



ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parish Family and Friends, both near and far,

Hello everyone— I am Fr. Pat, the newest addition to the Hudson Valley Vicariate and I was asked to contribute to this newsletter. So, please be patient with me as I begin my trial article. I have had the pleasure of Celebrating Mass at all the locations forming this multi-dimensional Vicariate.

I have mentioned in most of my homilies that I am a second career Priest, Ordained now 9 years. The journey began for me in my early 50's, I began to discern the reality that the current path of life I was engaging in was not satisfying my basic Spiritual needs. So, what do I mean by that, well I grew up in an environment in which my parents took their faith very seriously and encouraged their children to do the same. Upon finishing my education and entering the business world, I was presented with the opportunity to leave my family home and approached this transition with enthusiasm embarking on an independent path. Well, the results some many years later proved to be an understanding that all my parents had taught me about my Spiritual life began to resonate.

I was searching for a calm in my life. What I came to discover was that attending Mass daily' brought me back to the calm I was so desperately seeking which to my dismay was not the environment provided by the corporate world. I began to re- discover what my parents had instilled in me many years earlier. That when we include God in the many facets of our lives — we grow Spiritually. As our Scripture Readings each weekend express, we are called to Discipleship just as Jesus called "The Twelve" at the very beginning of His ministry. We as Catholics are very blessed to be given the opportunity to engage in the sacraments of our faith. Through our Baptisms we receive the hallmark of initiation into these most precious sacraments. The journey begins with Baptism and evolves through our 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation; and opens the door to a lifelong participation in these sacraments.

We as "Catholics" are called to Discipleship and Evangelization, the sacraments enable us to be nourished so, that we may engage in these activities as often as possible. By taking part in these blessed sacraments, we are given a new awareness into the mystery of how God interacts in each of our lives.

I encourage you to discover how God is calling you into His service — when I finally listened, I slowly realized what the Divine Mercy message "Jesus, I trust in you" truly revealed to me.

May God bless each and everyone of us with our own unique message!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Patrick J. Rice

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Schedule

Sunday 8-17	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 1 – 7 Feast of the Assumption Festival at St. Patrick's
Monday 8-18	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 8-19	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 8-20	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Thursday 8-21	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Reconciliation (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)
Friday 8-22	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 8-23	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 8-24	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
Monday 8-25	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 8-26	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)
Wednesday 8-27	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Thursday 8-28	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Reconciliation (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)
Friday 8-29	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 8-30	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 8-31	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)

Order of Christian Initiation is the process through which individuals, particularly those over the age of infant baptism, become full members of the Roman Catholic church. Participants typically receive the sacraments of baptism, first eucharist and confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another faith, were baptized Roman Catholic but have not received all the sacraments and would like to become full members of the church please contact Siobhain in the Catskill Network Office at 518-943-3150 to schedule an appointment with Fr. Jay.

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BISHOP EDWARD B. SCHARFENBERGER

PULPIT LETTER

August 11, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each year, the annual collection to support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** is held in parishes throughout the country in order to help make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States.

Nearly half of our country is considered mission territory. This annual appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments and religious education.

Each weekend, priests of these dioceses traverse the treacherous mountain routes or drive hundreds of miles across the plains to preside over Sunday Masses. The lack of priests and ministers makes it difficult for the diocese to serve all of the region's Catholics. Without regular pastoral care, people, especially young adults, are susceptible to leaving the Church.

Our diocese's generosity to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports campus ministry efforts across these underserved dioceses. Campus ministry serves students at two four-year institutions, a large community college population, those attending trade and vocational schools, and cadets from the United States Air Force Academy. Your support gives young adults the opportunity to make retreats, go on pilgrimages, participate in service projects, and attend vocational discernment events. These ministry centers also offer daily and Sunday Masses, RCIA classes, regular confession times, Eucharistic adoration, Bible studies, and other opportunities to build community.

This year the collection in our diocese is scheduled for the weekend of **August 23/24**. I ask you to consider contributing to the collection this year, and I am grateful for your generosity. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, please visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+Edward B. Scharfenberger

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Bishop of Albany

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Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Mary Ann McCool | 518-756-9184

Come visit Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm or Saturday from 9 am – Noon. We are closed on holidays.

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Please remember the Coxsackie Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month. The Coxsackie Food Pantry is especially in need of: **toothpaste, pet food and cleaning products**. Food costs are soaring and those with limited resources are struggling more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

Coxsackie Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm & Saturday 10-11 am. Cash *donations are always welcome*. *Your gift has greater purchasing power at the regional food bank.*

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

St. Patrick's Office | 518-756-3145

Hours of Operation: Tuesday and Friday 10 to 11 am and Wednesday 6 to 7 pm. Reminder, there is a food pantry basket in the vestibule. Please help replenish our stock by providing the following items:

Peas	Spaghetti sauce	Chili	Carrots
Pork n beans	Cookies	Lunch box snacks	Nutri Grain bars

Deacon Mike is pleased to announce that our Network is offering Part 2 of the Adult Bible Study Program: *"God's Plan For Salvation."* It is being held, like last year, in the Catskill Office each Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8 pm until September 3rd. It is open to everyone in the Network age 18 and over. You needn't have attended last year. Please bring your Bible.

Join the community for music, reflection and prayers of hope on Monday evenings on August 18, and 25. This will take place at The Pavilion at the Coxsackie Riverside Park at 6 pm.

New Life Maternity Slice for Life Golf Outing Like to play golf? Here's a chance to play golf and help a good cause at the same time. Join us for our Slice for Life Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at the Sycamore Golf Club in Ravena. You can find all the details and sign up at: <https://newlifematernity.org/events>

Cursillo Weekend Each year, the Cursillo Movement of the Albany Diocese hosts one weekend for men and one for women. This year, the women's weekend is being held August 21 — 24 and the men's weekend October 2 — 5, each beginning on Thursday evening. The event takes place at the lovely Dominican Retreat and Conference Center on Union St. in Niskayuna. The \$235 fee includes all meals for Friday — Sunday plus private room lodging. Contrary to our prior communication, applications for the Women's Weekend will continue to be accepted through mid August. For more information, contact Kim Gray at 518-424-0198 or kagray16@gmail.com

Interfaith Panel Discussion to be held at the Greenville Public Library on Sunday, Aug. 24, at 4:00 pm. The topic is *"How Can Gratitude Change Your Life?"* Come join us for this interesting discussion. This 16th annual discussion is sponsored by the Greenville Area Interfaith Council. Faith traditions represented are Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints. Light refreshments will be provided.

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Coxsackie Riverside Festival:

Once again, St. Mary's Church will have a booth at the Festival on Saturday, September 20th from 11:00 am - about 6:00 pm.

We need volunteers to

set up on Friday night and to man the booth all day Saturday,
so please sign up at Mission Central

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Any questions, please contact Gina McGrath at 518-708-4689.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The **Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, September 14th, 2025,**
at 3:00 pm, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville.

Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love, and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple.

Please register through your parish office or you may e-mail Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

Deadline for registering is September 7th.

Anointing of the Sick

The office often receives many calls for a priest to visit the home, hospital or nursing home to have a friend or family member who is actively dying anointed by a priest. Currently, we have just two priests covering all of Greene and southern Albany Counties. They will make every effort to make that visit. *However please do not wait until the last hours of a person's life. You do not need to be near death to receive the sacrament which can only be administered by a priest.*

Please call Siobhain in the Catskill Network Office at 518-943-3150 to arrange to have a priest administer an anointing at the start of a serious illness.

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*Hudson Valley Vicariate -West seeks to participate in the **Festival of Trees** organized by the Fortnightly Club of Catskill @ Anthony's Banquet Hall Friday through Sunday, November 7-9, 2025.*

Those who wish to assist in the planning and/or decorating the Network's tree please contact the Network Office at 518-943-3150 by Wednesday, September 10, 2025 with name and best contact method (e-mail / phone#). Please also mention what role(s) you can offer; planner and/or decorator. Deacon Ron will be in touch with volunteers by the end of the weekend September 13/14. Please contact Deacon Ron with questions at rdombrowski2030@gmail.com

St. Theresa's Annual Golf Classic will be held at the Windham Gold Club, South Street, Windham, NY 12496 Friday, September 5, at 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. In tribute to our golf event founder, Tom McGoldrick. Check the following link to get all the information to Register to play, to buy a Sponsorship or to purchase a Raffle ticket.

<https://onrealm.org/stcjwindham/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZDhkNzliMjctNjZjZi00NDNmLWI2YWQtYjMwOTAxMDY3NDg4>

And remember, you don't have to have a Realm Account to Register for a Realm Event!

For more information check out the next page of this newsletter.

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September 5

ST. THERESA'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

WINDHAM GOLF CLUB

REGISTRATION/WELCOME 10:00 AM

SHOTGUN START 11:00 AM

IT'S OUR 21ST YEAR!
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, FUN,
AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION ON THE GREEN!

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH IN
WINDHAM, NY, AND ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

**Sponsorships &
Raffle Tickets Available**
Siobhain @ 518-734-3352
or Stephen @ 516-359-4026

Golf, Cart & Green Fees
Driving Range
Lunch at the Turn
Open Bar Reception
with Hors d'Oeuvres
Buffet Dinner & Dessert
Silent Auction
Awards | Raffles | Prizes

\$200 Per Person



SPONSORSHIPS

BE A SPONSOR: Sponsorships are critical to the success of this event. We rely on the generous support of parishioners and local businesses to continue our mission. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in our event journal. DEADLINE: AUGUST 27.

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DIAMOND \$750

GOLD \$500

EMERALD \$250

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Please choose an option — there's a level for everyone.

ST. THERESA'S GRAND RAFFLE

CHOOSE 1 OF 3 PRIZES:

- #1 GETAWAY: UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN IN CORTONA, ITALY, FOR 4 OR
- #2 GETAWAY: ROMANTIC AMALFI COAST IN ITALY FOR 2 OR
- #3 \$2,500 CASH PRIZE TO PLAN YOUR OWN DREAM GETAWAY!

SEE MORE DETAILS ONLINE

\$50 FOR 6 TICKETS

\$15 FOR 1 TICKET

DRAWING: SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

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Mass Intentions

Week of August 16, 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 16 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria

Aug 17 7:30 Coxsackie Diane Hoffman by Nancy Belycia
Elsie and Thomas Barry by daughters, Joyce Barry and Ellie Alfeld

9:30 Ravena Ann and Carmen Sgroi by Cheryl and Rick Palmer

11:30 Coxsackie Rose Capparello by her family
Donald Daoust by the Veeder family
Edward Zini by his wife

Week of August 23, 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 23 4:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by JoAnn Trotta
Douglas Adamson by Judy Milleer

Aug 24 7:30 Coxsackie Donald Daoust by Anita Hynes
Diane Hoffman by Nancy Belycia

9:30 Ravena No intentions at this time

11:30 Coxsackie S. Dennis Davidson by his wife, Nancy Davidson
Edward Zini by his wife

Week of August 30, 31 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 30 4:30 Ravena No intentions at this time

Aug 31 7:30 Coxsackie Lena Coniglio by Anita Hynes
Donald Daoust by John and Laura Shauger

9:30 Ravena Jackie Lynch by Danielle Parks
Diane Hoffman by Alice and Michael Gatt

11:30 Coxsackie No intentions at this time

Mother McAuley Columbiettes We will take a break for the Summer and resume meetings on September 23rd .

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GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER





September 6, 2025

REGISTER AT



Enter as a team, partial team or individual.
Reserve your spot today

Price: \$120 Per Person
\$480 Per Team

Where?

Sycamore Golf Course
Tompkins Rd, Ravena, NY

Times

7:30 am - Registration
9:00 am - Shotgun start

SPONSORED BY
NEW LIFE MATERNITY, INC




Admission Includes:

-  18 holes of golf, HIO contest, longest drive & closest to pin M/W, continental breakfast, lunch and buffet dinner

Prizes!

-  HIO sponsored by Denooyer Chevrolet \$35k towards purchase of new car!!
-  Top Team \$500 & trophy
-  50/50 raffle/mulligans/multiple prizes available for purchase day of the event, \$10K Putting Contest (w/ \$500 guaranteed win)



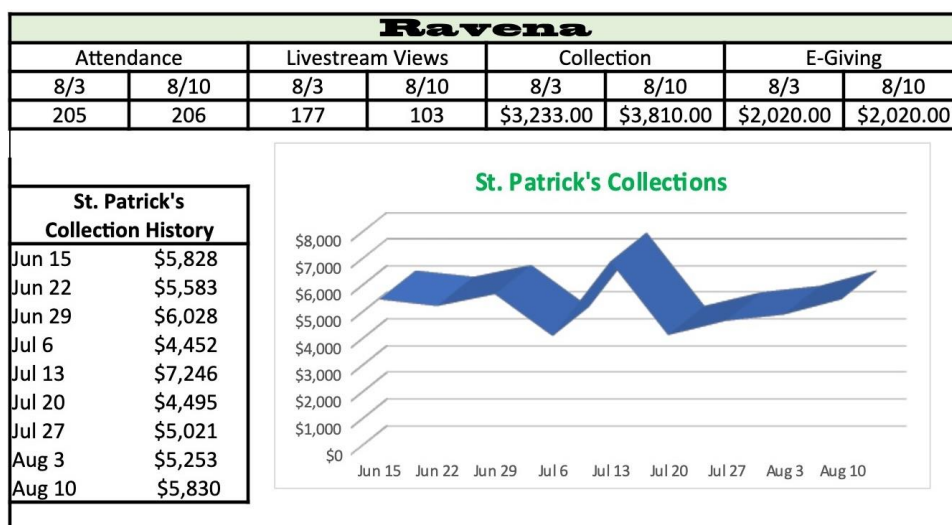


QUESTIONS?? CONTACT TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR: MIKE McGOVERN
Phone: 518-253-2919 | Email: themarkerman@yahoo.com

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Collections & E-Giving

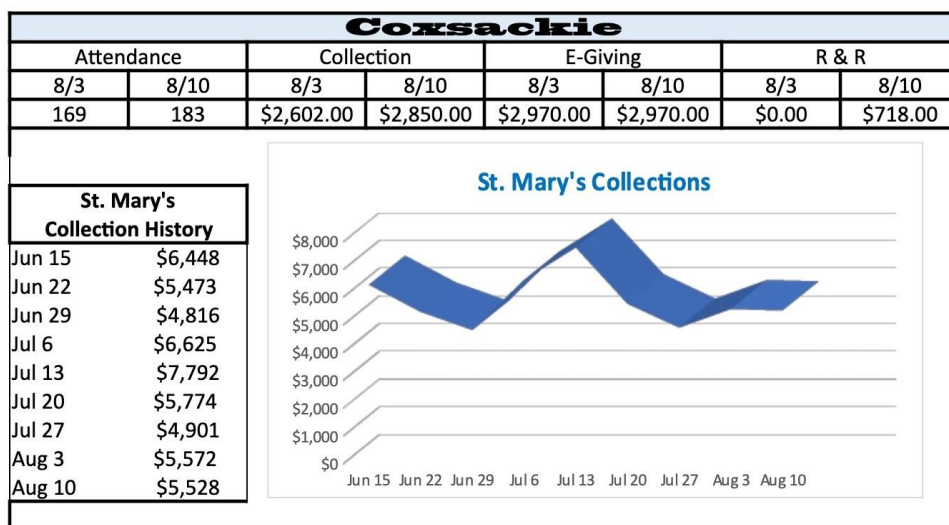
E-Mail Dawn Brownson parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com



ENVELOPES ARE GREAT, BUT E-GIVING HELPS YOUR PARISH MAKE BETTER FINANCIAL DECISIONS

The Church is just like your family when it comes to managing our finances. We need to know what our income will be in order to budget and plan for on-going operational needs and building maintenance projects. E-giving provides a steady stream of income that we know we can depend on week after week. Many things can throw us off track in maintaining our commitment to weekly giving. Weather, illness, delays in envelope delivery and vacations to name a few. Plus, with the increased use of debit/credit cards, many of us don't carry cash. **You can cover both your regular weekly giving and any special collections with just one deduction.** Sign up once and leave the rest to us. The deduction will occur at the interval you choose from the bank account you provide. Enrollment forms are in the back of the church along with descriptions of the second and special collection. Please do not hesitate to call the office with any questions.

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Connecting with the Parishes

Online | Phone | E-Mail

WEEKEND MASSES (ALL ARE WELCOME):

4:30 pm Saturday Mass at St. Patrick's

7:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Mary's

9:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's

9:30 am on **St. Patrick's YouTube** channel (also on-demand)

[Click here](#) and then please subscribe and on **Mid-Hudson Cable Channel 901** (live at 9:30 only)

11:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Mary's

11:30 am on **St. Mary's YouTube** channel [Click here](#) and then please subscribe

WEEKDAY MASS (Except for Holy Days & days of funeral at a parish):

St. Mary's 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:00 am

St. Patrick's 2nd and 4th Tuesday 9:00 am

HUDSON VALLEY VICARIATE WEST FAITH FORMATION Online hvwwff.org

FR. JAY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES: [Click here](#) and then please **SUBSCRIBE**

FR. JOE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES: [Click here](#) and then please **SUBSCRIBE**

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Parish Facebook Pages (updated daily)

CONTACT US BY PHONE: St. Patrick's Office: 518-756 -3145 St. Mary's Office: 518-731-8800

MY PARISH APP (Two Parishes, One App): Text APP to 88202 to subscribe

INSTAGRAM (Two Parishes, One Instagram): [stmarys.stpatrick's](https://www.instagram.com/stmarys.stpatrick)



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Sunday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Patrick's

Monday 8:00 am at St. Mary's

Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Mary's except on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays when there is Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am St. Patrick's

MORNING PRAYER (Following the Liturgy of the Hours format) Friday mornings at 8:00 at St. Mary's

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 11 am - 12 pm on Tuesdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5 **will resume in the Fall**

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING 1 – 2 pm on Thursdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

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