



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

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Looking for  
Answers

February 14 & 15

**Was it hard to leave secular life behind for a second career vocation?**

Your Questions Addressed

Answered by: Father Pat

In my last article, I told you about my first meeting with the Vocation Director here in the Albany Diocese. He challenged me with three questions that highlighted what I would have to let go on this journey. I realized I needed more time. Was I really ready for these major changes?

I remember leaving that meeting and thinking there is a lot more to this than I had originally expected. Although in hindsight, that makes sense because what I was considering was to become an Ordained Priest, not something to be taken lightly. My mind began to race with all the questions that I was now faced with.

I returned to my existing responsibilities at that point, which was my job in the tire industry. It was easy to let the day-to-day take up my attention, and put off answering harder questions about my vocation.

Many weeks went by, and then I received an email from the vocation director asking if I was available to attend a group meeting for possible Aspirants at the House of Discernment that upcoming Saturday for Mass and a gathering. I replied *Yes*, of course. My mind was now racing... was it too late for me? Had I waited too long to reconnect?

So, I attended the Mass, and the vocation director's homily was centered on **"do not get caught up in the busyness of life."** I felt as though the homily was directed towards me personally. That was exactly what I had done, allowing the busyness of my job to delay my response to my calling.

After the Mass while we had some time before a group meal, the vocation director called "I would like to meet with Caleb and Pat in my office for a discussion."

My immediate thought was *I waited too long and my opportunity is past*. I asked Father is it too late for me? To which he responded NO, we just need to begin the process soon.

I was back on the path. The next steps are for my next article.

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Sunday 2-15 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	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 2-16	<b>All offices of the Network will be closed for President's Day</b> 8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 2-17	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's; 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's) 11:00 <b>Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Tame Your Thoughts...</b> 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 2-18	<b>8:00 Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word at St. Mary's</b> 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's <b>6:00 Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word at St. Patrick's</b>
Thursday 2-19	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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's; 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 2-20	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 2-21	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 2-22 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	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 2-23	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 2-24	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's; 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's) 11:00 <b>Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Tame Your Thoughts...</b> 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 2-25	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 2-26	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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's; 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's)
Friday 2-27	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 2-28	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 3-1	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

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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.

**Save the Dates:** Monday, March 2 the Events Committee meets in room 2 of St. Pat's School at 6pm

Thursday, March 5 the Festa Planning committee meets in room 2 of St. Pat's School at 6pm

**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

**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. The next session is Thursday, February 26 at 6pm.

**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 bags, 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.

**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. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses beginning the weekend of February 21<sup>st</sup>



**Sock Collection extended through February** St. Mary's will collect socks (yes, we will take clean jackets, 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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**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**



### **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**

48 gifts so far  
Goal \$ 37,373  
Total donations = \* \$ 18,343.51  
49.08 % of goal  
Average Gift \$ 382  
Shortfall = \$ 19,029.49

#### **ST. MARY'S**

42 gifts so far  
Goal \$ 33,755  
Total donations = \* \$ 10,730  
31.79% of goal  
Average Gift \$ 255  
Shortfall = \$ 23,025

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.

### **Ash Wednesday, February 18: Distribution of Ashes**

8am - St. Mary's in Coxsackie (Liturgy of the Word)  
8:30am **MASS** - St. Patrick's in Catskill  
9am - Immaculate Conception in Haines Falls (Liturgy of the Word)  
Noon - St. Patrick's in Catskill (Liturgy of the Word)  
Noon - Sacred Heart in Palenville (Liturgy of the Word)  
Noon **MASS** - Our Lady of Knock in East Durham  
6pm **MASS** - St. Patrick's in Athens\*  
6pm - St. Theresa's in Windham (Liturgy of the Word)  
6pm - St. Patrick's in Ravena (Liturgy of the Word)\*\*  
6pm **MASS** - St. John the Baptist in Greenville

*\*Please join St. Patrick's: Athens or Ravena after their 6pm Mass for a community soup supper.*

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**Annual Ash Wednesday Collection for Catholic Charities** As has been our tradition, a collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday at all Masses and Liturgy Of the Word services to benefit Catholic Charities of Columbia and Greene Counties. The collection supports their ever-increasing ministry in responding to our area's needy in emergency situations.

As St. Patrick's Ravena is located in Albany County their collection will benefit Catholic Charities Tri-County Services.

**Collection of Palms** We invite parishioners to bring in their palms from last Palm Sunday, which we will use to fuel the fire at the Easter Vigil. Loose palms may be left at St. Mary's until Sunday, March 22. Please do not leave plastic bags, rubber bands, twist ties, etc.

	<b><u>Holy Week 2026: March 28 – April 5</u></b>	
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		<b>Holy Saturday</b>
Saturday, March 28 & Sunday March 29		Saturday, April 4
<i>Regular weekend Mass schedule</i>		9:00am – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, Sacred Heart in Cairo
<b>Holy Thursday</b>		12:30pm – Blessing of Easter Foods, St. Theresa's in Windham
Thursday, April 2		8:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass, Sacred Heart in Cairo
9:00am – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, Sacred Heart in Cairo		8:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass, St. Theresa's in Windham
6:00pm – Mass, St. Mary's in Coxsackie		8:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's in Ravena
6:30pm – Mass, St. John the Baptist in Greenville		
6:30pm – Mass, Sacred Heart in Palenville		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>		Sunday, April 5
Friday, April 3		8:45am – Mass, St. Patrick's in Catskill
9:00am – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, Sacred Heart in Cairo		9:00am – Mass, St. John the Baptist in Greenville
Noon – Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Knock in East Durham		9:00am – Mass, Sacred Heart in Palenville
Noon – Stations of the Cross, St. Mary's in Coxsackie		9:30am – Mass, St. Patrick's in Ravena
Noon – Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick's in Ravena		10:45am – Mass, St. Patrick's in Athens
3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Our Lady of Knock in East Durham		11:00am – Mass, Immaculate Conception in Haines Falls
3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Immaculate Conception in Haines Falls		11:30am – Mass, St. Mary's in Coxsackie
6:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St. Mary's in Coxsackie		11:30am – Mass, St. Theresa's in Windham

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## Weekly Justice Challenges!

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### February 15, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

The Gospel for Sunday is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is focusing on keeping the commandments. He emphasizes that the Fifth Commandment, “Thou shalt not kill” means more than not taking someone’s life. It also means not being angry or destroying someone’s self-esteem by calling them names. Your challenge this week is to look at your life and examine where you might have hurt someone-physically, emotionally through negative gossip, cyber criticism, or derogatory words, or even spiritually by giving bad example. Make a commitment to changing that hurtful behavior, say a prayer for the person you have hurt, and try to have the courage to ask forgiveness in person.

### February 22, 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

The Gospel recounts Jesus’ experience of being tempted by the devil after 40 days of retreat in the desert. Jesus was tempted to indulge in physical satisfaction (eating bread), ego satisfaction (throwing himself off the temple to be saved by angels), and the satisfaction of power (having the world at his feet if he worshipped the devil). Your challenge this week is to take a serious look at the power you hold over other people – your children or parents, your colleagues at work or school, your friends. Do you use your power in a holy way? Do you ever abuse your power? Pray this week that you always remember that only God really has the power. Remind yourself that you are called to use the power entrusted to you to serve others in the same way Jesus did.

## Mass Intentions

### Week of February 14, 15, 2026

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Week of February 21, 22, 2026

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Feb 21 4:30 Ravena Gerald and Beatrice McCreedy by family  
Hausler family by family  
Feb 22 7:30 Coxsackie None at this time  
9:30 Ravena Betty June Cure by Frank Mirande  
11:30 Coxsackie Dominic Capparella by his daughter  
Lavissiere family by Michelle Welch & Christine Tuikka

### Week of February 28, March 1, 2026

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Feb 28 4:30 Ravena Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeBarthe by family  
Mar 1 7:30 Coxsackie Memorial Society  
Heim family by Anne Heim  
9:30 Ravena None at this time  
11:30 Coxsackie Larry McCarroll by Rosemary Martin  
Michael Merchant by the Merchant family  
Mar 3 9:00 Coxsackie Joanne Elsesser by the Tuesday Mass Group

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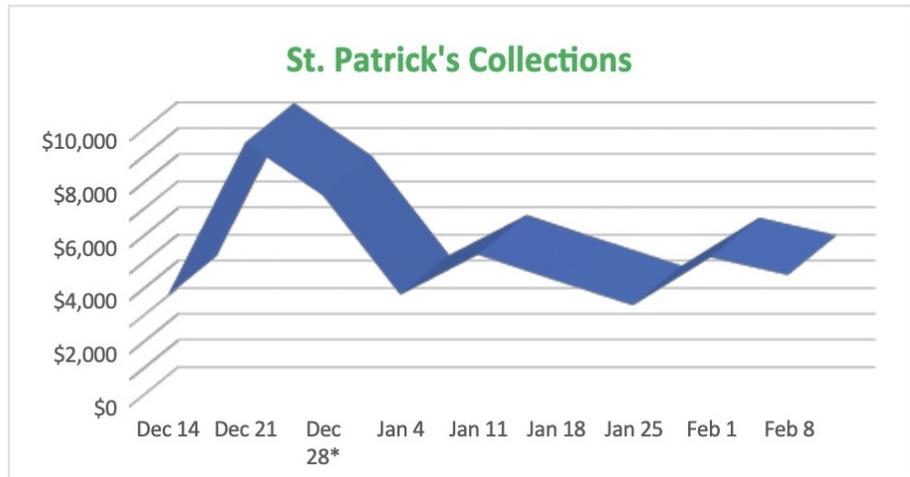
**Ravena**

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
2/1	2/8	2/1	2/8	2/1	2/8	2/1	2/8
159	155	343	224	\$3,614.00	\$2,942.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

\* + Christmas Eve

**St. Patrick's  
Collection History**

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
Feb 1	\$5,634
Feb 8	\$4,962



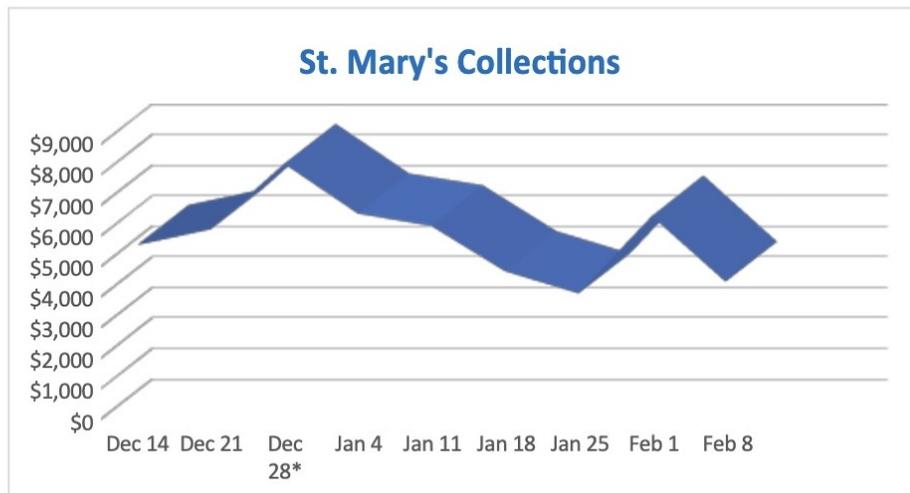
**Cozsackie**

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
2/1	2/8	2/1	2/8	2/1	2/8	2/1	2/8
186	141	\$2,947.00	\$1,472.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$742.00	\$70.00

\* + Christmas Eve

**St. Mary's  
Collection History**

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
Feb 1	\$6,659
Feb 8	\$4,512



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## Connecting with the Parishes

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### 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

NETWORK FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/hvww.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 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 – 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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