



ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S *NEWSLETTER*

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Hello to all—

I have been asked to submit another article for this newsletter. So, once again please be patient as I reflect on topics to provide insight from my own learning experiences as a Priest.

I will share this message for all to contemplate. As a broad question how many actually read the Scriptures before attending Mass in preparation for Sunday. The reason I ask is that shortly after I was Ordained I attended a Priest Retreat. Having been in sales and management in my previous life journey, I was comfortable with speaking with anyone even if I didn't know them.

There was a group of retired Priests sitting at a table during a lunch break and I approached the table asking why they were separated from the gathering of the other tables. They replied and you are "who" — to which I replied I'm Fr Pat, and how long have you been ordained — to which I replied "I think it's been 4 months." They collectively replied someday you will understand. However, I was persistent and asked if they had any advice— to which one of them replied, Yes, he stated has Scripture come alive for you? I shook my head not understanding what he was asking and proceeded to walk away.

Fast forward 5 years later and Scripture began to come alive for me, each Sacred Word resonated like never before. I was able to understand Sacred Scripture in an entirely new "light," the gift of the Holy Spirit began to magnify the true meaning of what was written so long ago. This new found energy helped me to better connect with the Lord's messages from so long ago.

My suggestion is to take a few minutes to read Sacred Scripture before Sunday Mass. Let the Holy Spirit envelope you with a deeper appreciation for what you hear proclaimed from the Altar on Sunday so, that the conversation between the Lord and you takes on a new dimension.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Patrick Rice

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Pilgrims of Hope...Disciples on Mission Diocesan Jubilee Gathering



Saturday, September 20, 2025 –8:30 AM to 2 PM
St. Matthew's Church
25 Mountainview Street, Voorheesville, NY 12186

As the Jubilee Year 2025 draws to a close, and as our diocese begins the "ReMade for Mission" initiative, it seems fitting to gather "to fan the flame of hope...and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." (Pope Francis, Letter for the Jubilee 2025)

All parishioners, pastors, associate pastors, parish life directors/coordinators, trustees, pastoral councils, finance councils, and leaders of parish ministries will benefit from this day of prayer and inspiration as we embark on this time of visionary discernment for our diocese. As Pope Benedict XVI said, we are all "co-responsible for the Church's being and action!"



Fr. Frank is a member of the Immaculate Conception Province of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate.

He is Founding Director of the Catholic Apostolate

Center and Executive Director of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men of the United States.

Fr. Frank works regularly with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic organizations, religious communities, and dioceses on aspects of evangelization, co-responsibility and collaboration in ministry and apostolate, Church leadership and management, and pastoral planning.

Keynote: Pilgrims of Hope – Disciples on Mission

Being a disciple of Christ on mission today calls us to be pilgrims of hope in the Church and in the world. We are following Christ ourselves, but we are also sent by him to accompany people to a deeper life in him in the community of faith, the Church. This keynote address will focus on the aspects of what it means to be a pilgrim of hope and a disciple on mission, how we are called by our Baptism to go forth, spreading the Good News, and leading others to a fuller life of faith.

Session 2: Living as Missionary Disciples: Remade for Mission

Inspired by the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the popes of the last sixty years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a guide for pastoral planning called *Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization*. The Catholic Apostolate Center provided extensive consultation on this document. Fr. Frank will present on the theological and spiritual background of the document and offer ways in which the methods and principles from it can be implemented, especially as the Diocese of Albany embarks on the Remade for Mission process.

The Day Includes...

Coffee - Check-in- Welcome
Morning Prayer led by Bishop Ed
Keynote
Break
Morning Session 2
Lunch
Synodal Listening Session & Sharing



~ There is no cost for the day ~

Coffee Service and Box
Lunches provided.

See registration for details.



To register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>

Or call the Office for Discipleship Formation: 518- 453-6670



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Schedule

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)
Monday 9-1	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's <i>Labor Day – Rectory offices closed today</i>
Tuesday 9-2	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 9-3	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Thursday 9-4	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 9-5	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 9-6	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 9-7	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 9-8	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 9-9	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 9-10	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Thursday 9-11	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 9-12	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 9-13	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 9-14	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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Faith Formation It's that time of year again—Faith Formation registration is now open! Our Faith Formation programs provide a free, fun, engaging faith education for children and youth in Pre-K through 12th grade. You can find updates and additional information on our Faith Formation website: hvvwff.org. The site will be updated regularly throughout the year, so please check back often.

□ Register here: <https://forms.gle/MGbTgBkYFo88oC9W8>

Please submit a separate form for each child in grades

Pre-K through 12 who will be participating.

Remember that families are welcome to attend any group for their child's age level within the HVVW network where their group is being offered—you do not need to attend only at your home parish.



Please Support Our Young People Our Faith Formation program is growing, and to serve more families (and possibly add groups at additional churches), we need more catechists and assistants. If you feel called to help share the faith with our young people—or even just want to learn more about what's involved—please reach out to your regional leader. Training and materials are provided. Your “yes” can make a lasting difference in a child's faith journey.

Faith Formation Coordinator Contact Information:

Athens Catskill Ravena: Christa Desrosiers Email: derobccr@gmail.com

Coxsackie: Bob Desrosiers Email: stmaryffo@aol.com

Palenville and Haines Falls: Tracy Spitz Email: ffshicch@rcda.org

Cairo, East Durham, Greenville and Windham: MaryJo Buzzanco Email: 3faithin1@gmail.com

**In order for St. Mary's to begin the PreK-4 program for the year, we need at least one more Catechist for the Pre-K/1 group. If you or anyone you know can assist our Church and Faith Formation Program in this ministry, please contact Bob at stmaryffo@aol.com or at (518) 731-9268.*

Donations are welcome in support of our Faith Formation programs. If you wish to help us keep our programs available free for all families, please write a check to your parish with “Faith Formation” in the memo line.

Thank you so much to the many volunteers who helped with the network's booth at the **Greene County Youth Fair!** It was a great success, and was recognized in the August 21st edition of *The Evangelist*.

Photo is here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=801931302498568>

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YOU'RE INVITED

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FREE PARISH DINNER

*Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and faith!
This is our way of saying thank you for being a part of
our parish family.*

Delicious Home-Cooked Food

Warm Community Atmosphere

Family Friendly – All Ages Welcome

*RSVP by 9/11/2025 to Sarah at 518-810-8672
(So we can prepare enough food for everyone!)*

We can't wait to see you there!

****Family Pizza Night****

Coffee and dessert available as well!
(Gluten and Dairy Free options available)

Date: Thursday, September 18th, 2025

Time: 5:30-8:00Pm

Location: Maria Hall (St Mary's, Coxsackie)

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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:

Snacks

Cookies

Bar soap

Applesauce

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.

We are sorry to announce that there will be no Annual Picnic this year due to not enough volunteers to help with it.

A Note from the St. Patrick's Finance Committee

The St. Patrick's Finance Committee recently received a note of possible confusion about the financial report from a parishioner. St. Patrick's pays for our own employees which is reflected under Salaries/Stipends. In addition to this St. Patrick's has regular monthly bills for our parish (i.e. fuel, snow removal, utilities) that are paid directly from our parish funds.

Each parish within the network pays for 1/8 of the salaries and benefits for the clergy and lay staff shared by the whole network. St. Patrick's pays the same amount as the other parishes and has from the establishment of the network. Also, St. Patrick's gets reimbursed for our Faith Formation coordinator whom we share, not with the whole network, but with Coxsackie, Athens, and Catskill, with each community reimbursing us based on the numbers of students enrolled in Faith Formation.

We hope this clarifies the concerns that were raised. The finance committee is available anytime to answer questions you may have.

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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.

*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

Coxsackie Riverside Festival

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

**We need volunteers to set up on Friday night and to man the booth all day Saturday,
please sign up at Mission Central**

COME JOIN THE FUN! Any questions, please contact Gina McGrath at 518-708

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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=ZDhkNzliMjctNjZjZi00NDNmLWI2YWQ0tYjMwOTAxMDY3NDg4>

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**

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Charismatic Mass & Healing Service

2025 - Monthly Liturgy - 2nd Wednesday of each month



Presented by
Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Albany

Christ Our Light RC Church

1 Maria Dr. Loudonville, NY

Date: September 10, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm Prayer and Praise

7:30 pm Mass & Healing Service



Presider: Rev. Marty Fisher

Adirondack Vicariate

All are welcome, bring a friend.

Joyful Heart

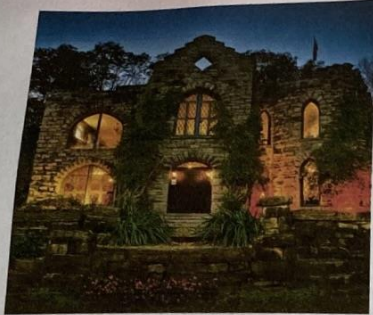
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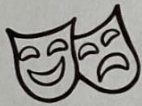
For more Information: WWW.AlbanyCCR.org

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Mother McAuley Columbiettes will hold their first meeting of the 2025-26 year on Tuesday, September 23, at 6:30 pm in Room 5 of the Parish Hall.
Looking forward to seeing our members there!



Join the
Mother McAuley Columbiettes
for a night of
Fun & Mystery at
Beardslee, an Irish Castle
123 Old State Rd.
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-3000



September 19, 2025
Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
"Deadly Inheritance"



\$65 per person, including show, dinner, tax and tip!

Make Your OWN Reservations,
With Lynn; (315) 823-3000
Mention the Mother McAuley Columbiettes so we
can all sit together.
Car Pool Available!

If you need a ride or want to be a driver for
this event, call Robin at 845-701-5803



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Mass Intentions

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 Mary Lavan by James Lavan

Week of September 6, 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 6 4:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Al and Trish

Sept 7 7:30 Coxsackie Alfred Daoust - 17th Anniversary – by his children
The Heim family by Anne Heim
Memorial Society

9:30 Ravena No intentions at this time

11:30 Coxsackie Russell Veeder by his wife
Deborah Callan by Kathy Callan

Week of September 13, 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept 13 4:30 Ravena No intentions at this time

Sept 14 7:30 Coxsackie Donald Daoust by Sister Dolores Stevens
Frank Dickerman by James McDermott

9:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Joe and Gail Boehlke

11:30 Coxsackie Fr. Paul Tartaglia 94th Birthday by Peggy McLarnon
Mary Buttino by Benny and Kathy Lanza

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You can find all the details and sign up at: <https://newlifematernity.org/events>



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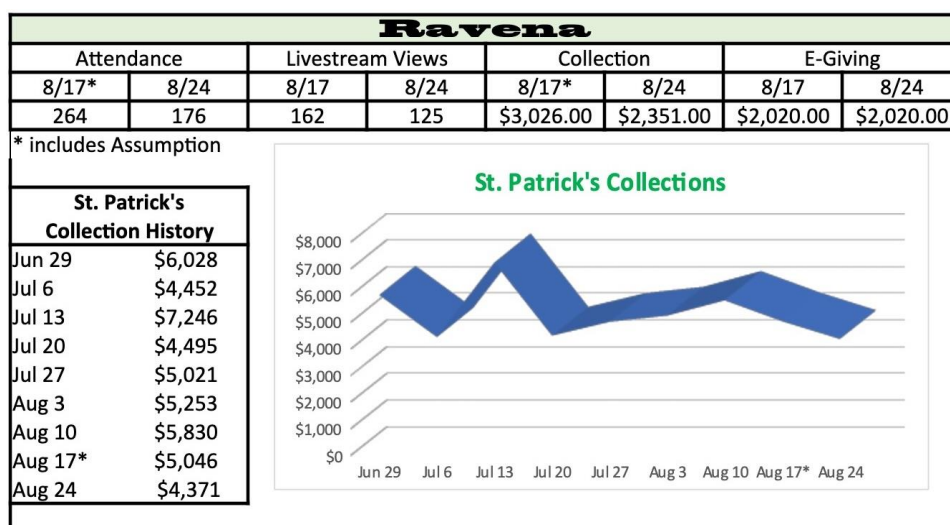
18 holes of golf, HIO contest,
longest drive & closest to pin M/W,
continental breakfast, lunch and
buffet dinner

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

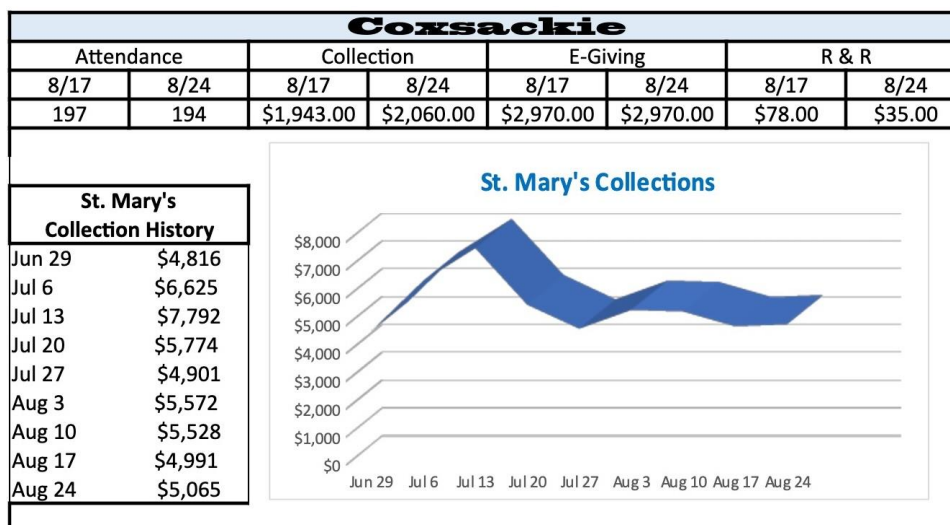
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ENVELOPES ARE GREAT, BUT E-GIVING HELPS YOUR PARISH MAKE BETTER FINANCIAL DECISIONS

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](#)



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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**

FIND US ONLINE: [Click here](#) for St. Patrick's Parish Homepage [Click here](#) for St. Mary's Parish Homepage
Parish Facebook Pages (updated daily)

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

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



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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