



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

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Looking for
Answers

Your Questions Addressed

December 20 & 21

What do you wish for Christmas this year?

Answered by: Deacon Ron Dombrowski

This Advent season is different than any other I have experienced. Yet the promise of Christmas is the same: the same as it was during the Depression years of the 1930s, the War years of the 1940s, or even the domestic turmoil of the 1960s.

The realities and challenges we face change from Christmas to Christmas. However, the promise of Christmas remains the same. For me, one challenge is accepting that I cannot do all that I expect of myself, at least for the moment. Asking for help is not one of my strong suits. However, the prayers that are being offered for me and my family are felt in so many gifts, large and small, in so many situations – God's blessings to us because others ask for me.

Cancer treatments certainly weaken the body; they can also collide with trust in faith. For me, my faith, my personal relations with God have strengthened. Not merely in quantifiable prayer time, of which there is more since I am not working, but a trust in faith – a trust in God. I have trust in God's love, mercy, and promises.

Christmas celebrates the fact that God so loved the world that God the Son became one of us while at the same time remaining God, fully human and fully divine – the INCARNATION.

At Christmas we celebrate the fulfillment of God's promises in Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament. We remember the manifestation of God's love for us by becoming one of us, experiencing all that we do in our lives.

Further, there could be no Easter without Christmas. We **remember that Christ is our light** – the resurrection offers us the hope of eternal life. Christmas is the start of the process for redemption and reconciliation now available to us. At Christmas, God shows himself not as a burning bush, but becomes a vulnerable human child. This is what the Incarnation at Christmas means to me: a fulfilment of ancient promises; a **demonstration of God's love and power over death**.

This year I apply these promises to my own life, grappling with the fact that my plans and timeframes may not be God's. The struggles and decisions that I and our nation have made over the past year are not all what we would have chosen. Just as people of the 1930s, '40s, and '60s would not have sought the challenges they faced.

Our time is not God's time. Time on earth is limited; we have a finite opportunity to seek and attempt to do God's will. What Christmas assures us, then and now, is that God is with us, God loves us, God is one of us – we are not alone.

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Sunday 12-21	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 12-22	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 12-23	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 NO Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) Cancelled 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 12-24	3:00 Christmas Vigil at St. Patrick's 5:00 Christmas Eve at St. Mary's 9:00 Christmas Eve at St. Patrick's
Thursday 12-25	Merry Christmas
Friday 12-26	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 12-27	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 12-28	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 12-29	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 12-30	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 NO Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) Cancelled 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 12-31	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 1-1	8:30 No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 No St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:00 Solemnity of Mary Mass at St. Patrick's
Friday 1-2	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-3	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 1-4	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) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's

Our snow policy: Our Network and Parish offices follow the local school districts. If the district has a two hour delay we open two hours later. If there is a school closure we are closed. If there is either a delay or closure, weekday morning Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are cancelled.

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All Parish and network offices will be closed December 24th through New Year's. The offices will reopen on Monday, January 5.

The Mother McAuley Columbiettes will not be meeting in the month of December. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th, at 6:30 pm. Please share with your friends, neighbors and relatives: **Brother Knights and Columbiettes, will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 11, from 9am -1pm.** Donating blood is one way we can give back to our community needs. Spread the word.

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

The Coxsackie Food Pantry gratefully accepts all donations. The basket for your donations will be in the back of the church all month. The Coxsackie Food Pantry is especially in need of: **tea, coffee and hot chocolate.**

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.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry, 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: Juice

The Food Pantry has been busy and has fed the following: Nov. – 334 people



Sock Collection During January St. Mary's will collect socks (yes, we will take hats, mittens, and even scarves) for men, women and children served by the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany. Socks are the most requested item for those arriving at shelters. Socks may be placed in the basket in the back of the Church. Close to 1,500 pair of socks were collected last year. Thank you in advance for your generosity. ☺

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Reconciliation Ongoing Schedule:

1st and 3rd Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30pm St. Mary's in Coxsackie
2nd and 4th Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30pm St. Patrick's in RAVENA
There will be no Reconciliation on Christmas Day or New Year's Day

*All are invited to take a baby bottle home to fill with your spare change during the Advent season.
Please return the bottles to the church by Christmas to benefit the Alight Center in Hudson.*

Weekly Justice Challenges!

December 21, 2025 4th Week of Advent

We celebrate the Incarnation on Thursday – God taking on human flesh and becoming one of us. This is the ultimate act of solidarity. Jesus embrace humanity in all of its joy and in all of its. Suffering. He truly became “one of us.” We are called to be one with each other as Jesus is one with us. Your challenge during this final (short) week of Advent is to ask yourself which part of God’s community you are disconnected from. With whom does God *want* you to stand in solidarity – locally or globally? Say a prayer every night this week for this person or group of persons.

December 28, 2025 Holy Family

The first week of January is National Migration Week. Mary and Joseph and Jesus were refugees when they fled to Egypt to escape the persecution by Herod. They know what it is like to be strangers in another land. Your challenge this week is to honor those who migrate by educating yourself on the reality and reasons for migration. Go to the United States Bishops’ website

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/> and learn about migration through the lens of faith. Then choose one concrete action recommended on the Bishops’ website which you can do to stand with refugees in today’s world. Or, if you have migrants or refugees in your own community, determine one thing you as a family can do to support them.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule | Wednesday, December 24

3pm – St. Patrick's RAVENA | 4pm – St. John's Greenville | 4pm – St. Patrick's ATHENS
5pm – St. Mary's COXSACKIE | 5pm – St. Theresa's WINDHAM | 8pm – Our Lady of Knock EAST DURHAM
9pm – St. Patrick's RAVENA

Christmas Day Mass Schedule | Thursday, December 25

9am – Sacred Heart Palenville | 10:45am – St. Patrick's Catskill | 11am – Sacred Heart Cairo
11am – Immaculate Conception Haines Falls or Sacred Heart Cairo
10:30am St. Thomas Delmar

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31 @ 6pm – St. Theresa's WINDHAM
Wednesday, December 31 @ 6pm – St. John's GREENVILLE
Thursday, January 1 @ 12pm – St. Patrick's CATSKILL
Thursday, January 1 @ 6pm – St. Patrick's RAVENA

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Please make sure you write your parish name on your Christmas donation envelope. If you attend a Christmas Mass at any parish within our network and your parish is clearly marked, that donation can be dropped into the collection there and it will still go back to your home parish. *Please note that if you attend outside the network, the best way to get your Christmas donation to St. Mary's or St. Patrick's is to mail it in.*

Mass Intentions

Week of December 20, 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 20 4:30 Ravena Krista Visconti by family
Joseph Campoli by Gloria

Dec 21 7:30 Coxsackie Leo Synakowski by his wife
Ray and Regina Donovan by their family
9:30 Ravena Patricia & Bill McMullen & Anna McNessor by the McMullen Family
11:30 Coxsackie Matt and Jackie Kennedy by Alice and Michael Gatt
Jeanne Cary by SueEllen Meier
Joseph and Barbara Persichilli by St. Mary's Parish

Week of December 27, 28, 2025

The Holy Family

Dec 27 4:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Gina McGrath
Children of Ralph and Anne Bruno by John and Carol

Dec 28 9:30 Ravena Anna McNessor by the McMullen family
Caroline Borger by Selkirk #1 Auxiliary
11:30 Coxsackie Rose Voudry by her neice
Emery Vatalaro by Susanne Lewis

Week of January 3, 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 3 4:30 Ravena Rev. John Malecki by Claudia Labuda

Jan 4 7:30 Coxsackie The Heim Family by Anne Heim
Larry McCarroll by Judee Synakowski and Bill Myers
9:30 Ravena Carmin Carocciolo by Ginny Morrow
11:30 Coxsackie None at this time

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You're invited to a

Free &

at St. Mary's

Hearty meal

DINNER PARTY

Thursday, January 15

5:30 pm | Maria Hall, St Mary's
Italian themed menu, drinks, & dessert

RSVP to Sarah (518) 810 8672 by January 08



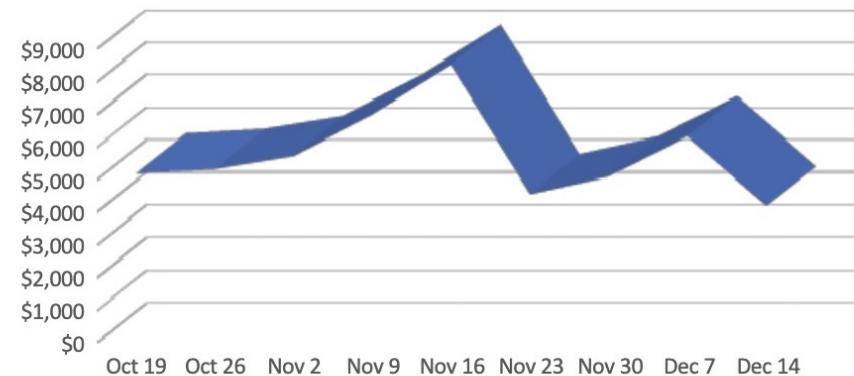
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Collections & E-GivingE-Mail Dawn Brownson **parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com****Ravena**

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
12/7	12/14	12/7	12/14	12/7	12/14	12/7	12/14
190	182	178	107	\$4,332.00	\$2,171.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History

Oct 19	\$5,198
Oct 26	\$5,327
Nov 2	\$5,740
Nov 9	\$7,010
Nov 16	\$8,558
Nov 23	\$4,568
Nov 30	\$5,113
Dec 7	\$6,352
Dec 14	\$4,191

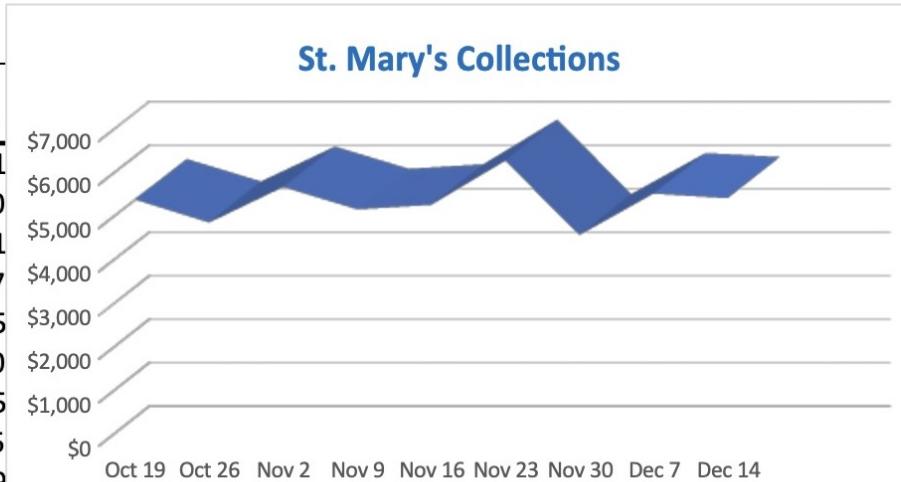
St. Patrick's Collections**Coxsackie**

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
12/7	12/14*	12/7	12/14	12/7	12/14	12/7	12/14
203	294	\$2,835.00	\$2,569.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$170.00

* + Immaculate

St. Mary's Collection History

Oct 19	\$5,671
Oct 26	\$5,150
Nov 2	\$5,961
Nov 9	\$5,447
Nov 16	\$5,555
Nov 23	\$6,570
Nov 30	\$4,865
Dec 7	\$5,805
Dec 14	\$5,709

St. Mary's Collections

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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 CANCELLED for rest of December

St. Patrick's 2nd and 4th Tuesday 9:00 am CANCELLED for rest of December

HUDSON VALLEY VICARIATE WEST FAITH FORMATION Online hvwff.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

NETWORK FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/hvwv.network/>

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 – Rectory

Cancelled until 2026

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

Reconciliation,

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