



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

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### **Dear Parish Family and Friends, both near and far,**

Parables were Jesus' favorite way to teach. Not by applying rules and regulations, but because he knew that his stories would appeal to our imagination. It was his way of saying, "Hey, think about this one...or let's reflect on this part of your life...or draw your own conclusions." This was certainly the case with today's parable. With the hope of drawing the listeners into deeper issues, Jesus offers us an opportunity to think about our values, plans, pet projects, and how we look at life.

Jesus opens his parable: "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." Who wouldn't want to be in that guy's shoes? So much security and well-being! Plus too much harvest and too little barn space! Who wouldn't want that "problem?" It's as if you have won the Power Ball; and you were the only winner; and, your only "problem" was how to spend it. But here's the twist: just when the man is lulled into comfortable thoughts and is making plans and projects – "Surprise! This night your life shall be taken from you, and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

One of this man's problems was that there was no one else in his world; no family, no friends, no advisors; he is a person talking to himself. There's no human community in any of his considerations. The man's sole and chief advisor was himself: a "fool." In one way or another, we are all part of some kind of community. Others must be involved in our decisions, especially if they are affected by them. Others need to be part of our concern. When we decide to get "more," what are the consequences for our family, friends, community and environment?

That man was deluded by his possessions. He thought they guaranteed his present and future happiness. He called his possessions "good things." But others who have less: those who are without the man's "good things," they may be very rich in "what matters to God." Maybe that could be our thought of the day: what matters to God? What am I supposed to be doing about it? What does it mean to be "rich in God's sight?"

Maybe being "rich in what matters to God" means: not deciding important matters on my own; not putting my trust in things that won't last; maybe it's seeing possessions in the light of others' needs; maybe thinking about what God might want before I act; maybe reflecting on the cost my decisions are to others; counting as true riches my relationships with others, and how they are affected by my life choices.

No matter how much I have, I come to Eucharist hungry and thirsty for God and for God's ways. I am grateful for real blessings: certainly for enough food and drink and the nourishing gifts of the Earth. But also for the faith that gives me a clear vision to know when enough is enough, and who and what my real treasures are.

I hope that you have a blessed week ahead.      Deacon Mike ☐

### Schedule

Sunday 8-3	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> ) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Monday 8-4	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 8-5	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's <b>9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's; 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's)</b> 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 8-6	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Thursday 8-7	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting <b>5:30-6:30 Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's; 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's)</b>
Friday 8-8	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 8-9	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 8-10	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
Monday 8-11	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 8-12	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's <b>9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's; 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's)</b>
Wednesday 8-13	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Thursday 8-14 <b>Assumption</b>	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting <b>6:00 Vigil Mass at St. Theresa's, Windham</b> <b>6:00 Vigil Mass at St. John's, Greenville</b> <b>No Reconciliation Due to the Holy Day</b>
Friday 8-15 <b>Assumption</b>	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's <b>12:00 Holy Day Mass at St. Patrick's, Catskill</b> <b>6:00 Holy Day Mass at St. Patrick's, Ravena</b>
Saturday 8-16	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 8-17	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> ) <b>1:00 – 7:00 Feast of the Assumption Festival at St. Patrick's</b>

*If you have news of interest for either of our parishes and would like it to appear in our newsletter, please email your suggested article directly to Bill Halstead at [weh058@mac.com](mailto:weh058@mac.com). The deadline for sending all news articles is the Monday, 6:00 pm, before the publishing of the newsletter. Thank you.*

## **Support for Texas Flood Victims**

A Message from Bonni Shippee, Chancellor: Special Message from Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

### **Matthew 20:28**

**“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many have been asking how they can help our brothers and sisters in Texas as they struggle to recover from deadly and devastating flash floods. At least 120 deaths have been confirmed and more than 100 people are still missing. Recovery will take time.

Catholic Charities USA has set up a relief fund and you can find a donation link on its website <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>



### **Working to Reduce Poverty in America - Catholic Charities USA**

Catholic Charities USA supports a national network of agencies committed to encountering those along the margins, regardless of their faith. Join us in providing help and creating hope for those in need.

[www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

It says 100% of donations go directly to helping survivors. If you prefer to write a check, you can send it to Catholic Charities, Albany with Texas in the memo. The address is Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

I thank you for any help you can offer. I also encourage you to pray for the families impacted. As all in our Diocese consider how we can be Remade for Mission, I pray that God grants each of us the grace to see the needs, not just in our parishes or our communities, but across our nation, even the world. I pray that He also graces us with the compassion to do all that we can to meet those needs.

May the world meet Christ in each of us.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

### 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: Canned Corn, Canned tomatoes and Spaghetti Sauce.** 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 will be offering Part 2 of the Adult Bible Study Program: *"God's Plan For Salvation."* It will be held, like last year, in the Catskill Office each Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8pm until September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 In August - 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, and 8/25. 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Coeymans Hollow Fire Department Steak Bake**

- Menu: NY Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Corn, Salad and Dessert
- Type: Take Out – Pre-Order ONLY
- When: Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 7 pm
- Donation: \$18.00 per dinner
- Order: To Pre-order – Order On-Line at:

<http://www.coeymanshollowfire.org/steakbake/>

OR

Order by Call or Text to: 518-588-9281

## **Be a Part of Something Special Volunteer at Our Annual St. Mary's/St Patrick's Picnic**

**Sunday September 7, 2025 1pm to 4pm**

### **Lend a Hand, Make New Friends, and Have Fun**

Every year, our Church communities come together at Riverfront Park in Coxsackie for this joint parish get together. We would like to continue this tradition. However, this may not be possible, as we find ourselves extremely short of volunteers. *Without additional help, we may be forced to cancel the event.*

### **What Kind of Help Is Needed?**

- 1. Chair Transport Crew:** 4 able bodied people with their own transportation are needed to transport 20 folding chairs each. Chairs are at St Mary's Church in Maria Hall and need to be brought to Riverside Park at about 11am. The chairs then need to be returned back to Maria Hall at 4pm.
- 2. Set-Up Crew:** We need help setting up tables and chairs.
- 3. Hospitality Crew:** Prepare tables before picnic, prepare drinks, ice cream scoopers. NO COOKING INVOLVED. The event will be catered.
- 4. Clean-Up Crew:** Ensure the park is as beautiful as we found it—help with trash collection and packing up supplies.

**Interested? Please call Gina McGrath at 518-708-4689 by August 15, 2025.**



**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!*

# 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.

BUY AT CHURCH, EVENT, ONLINE: [HTTPS://SAINTTHERESAS.WEEBLY.COM/](https://sainttheresas.weebly.com/)

PLATNIUM	\$1,000
DIAMOND	\$750
GOLD	\$500
EMERALD	\$250
SILVER	\$100

*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

**DRAWING: SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

**BUY AT CHURCH, EVENT OR ONLINE:**  
[HTTPS://SAINTTHERESAS.WEEBLY.COM/](https://sainttheresas.weebly.com/)

**\$50 FOR 6 TICKETS**      **\$15 FOR 1 TICKET**

## **Mass Intentions**

***Week of August 2, 3, 2025***

***18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Aug 2 4:30 Ravena Guy Anatriello by Rose

Aug 3 7:30 Coxsackie Heim family by Anne Heim  
Beverly Myers by her son, Bill Myers  
Memorial Society

9:30 Ravena No intentions at this time

11:30 Coxsackie Dominic Capparella by his family  
Jenny Dorey by her niece  
Sister Mary Rose Fox by her cousins, Peggy and Patricia

Aug 5 9:00 Coxsackie Michael Matthews by Arlene Matthews

***Week of August 9, 10 2025***

***19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Aug 9 4:30 Ravena No intentions at this time

Aug 10 7:30 Coxsackie Diane Hoffman by Nancy Belycia

9:30 Ravena No intentions at this time

11:30 Coxsackie Edward Zini by his wife Evelyn

***Week of August 16, 17, 2025***

***20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Aug 16 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria

Aug 17 7:30 Coxsackie No intentions at this time

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

11:30 Coxsackie Rose Capparello by her family







# Feast of the Assumption Festival

## FOOD, CRAFTS, & FAMILY FUN!

Presented by:

St. Patrick's Church

Events and Parish Life Committee

**Sunday August 17, 2025**

**1:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Event will be rain or shine** - If bad weather is forecasted, we will  
be in the school building

Children's Games and activities

Craft and Food Vendors

Italian food offerings by the Parish

Live Music! (Playin' with Fire Band)

Pet Therapy Animals

and MUCH MORE!

**Submit homemade meatballs for the meatball contest!**

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

21 Main Street | Ravena, NY 12143

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FOR NEW LIFE MATERNITY

## 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

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### 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

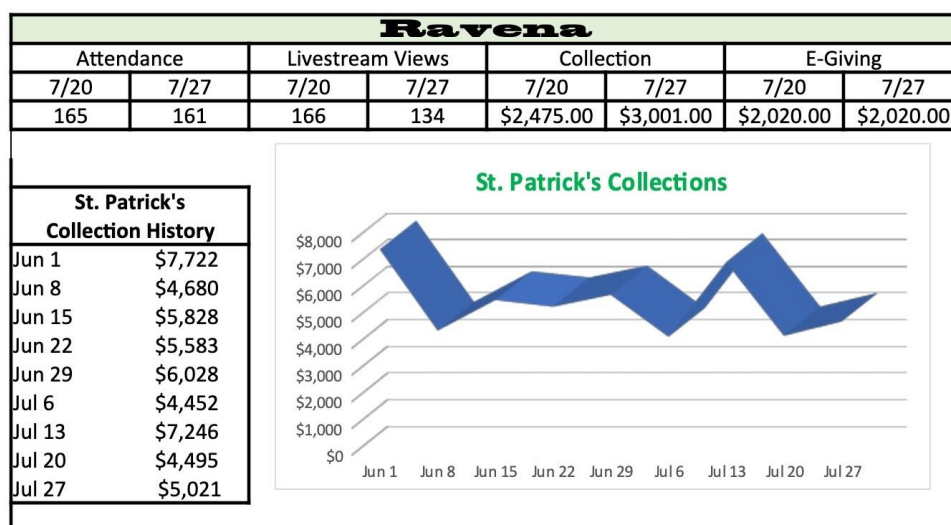


50/50 raffle/mulligans/multiple prizes  
available for purchase day of the  
event, \$10K Putting Contest  
(w/ \$500 guaranteed win)



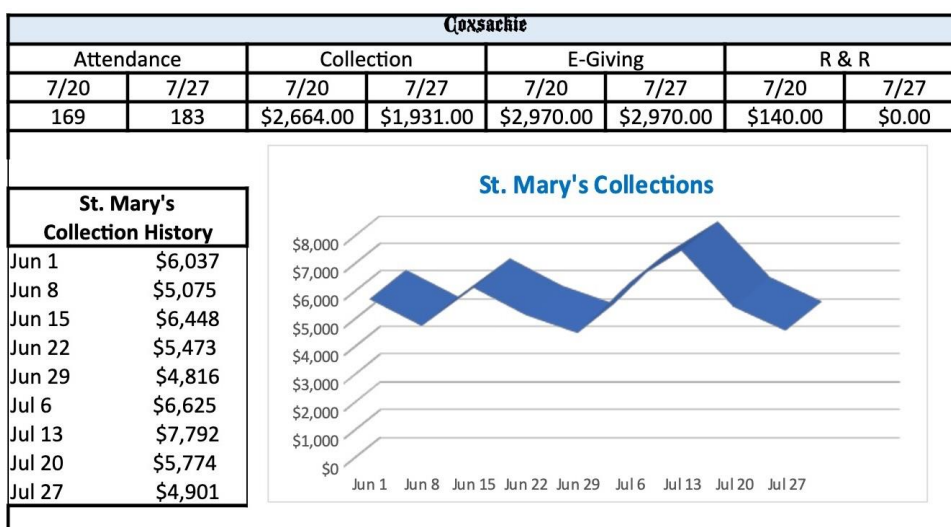
QUESTIONS?? CONTACT TOURNMENT COORDINATOR: MIKE McGOVERN

Phone: 518-253-2919 | Email: themarkerman@yahoo.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. *Try it risk free and change your mind at any time:* [Click Here](#)*



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 9:00 am**

**St. Patrick's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9:00 am**

**HUDSON VALLEY VICARIATE WEST FAITH FORMATION** Online [hvwwff.org](http://hvwwff.org)

**FR. JAY'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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Mother McAuley Columbiettes** We will take a break for the Summer and resume meetings on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.