March 17, 2019 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday (3/18)	8:00 AM	Donna Fedoryszyn Michael Votta, Jr.	Keith & Peggy Prostler His family
Tuesday (3/19)	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Donna Fedoryszyn Edward Fedoryszyn Rosary	Evita M. Fedoryszyn-Whittaker Evita M. Fedoryszyn-Whittaker
Friday (3/22)	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Liturgy of the Hours Stations of the Cross	
Sunday (3/24)	7:30 AM	Henry Rausch Frederick Young	Marilyn Rausch & family Michael & Nancy Belycia
	11:30 AM	Jeana M. Hazelton Naomi Powell	John & Beth Hazelton Joe Schmitt

Ministering this coming week:

March 24 - 7:30	ΔМ	March 24 -	11.30 VW
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Communion MinistersMARIANNE MITCHELLLORRAINE TREMMELSusan JonesMatt BaxterWayne JonesErin ScottMichelle SmithDiane BradenKaren LewisChristopher Peters

Kiersten Vignera

Kristina Limone

<u>Lectors</u>
Catherine Benson
Kathryn Gates

Servers

Payton Albright Jack Bruno
Hanna Osborn Hanna Lauria

Sanctuary Care: Suzanne Lewis

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Anya Josberger & Mary Kate Ames

Coffee Hour Coordinators:

7:30 AM Catherine Sossei & Eileen Becker **11:30 AM** Mary Jean Willis & The Banik Family

Mission Central:

7:30 AM Pam Hassett & Doug Baxter 11:30 AM Chris Reilly & Kristina Limone



Parish Giving:

Thank you for helping us to reach our weekly goal of \$3,800!

	Envelopes & Loose	E-Giving	Total	Attendance
3-10-19	\$2,508.00	\$1,436.00	\$,.00	180
Last Year	\$4,257.00	\$1,040.00	\$5,297.00	391
Black & Indian Mission	\$444.00		\$444.00	
Last Year	\$1,087.00		\$1,087.00	

FAITH FORMATION

Catechist Needs – We are always looking for new primary and substitute catechists for Sunday/Monday for grades K-6, and Sunday evening for grades 7-9. We also need catechists for our Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Program at the 11:30 Mass.

Anyone interested, please call Bob at 518-731-9268.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Program – Ages 4-6 yrs. – during 11:30 AM Liturgy.

Confirmation 2019 Sponsor/Candidate Mentor Program – Please pray for our Confirmation 2019 Group and their sponsors. Yesterday they began the Mentor Program Component of the preparation process. We pray for them as they meet together several times over the next two months to discuss their walk with Jesus and the Catholic Faith.

Confirmation 2019 Immediate Preparation Process – The Immediate Preparation process began on Sunday March 3 and continues until April 7. Topics discussed will include the Three (3) Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), the Holy Spirit and the Christian life culminating in sharing Eucharist on April 2.

Confirmation 2019 Retreat: our Confirmation Candidates will be on retreat on Palm Sunday March 24 at Siena College from 2-8 PM. Fr. Larry Anderson and his Campus Ministry of College Students will put on the retreat for our group. Please keep them in your prayers.

1st Eucharist 2019 (Jesus Festival) – The preparation process for this year's 1st Eucharist group culminates in the Jesus Festival which takes place on **Saturday, March 30 from 8:45 AM (check-in) to noon.** The celebration of individual 1st Eucharist begins with individually selected Masses on Sunday, April 28 and May 5.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Core Team – Meets Meeting TBD following 7:30 AM Mass.

Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw (Hoop Shoot) Championship – report next week.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) – Youth Ministry trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference will take place 21-24 November 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. NCYC is a bi-annual event sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is an opportunity for High School aged youth to come together with 25,000 of their peers to experience all there is to experience in the Catholic Faith...it's an awesome experience!! Fr. Scott participated in NCYC 2017 and hopes to go back again. More than 120 youth and adults have experienced NCYC since 2001. If anyone is interested in more information, call Bob at 518 731-9268 or send Bob an email at stmatyffo@aol.com.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS): More sessions will be offered over the next few months for anyone interested and for volunteers who need the update.

Pastoral Care Team – Interested in bringing communion to the homebound? Call Bob.

Pastoral Care Team -Next meeting TBD

2019 ICON Workshop: Michele Sisak is again offering the workshop to both parishes. A week long day option will take place at St. Mary's from April 1-5 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM in Maria Hall. A two week night time option is offered at St. Patrick's, Ravena from April 1-5 and April 8-12 from 6 to 9 PM. The cost for the workshop is \$50 per participant which covers the board, paint, brushes and other materials. You may sign up at Mission Central after Mass.

The Columbiettes

will be holding their first meeting in 2019 on **Thursday, March 21st at 7 p.m.** in Maria Hall.

Please try to attend this meeting.

Let's make Springtime shine by seeing how many of our members come together to share this evening.

Hope to see you there.

Father, your favor rests on your Son, Jesus, and on those who listen to him.

Give us the wisdom to listen to his words; give us the strength to share in his sufferings; give us the grace to share in his resurrection, both now and for ever.

Amen.

Community Needs Taskforce

To live out our baptismal call and make a difference in our community, St. Mary's parishioners join forces with existing programs run by our community organizations and fellow churches to meet needs of people in four targeted areas.

If you have some time to offer, consider joining us by contacting the parishioner-leaders in the following areas:

ADDICTION TASKFORCE:	FIX-IT TASKFORCE:
Chris Tobin & Mike Vizzie	Wayne Jones
AGING TASKFORCE:	YOUTH TASKFORCE:
Carol Metz & MJ Willis	Katherine Gates and Randy Squier

Please call Bob Desrosiers at our office (518-731-8800 x4) for more information.

Coxsackie Home-Bound Meals

is in need of drivers to deliver meals from the Coxsackie Senior Center For more information, please contact:

Carol Metz at 518-444-4388

Father Scott's Sharing Spot...

Dear Parish Family,

Like many other people, I recently took one of those mail-in DNA tests that gives you interesting information on your ancestry. One of the things I learned is that I am far more Irish than I ever thought I was. That makes this St. Patrick's Day my first one with an awareness of my Celtic heritage.

In honor of the patron saint of Ravena (as well Athens, Catskill and Cambridge, N.Y.), let us remember the prayer for which he is famous:

I arise today through the strength of heaven; light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea, stability of the earth, firmness of the rock.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me afar and a near, alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today
against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.
I arise today
through the mighty strength
of the Lord of creation.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Fr. Scott