her remains into his arms at the end of the Mass. For me, that was a touching moment I won't quickly forget. There, in his arms, was the valiant woman who first brought him to faith and to the Church, the woman who made it possible for him to celebrate this Mass for her. He would bring her now from the church to her place of rest, honoring her with gratitude -- for the gift of his life, his faith and for his vocation. A job well done.

Catholic Schools Week January 31 through February 6th

This week is Catholic Schools Week. This national observance celebrates the great legacy of Catholic school education in our country and it affirms the great mission and need for Catholic schools in our time. Our parish is blessed because of the great history of St. Mary's Academy which educated countless children in Glens Falls for decades. Today, we celebrate St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus School and its outstanding work which continues a sterling legacy. In this time of pandemic, our school has adapted to the many obstacles facing students and teachers today. In spite of the challenge, once again, the school has overcome! We are proud of our school, its administration, faculty and volunteers – especially this year -- and we are especially proud of our students and their families who make SMSA school a happy community of prayerful hands and hearts.

St. Blaise Day—Blessing of the throats will follow Mass on Wednesday, February 3rd.

More thanks to our parishioners

Dear Ms. Ireton:

Thank you for your recent donation of gift cards to North Country Ministry Giving Tree Program. At a time when our programs and services are seeing unprecedented need, your contribution will help to ensure that those facing hardship have a place to turn.

North Country Ministries achieves its mission through a variety of volunteer-driven programs including: two food pantries, backpacks and a weekly community lunch; used furniture program; a program for infants and caregivers providing clothing, diapers, formula, donated hardgoods and a play group for socialization of preschoolers and peer support for caregivers; and a family clothing center. We also offer affordable efficiency apartments and case-worker services including advocacy, referral, Emergency Assistance, and supportive counseling. One goal of Emergency Assistance is to prevent families from becoming homeless.

We could not do this work without your generous support. We are very grateful for your donation and want you to know the impact it will have on the individuals we serve.

Sincerely,

**Laurie Anne Bartlett
Administrative Assistant
North Country Ministry**

To our friends at St. Mary's,

Thank you very much for the donation of gift cards for Family Service Association. They were a wonderful addition to bags that we packed for families in our Emergency Christmas Program.

Thank you, your kindness matters!

Kim Sopzyk

Dear Genevieve,

On behalf of the Moreau Community Center's Board of Directors, staff, and all the families you helped. We'd like to thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 in Gift Cards to be used to help people in our community.

The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched. They are felt by the human heart. For all the families in our community that benefited from your generosity, we thank you.

Please visit The Moreau Community Center's website (www.moreaucommunitycenter.org) and LIKE us on Facebook to learn about our programs and additional ways to become connected with the precious lives around you.

Sincerely,

**Rosemary White,
Resource Manager
Moreau Community Center**



Altar linen volunteers

St. Mary's has many wonderful volunteers, among them are our altar linen volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to wash, bleach, and iron our altar linens. Sincere thanks to: **Carol Brownell, Nonie Cafaro, Kim DeBarbieri, Kim Gray, Peggy Greenslade, Barb Hewitt, Jackie Mead, Deb Rose, and Martha Searleman.**

Liturgy of the Word this weekend: We begin Catholic School Week today. You may not have a child in Catholic School or even have a child of school age, but that does not mean that this week is not important to you, too. Catholic education is a key way we transmit our faith, beliefs, and traditions onto the next generation, as well as teaching reading and math and all the subjects that our young ones need to succeed and contribute to society. Coming together today to worship, let us recall those who have taught us—our parents, teachers, other family members, priests, sisters, and brothers—and thank them for the worlds they have opened to us.

Meditation for moments of discouragement

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in his love enable you to profit by them.

He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in his arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads and all anxious imaginations.

-Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Pornography addiction? Consult the following resource:

STRIVE: a “21-Day Detox from Porn” is an online video series for men who wish to break free from an addiction to pornography. The series is written and hosted by Matt Fradd, an anti-pornography crusader and Catholic apologist. For more information, visit strive21.com.

Pamphlet: “Finding Freedom from Pornography” by Peter Kleponis www.orderosv.com

Just who is “an active parishioner”?

We want all our parishioners to be active members of our community. Don’t sit by the sidelines and feel disconnected. Here are some criteria to become a more active member of our parish: (1) attend Sunday Mass each week, (2) attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation, (3) volunteer to help on the annual Festival or other parish events, (4) get involved in an ongoing parish ministry (Parish Council, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, Faith Formation catechist, etc.) (5) attend the spiritual enhancement programs in the parish, (6) weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or commitment to ongoing financial giving, (7) get on the list of The Evangelist, the diocesan newspaper, by calling the Rectory (it is free).

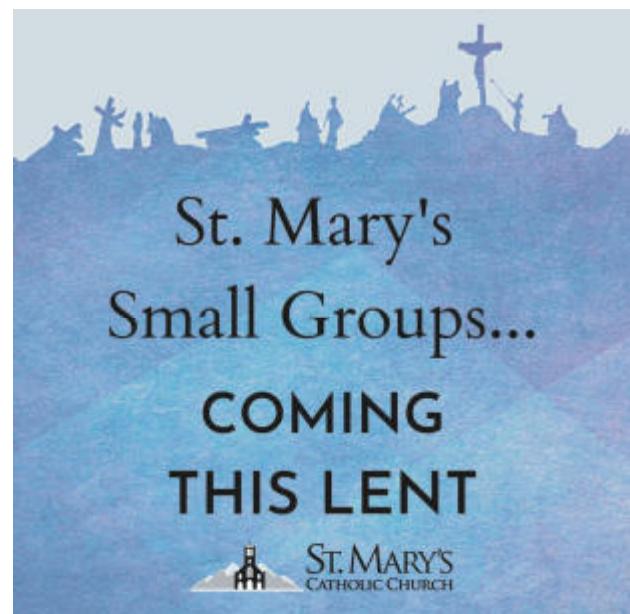


St. Mary's Rebuilt Update
*THE LATEST HIGHLIGHTS
FROM THE REBUILT TEAM*

The team has identified two key priorities to help us move forward with our Mission & Vision:

- Better systems in place to help support our staff.
- Focusing on Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Mary's
Small Groups...
COMING
THIS LENT

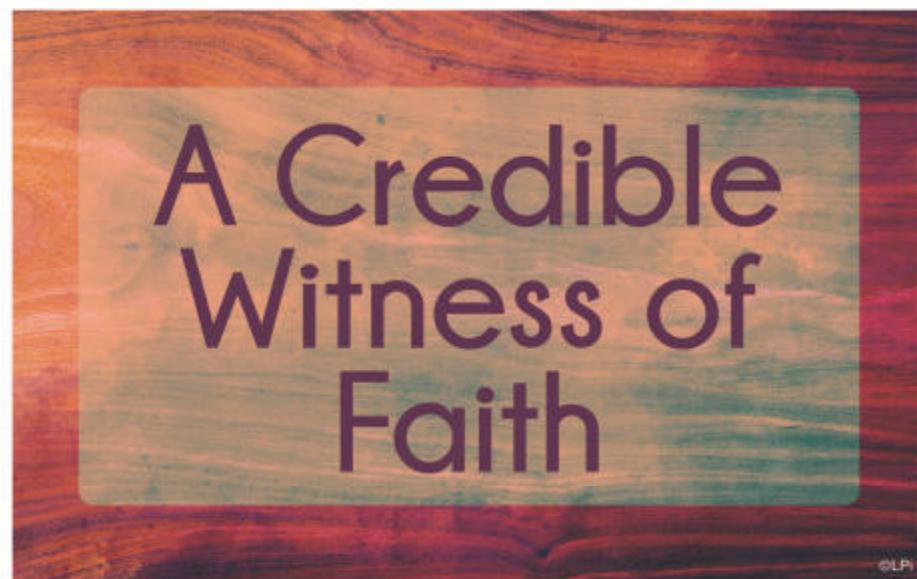
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soulness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that



just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to

the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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Scripture Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 31, 2021

First Reading: [Dt 18:15-20](#)

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

Second Reading: [1 Cor 7:32-35](#)

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel: [Mk 1:21-28](#)

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS. PSALM 95

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Something to think about

It is great evil to fail to do good.
St. Francis de Sales



GOSPEL

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

PRAYER

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DAY

Father Tom is saying private Mass each day for the daily intentions that have been scheduled. Mass is celebrated in the church on Wednesdays at 12:10 PM.

Monday	February 1 – Weekday +For those who have died during the coronavirus who have not been able to have a Catholic funeral Mass because of the quarantine
Tuesday	February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord +Rocky Daniels
Wednesday	February 3 - Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr of the Church; Saint Ansgar, Bishop +Rae DiLello by Helen and Vaughn Fowler
12:10 Thursday	February 4 – Weekday +Father Lloyd Reybero +Paul Ligato +John Griffin
Friday	February 5 – Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr NO MASS
Saturday 4:00 PM	February 6 – Vigil: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +Arthur Nokes by Dave Powers
Sunday	February 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +Frances Hughes – Bequest +Salvatore Sommo by Louise Sommo +Susan Lattimore Webb by SMA Class of 1967 Living and +Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family and Friends by Family +James F. Dingman by Friend +Francis 'Kiki' DiManno (Anniversary) - Bequest +David Miner by Gary and Ann McCoy Intentions of the Parishioners
11:15 AM	



Our Beloved Dead

Please pray for those who have died this past week:
**Father Lloyd Reybero, Paula Ligato,
John Griffin, Rocky Daniels**

Please pray for all victims of the coronavirus.

St. Mary's Memorial Fund

Memorials are given in memory of loved ones who have died to remember to keep them in our prayers and to help the needs of the church. This week please remember: **Madelyn Mahoney** by Mary Nolan Tully.



Weekend Collection January 23rd - 24th

Offertory	\$1,306.59
Envelopes	\$1,770.00
Mail	\$1,511.00
E-Giving	\$988.00
PayPal	\$550.00
Total	\$6,125.59

Candle \$109.00

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2020-2021

Diocesan Appeal (formerly Bishop's Appeal)

One time gifts
\$21,119.00

Pledges
\$10,046.00

Total gifts as of
01/05/2021
75

Mass Attendance

January 23rd – 24th

4 PM - 85
8:30 AM - 93
11:15 AM - 95
Total 273



St. Mary's Cemetery and St. Alphonsus Cemetery are closed for the winter.

Lost and Found

A few weeks ago an envelope with a small amount of cash was found. If you may have lost this please call the parish office to claim it.

Food Pantry

Thank you for your kind donations everyone! This week we could use: instant rice packets, canned potatoes, small packets of potatoes, canned fruit, and crackers.



