



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

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Why should we “fear the Lord”? What does that mean?

Answered by: Father Jay

One of the phrases people often stumble over in the Bible and in Church teaching is “fear of the Lord.” Understandably so. After all, we are constantly reminded that God loves us, that He is merciful, and that we are His beloved children. So why would fear have anything to do with our relationship with Him?

Part of the confusion comes from assuming that fear only means being scared. But there is another way the word has long been used — one that many of us learned growing up, even if we didn’t think of it in religious terms.

When I was a child, my grandfather would sometimes tell me to “respect” certain things: to respect fire, to respect a bear in the woods, or to respect a creek after a heavy rain. He wasn’t telling me to be terrified of these things, nor was he telling me to avoid them entirely. What he was teaching me was something subtler and far wiser.

He was teaching me that there are certain realities you don’t get to relate to *on your own terms*. You don’t decide, on a whim, how fire works, or how dangerous floodwater can be. There are forces at play beyond your control. If you want to use, enjoy, or safely encounter those realities, you have to acknowledge what they are and act accordingly.

That kind of “respect” is very close to what Scripture and Tradition mean by **the Fear of the Lord**.

To fear the Lord is not to be afraid of God as dangerous. Rather, it is to recognize who God truly is — holy, infinite, and utterly unlike anything else — and to approach Him with the reverence that reality demands. It is a form of love that takes God seriously.

This is why the Fear of the Lord is one of the **seven gifts of the Holy Spirit**. It disposes us to accept the truth about who God is and who we are. It teaches us that we cannot do “any old thing” before God and still expect a healthy relationship with Him.

God is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Savior — the One who, as a priest friend of mine likes to say, “loves us so much there’s nothing we can do about it.” Because that is true, our relationship with Him is necessarily unique. It has a shape and a direction that we do not invent for ourselves.

If, and only if, we accept the parameters for relationship that flow from these deep truths about God and about ourselves, can we enter into a friendship with Him that is deep, loving, and lasting.

The fear of the Lord, then, is not about being scared of God.
It is about recognizing reality — and choosing to live within it — so that true friendship with God can flourish.

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Sunday 1-18	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 1-19	<i>Offices closed today in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 1-20	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) 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 1-21	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 1-22	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) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 1-23	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-24	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 1-25	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 1-26	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 1-27	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) 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 1-28	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 1-29	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 1-30	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-31	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
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

St. Patrick's Events Committee meets Monday February 2 in room 2 of the school at 6pm. We are always looking for new committee members.

St. Patrick's Festa planning committee meets Thursday February 5 in room 2 of the school at 6pm. We are always looking for new committee members.

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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 Cocksackie → 518-731-8800

The Mother McAuley Columbiettes' next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th, at 6:30 pm.

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. Each donor will receive a \$20.00 e gift card, following their donation, in an e mail.

Save the Date! Bishop Mark will attend a general meet-and-greet for our whole network at the Our Lady of Knock Shrine in East Durham on the evening of Friday, February 13th.

Trivia night is coming to Fr. Casey Hall in St. Patrick's Athens on Thursday, January 22nd (6:00-7:30). Bring your families, friends and kids and enjoy a night of light competition. If you don't have a team, we will add you to an existing team. Pizza slices will be available for sale. Bring your own snacks and beverages. For further information, contact Rob Muenkel (robmuenkel@gmail.com)

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 first session is January 22 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, Cocksackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Cocksackie 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

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. 🌙

Thank you to everyone who supported our Giving Tree this Christmas. With your generosity, we donated 124 gifts to 27 clients of Catholic Charities and 8 of our own shut-ins. In addition, we collected \$1,048.00 in Stewart's Gas cards for Catholic Charities to hand out over the year for verified employment or doctor's appointments. Sincere appreciation to those who donated their time to put the bags together and delivering them. The spirit of Christmas is alive at St. Mary's.

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Weekly Justice Challenges!

January 18, 2026 - 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

The First Reading for Sunday is from the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah writes, "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6) The early Church had to grow into the realization that the "Chosen People" now includes everyone – including people as far away as the ends of the earth! Your challenge this week is to examine your own world. Do you interact with people who are different from you? Does your circle of friends include people of different ages, ethnicity, economic levels, or education? Reflect on how well you bring the good news of Jesus to people beyond your family and friends. How universal is your reach as an evangelizer?

January 25, 2026 – 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

The Gospel for Sunday includes Jesus' call of Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be his apostles. Scripture tells us that they dropped their nets and immediately responded to his invitation. Your challenge this week is to listen to Jesus' call to you. What is he asking you to do this week, particularly for those who are in need of healing. Just as Jesus cured those who were sick as he proclaimed the Kingdom of God, how can you help to heal someone who has an injured heart or soul? How can you bring them Jesus' message of God's boundless love and desire that all people live in dignity and hope?

Mass Intentions

Week of January 17, 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 17	4:30 Ravena	Joseph Campoli by Gloria Philip Angelo Puccia by Linda and Bernie McCall
Jan 18	7:30 Cocksackie	Ramon and Sharon Torres by Patrick and JoAnne Rose
	9:30 Ravena	Diane Hoffman by Rick and Kathi Touchette
	11:30 Cocksackie	Larry McCarroll by Frank Montana and family Diane Ringwald(Third Anniversary) by her sister, Claudia

Week of January 24, 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 24	4:30 Ravena	Michael Gager by Ginny Morrow
Jan 25	7:30 Cocksackie	None at this time
	9:30 Ravena	None at this time
	11:30 Cocksackie	Larry McCarroll by Rosemary Martin Edward Trinkle by the Geiger family

Week of January 31, February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 31	4:30 Ravena	Maureen Tate by Al and Trish Visconti
Feb 1	7:30 Cocksackie	Memorial Society Rose Capparello by her daughter The Heim family by Anne Heim
	9:30 Ravena	None at this time
	11:30 Cocksackie	Larry McCarroll by Bill and Judy Halstead Richard Bruno by Gina McGrath

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St. Mary's Christmas 2025 Flower Donations

Donation From:	In Remembrance of:
Lou Martin	
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fitzpatrick	Fitzpatrick Families, Kozloski Families, Posik Families, Foley Families
Rosemarie Veeder	Veeder & Capparello Families
Mrs. Michael Matthews	Michael M. Matthews, Mark Matthews, Edward & Bernadette Carroll, Marlene Carroll, Elizabeth Caputo, Mason & Ruth Matthews, Denise Wyllie
Marilyn Rausch	Henry Rausch, Kaitlyn Rausch, Mark Jacobson, Finch Family
Mrs. Peter Hynes	Peter Hynes, Lena & Sam Coniglio, Ann Marie Coniglio, Uncle Carl
Mrs. Lawrence McCarroll	Alcure and McCarroll Families
Mr. Josef Schmidt	Josef & Paula Schmidt, John Schmidt
Mrs. Leo Synakowski	Leo G. Synakowski, Alfred & Julia Daoust, Ronald & Kathleen Daoust, Donald Daoust
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Navarra	Christine Trabucco
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Leonardo	Deceased Members of Leonardo & Walsh Families, Trilby Hotaling, Brynn Levitsky
Nancy Belycia	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Esposito, Michael Belycia, DePasquale Family, Pauline Macek
Anna Affatato	Joseph M. Affatato, Thomas R. Affatato, Joseph F. Affatato, Hilda Puga
Karen Cole	Rocco A. Cole, John & Paula Grogan
Mrs. Floyd Barber, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Maresca, Pauline & Marilyn Gladstone, Mr. & Mrs. F.H. Barber Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sorrentino
Joseph A Caputo	Elizabeth A. Caputo, Joseph & Dominica Caputo
Robert Piano	
David and Colleen Cole	Deceased family and friends
Mrs. Edward Zini	Edward Zini
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gerrain	Richard Bruno
Mrs. Charles Meyer	Charles Meyer, Edna & Charles Boehlke Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. John Eldred	Mary Jane Smith, Stephen Smith, Mary Jo Roberts, Richard Zeche, Patricia Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Szweczyk	Edward Hajduczka, Joseph Sigda, Katarzyna Sigda, Edna Zielinski
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Huber	Cole & Dovidio Families, Huber & Hertz Family, Bill Lucas, Kathy Hilner
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burke	
Eleanor McGrath	Frank McGrath
Mrs. Emery Vatalaro	Emery Vatalaro, Vatalaro Family, O'Banks Family

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In Remembrance of:

Rose Anatriello	Justin Bonafide, Guy Anatriello, Mormile Family, Anatriello Family
George Boehlke	Delores Boehlke
Norris Benway	Charles & Clara Hatcher, Dolores Boehlke, Wyman & Nina Benway, Fred & Elsie Ward, Ronnie Campbell
Mr. & Mrs. Charley Moreno	Nichole Montero
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Andrews	Vasto & Amedio Families
MaryAnn Filkins	Robert Filkins, Ralph & Jessmine Hotaling
Mr. & Mrs. John Bruno	Thelma, James, James Jr., & Eugene Winters, Ralph & Anna Bruno and children
Ann Marie Catello	Deceased members of the Catello & Depuccio families
Virginia Morrow	Morrow Family
Antoinette Robbins	Bus Robbins, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Testa
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Williams	Frangella & Quackenbush Families, Williams & Nunziato Families
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Rusik	our parents
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Carrk	Marcia, Frances & William Bottachari
Mr. & Mrs. John Dottino	Helky & John Frangella, Nick & Faye Dottino
Rose Marie Taylor	David Taylor, Kenneth & Rose Schermerhorn
Eileen Reilly	deceased members of the Reilly Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Macarilla	Charles & Carrie Macarilla, Imer & Catherine Rivenburgh
Barbara Burrows	Fitzgerald Family, Rita Hynes, Diane Hoffman, Brian Scully Posoehowicz Family, Padre Vince, Padre Emil
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Conners	Conners & Durland Family
Pat Touzin	James Touzin, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. William Miller	Tracy Buillock
Mr. & Mrs. John McCool	Veltri Family
Joan Thompson	Warren Thompson, Margaret Shetler, John & Victoria Kuszczak
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Ritty	Ritty & Bogdan Families
Cora Williams	Italo, Armenia, Sylvester & Joseph Frese
Judy Clouse	James S. Clouse
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Wells	Alice & Teddy Wells
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Schermerhorn	Rose & Kenneth Schermerhorn
Allan King	Diane Hoffman
Peter Miller	Miller Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Bruno	Dominic & Jane Biscone
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rotello, Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Pazin, Nancy Payne,, Judy Boehlke, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dennis, Betty Nolan, Ronald Paigo, Mr. & Mrs Joseph Nunziato, Jane Noblett, Mr. & Mrs. Max Santiago, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hewison, Ellen O'Connor, Claudine Potvin-Giordano, Patricia Mulligan, Mr. & Mrs. James Margiasso, Mr. & Mrs. James Buono, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Boehlke, Louis Picarazzi	

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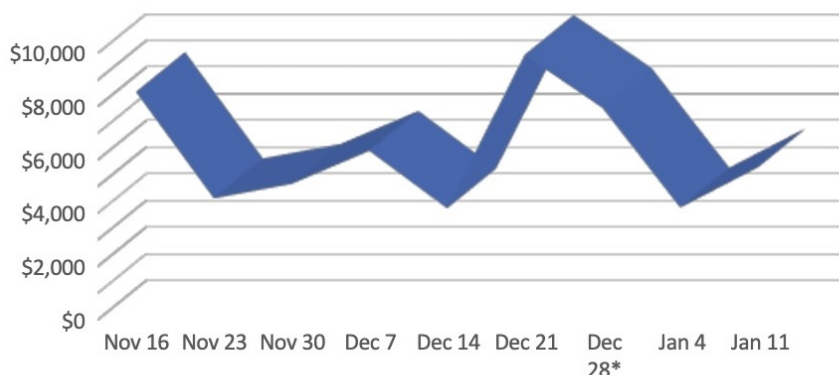
Ravena

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
1/4	1/11	1/4	1/11	1/4	1/11	1/4	12/28
150	202	174	194	\$2,192.00	\$3,722.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

* + Christmas Eve

**St. Patrick's
Collection History**

Nov 16	\$8,558
Nov 23	\$4,568
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

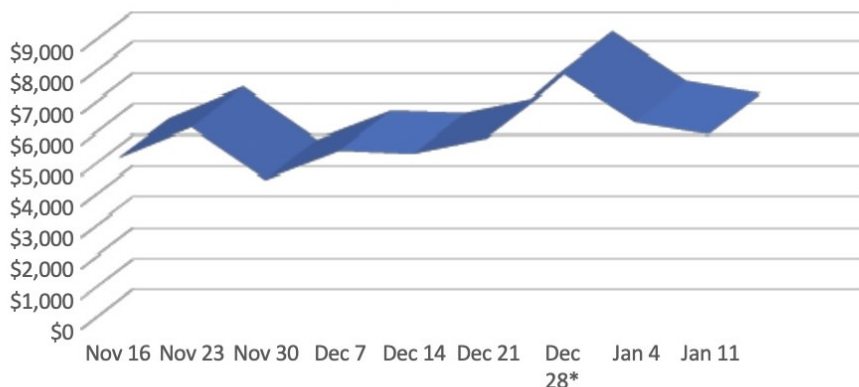
St. Patrick's Collections

Coxsackie

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
1/4	1/11	1/4	1/11	1/4	1/11	1/4	1/11
156	184	\$3,765.00	\$3,155.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$210.00

* + Christmas Eve

**St. Mary's
Collection History**

Nov 16	\$5,555
Nov 23	\$6,570
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

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 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)

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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 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 further notice

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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