



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

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Why start Greene County Catholic Connection?

Answered by: Stephanie Valdez

Why start the Greene County Catholic Connection you ask? The answer will always be *why not?* Greene County and its surrounding areas are not a bubbling metropolis. In our individual parishes, there often just isn't a big enough population to find friends our own age. It may be difficult to find where you feel seen. With careful consideration we can navigate our lives in the direction where we can be seen and heard in our authenticity. Having an outlet to express deep thought and emotion is paramount in our lives.

Feeling alone in a world where we are the most connected society has ever been is a heart wrenching reality. The amount of loss you can identify with among peers will always be unknown if we isolate ourselves and never choose to open up and be vulnerable.

The same goes for the gains we make in our lives. We want to share, connect, and pray with each other for the greater good. It is within our power to be present for each other throughout this ride we call life. And after years of trial and error, people find their way to God and find others who share this same enlightenment.

The Greene County Catholic Connection is where we can break the ice. We can look beyond just our own parish to the rest of the network and beyond. We can start to become familiar with ourselves and with each other. We can start to take care of each other.

We are not alone here on this earth and our message is to assure you there is always One who is perpetually with you. And that One secured us - Greene County Catholic Connection - to be with you when you need some human understanding and likeness. Just as the network brings our parishes together to make us stronger, this group can bring us together as faithful individuals and make us stronger. We can talk, we can watch movies, we can explore new hobbies, and it doesn't have to be so far from home. In a perfect world everyone will have what they need to succeed. This is our way of ensuring the communities of Greene County (and of our neighbors even beyond the county borders) are covered with faith, friendship and community.

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Sunday 2-1	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
Monday 2-2	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 6:00 St. Patrick's Events Committee meeting in room 2 of the school
Tuesday 2-3	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Tame Your Thoughts... 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 2-4	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 2-5	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 5:30 Reconciliation (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 6:00 St. Patrick's Festa planning committee meeting in room 2 of the school 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 2-6	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 2-7	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 2-8	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 2-9	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 7:00 Pastoral Council meeting in room 5 of St. Patrick's School
Tuesday 2-10	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Tame Your Thoughts... 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 2-11	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 2-12	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's 5:30 Reconciliation (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's)
Friday 2-13	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 2-14	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 2-15	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)

Please join us on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18) after St. Patrick's 6pm service, as we dedicate our Food Pantry in honor of the late Diane Hoffman. Her devotion to serving all of God's children was truly inspirational.

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 **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.

Year End 2025 Giving Statements Due to changes in tax laws many people are no longer able to receive deductions for charitable contributions. Therefore we will only send letters to parishioners who call the office to request a summary of their 2025 giving. St. Patrick's RAVENA → 518-756-3145 St. Mary's COXSACKIE → 518-731-8800

Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by Brother Knights and Columbiettes on Wednesday, February 11, from 9am -2pm. Donating blood is one way we can give back to our community needs. Spread the word. Blood is a much needed item! Sign up is on-line. **Donate Blood**. Click here to make an appointment: www.RedCrossBlood.org. Sponsor code: Stpatrickravenna. Each donor will receive a \$20.00 e gift card, following their donation, in an e mail.

Bishop Mark Meet and Greet: Bishop Mark will attend a general meet-and-greet for our whole network at the Our Lady of Knock Shrine in East Durham from 5-6pm on Friday, February 13th. Light refreshments will be served. He will then preside over the Daily Mass there at 6:30pm.

Catholic Faith Q&A Msgr. Desmond will be hosting monthly Q and A sessions to discuss the Catholic Faith on the fourth Thursday each month at the St. John the Baptist Parish House.

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: **bar soap**. 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

Re-Purpose Greeting Cards: During February, St. Mary's will collect greeting cards you have received and that you wish to donate to re-purpose for nursing home residents. The front alone of a card can be donated or the entire card. Both Christmas and all-occasion cards can be used. Please place cards in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Faith Formation K-4 Spring Schedule:

- St. Mary's – every Sunday during 11:30 Mass
- St. Patrick's- during 9:30 Mass on the following Sundays: Feb. 8 and 22; March 8 and 22; April 26 and May 10.

February's free network meal will be a soup supper! Join us for a Lenten meatless meal on Thursday, February 19 at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. Please **RSVP** to Sarah by February 12 at [518]-810-8672.

Save the Date for a Shamrockin' Good Time! Join us for an afternoon filled with delicious food, lively music, and Irish dancers at the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, sponsored by St. Marys and St. Patricks, on Sunday, March 15. Ticket sales will start as the date gets closer. **But right now..... We Need Your Help!** We're creating Gift Baskets for our raffle, **and your donations make them special.** Every item, big or small, makes a difference. **Donation Deadline:** Please bring your items to the Rectory during office hours or leave them in the Sacristy before or after Mass by March 1. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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The Parish Community Life Committee needs volunteers.

Right now, our numbers are shrinking as members have been aging out. The annual Parish Picnic in September had to be cancelled due to a lack of committee members. Please don't let this happen again! Come join us! Committee members help organize events like the St. Patrick's Day dinner, the annual picnic, and the Christmas Giving Tree. Even though it is work, it's not like "going to work". We are friendly, we laugh a lot and always manage to enjoy what we do. **Interested?** Please call Gina McGrath at [518]-708-4689

Find Christian Fellowship in Greene County! Join the Discord discussion on February 5 at 7pm. The first online group meeting of the new Greene County Catholic Connection will watch and discuss a thought-provoking video and fill out a survey on activities we'd like to see the group organize. Do you want to hike to mountain peaks? Learn self-defense? Share a casual dinner with a priest? Play board games? Volunteer at your local horse sanctuary? Don't do it



alone - connect.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord: There will be Mass at 6pm on Monday, February 2 at St. Patrick's Catskill to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. The Mass will be open to everyone in the Network, and you are invited to bring a candle or candles you will use in prayer this year to be blessed. Father Bill will be presiding.

Mardi Gras Potluck Party – Saturday, February 7 Join us at 5:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Center for turkey & cavatelli & meatballs, with music and dancing. It's fun for the whole family! Please register – call [518]-756-3145 to let us know how many people are coming and what dish you're bringing (main dish, side dish, or dessert).



2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal Campaign

There are things God does for us as well as things that God calls us to do...getting back to Mass, participating actively in our parish community, living as a joyful disciple, being constant in prayer, investing in our parishes & diocese...if not each of us, then who? Please don't wait!

Making your gift or pledge today to the Diocesan Appeal shows you have stepped forward by personally committing and participating in Christ bringing about His Kingdom here on earth. Thank you – with patience and your support, a brighter future is near!

Payments can be made on-line by going to <https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

ST. PATRICK'S

44 gifts so far
Goal \$ 37,373
Total donations = * \$ 17,957
48.00 % of goal
Average Gift \$ 401
Shortfall = \$ 19,416

ST. MARY'S

41 gifts so far
Goal \$ 33,755
Total donations = * 9,030
26.75% of goal
Average Gift \$ 220
Shortfall = \$ 24,725

All funds raised for the Diocesan Appeal are applied immediately to underwrite the current Diocesan programs, services and ministries for parishes as well as vocations, not for the settlement of legal cases.

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Weekly Justice Challenges!

February 1, 2026 – 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' beatitude teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes provide us with a blueprint for being people of faith and justice. Your challenge this week is to take one beatitude each day. Read the beatitude in the morning, and ask God for the strength to practice that attitude throughout the day. Then in the evening, reflect on whether or not you loved that particular "attitude of being" in your life during the day. Thank God for your successes, ask for forgiveness where you failed, and pray for the courage and strength to live that beatitude in the future.

February 8, 2026 – 5th Week in Ordinary Time

The First Reading for Sunday is from the prophet Isaiah. We are challenged by God's Word: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter or the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own" (Isaiah 58:7-8). Your challenge this week is to choose one of the following works of mercy to live out God's Word in the world: 1) go through your closets and donate good clothes to a homeless shelter; 2) go grocery shopping and buy several extra foodstuffs, then donate them to the local food bank or Catholic Charities; or 3) volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity build or donate money or resources to a homeless shelter.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 31, February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 31	4:30 Ravenna	Maureen Tate by Al and Trish Visconti
Feb 1	7:30 Coxsackie	Memorial Society
		Rose Capparello by her daughter
		The Heim family by Anne Heim
	9:30 Ravenna	Joan Diacetis Smith by JoAnne and Al Burrill
	11:30 Coxsackie	Larry McCarroll by Bill and Judy Halstead
		Richard Bruno by Gina McGrath

Week of February 7, 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 7	4:30 Ravenna	None at this time
Feb 8	7:30 Coxsackie	None at this time
	9:30 Ravenna	None at this time
	11:30 Coxsackie	Larry McCarroll by Gina McGrath
		MaryAnne Edwards by Alice and Michael Gatt

Week of February 14, 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 14	4:30 Ravenna	Don, Rita and Michael Gager, Robert Hagen, Diane Hoffman by family
Feb 15	7:30 Coxsackie	None at this time
	9:30 Ravenna	None at this time
	11:30 Coxsackie	Albert Ollisio by his niece
		Deceased members of Lavissiere family by Michelle Welch/Christine Tuikka

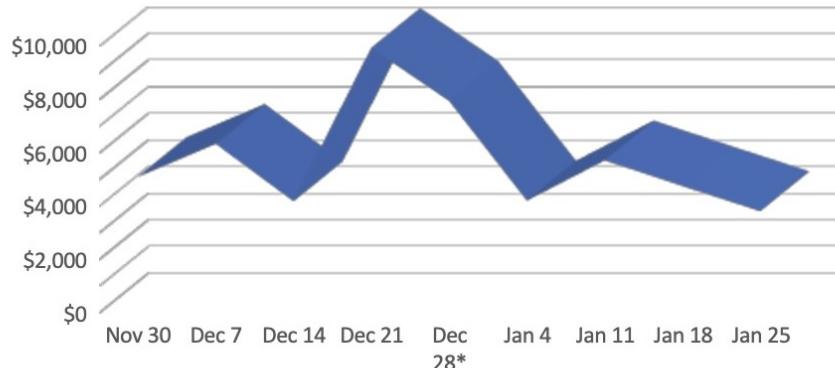
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Collections & E-GivingE-Mail Dawn Brownson **parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com****Ravena**

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
1/18	1/25	1/18	1/25	1/18	1/25	1/18	1/25
109	113	281	290	\$2,748.00	\$1,812.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

* + Christmas Eve

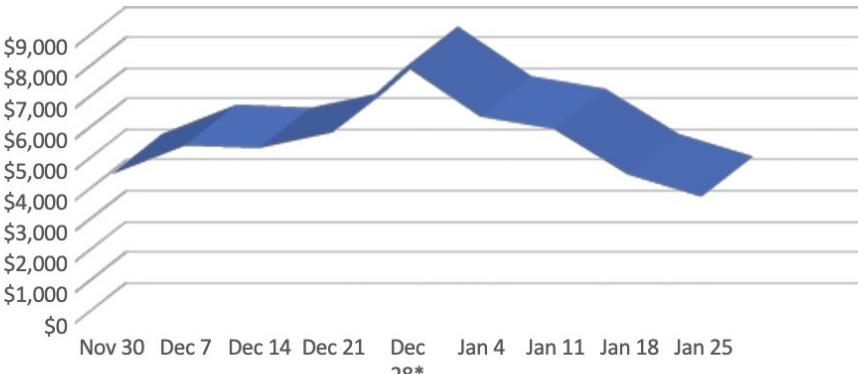
St. Patrick's Collection History	
Nov 30	\$5,113
Dec 7	\$6,352
Dec 14	\$4,191
Dec 21	\$9,957
Dec 28*	\$7,957
Jan 4	\$4,212
Jan 11	\$5,742
Jan 18	\$4,768
Jan 25	\$3,832

St. Patrick's Collections**Cossackie**

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
1/18	1/25	1/18	1/25	1/18	1/25	1/18	1/25
99	85	\$1,535.00	\$1,118.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$350.00	\$40.00

* + Christmas Eve

St. Mary's Collection History	
Nov 30	\$4,865
Dec 7	\$5,805
Dec 14	\$5,709
Dec 21	\$6,226
Dec 28*	\$8,366
Jan 4	\$6,735
Jan 11	\$6,335
Jan 18	\$4,855
Jan 25	\$4,128

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

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

HUDSON VALLEY VICARIATE WEST FAITH FORMATION Online hvwff.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

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

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

Reconciliation,

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

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