



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

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Looking for
Answers

Your Questions Addressed

December 27 & 28

What was your path to the priesthood like?

Answered by: Father Pat

In my last article, I told you how the Vocation Director in Newark directed me back home to Albany. So off I traveled to Albany to meet with the Vocation Director here. We set up a time several weeks later to meet in person and discuss the process. He started with some pointed questions.

Do you have a job? Yes, I replied, as I was still currently employed full time. No one at work had any idea that this was something I was pursuing. He replied you will need to leave your job because this commitment is a full time endeavor. My reply was that this would not be a problem, as I was looking for a change.

Do you own a house? Yes, I replied. I was the proud owner of a property with 3 apartments. I lived in one and rented the other two. He responded you will have to sell the property. I asked why. He explained, "You cannot be in class or on assignment and get a call the boiler broke down and have to leave to handle this issue." I smiled because that had actually occurred the year before while traveling on a business trip. He was right; the house had to go.

Do you own a car? Of course, I replied. He asked what kind of a car. Now I hesitated, because it was a BMW X3, although I had purchased the car second hand. I admitted it was a pre-owned BMW, to which he immediately responded, "You have to sell that; you cannot pull up to a parish office driving a BMW."

I immediately agreed, but asked to be allowed to keep the car for now. After all, if I got approved for seminary in the Boston area, how would I get back and forth to Albany without a car? He agreed the car could continue to be mine until completion of my degree.

I began to realize these questions were going to take more time to determine my course of action. There were many aspects to consider — was I really ready for these major changes or was more time needed to discern?

As I reflect back now, of course the answer was YES to all, even selling the BMW, but the process was much harder to achieve than just a YES at that first meeting. My next article will detail some of the barriers I encountered and how the Lord guided me through them. Until next time!

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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
Monday 1-5	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 1-6	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 1-7	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 1-8	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 1-9	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-10	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 1-11	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 1-12	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 1-13	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 1-14	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 1-15	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 1-16	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-17	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
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)

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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The Mother McAuley Columbiettes' 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 served 112 families - 344 people for Christmas



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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Weekly Justice Challenges!

January 4, 2026 - Epiphany

This week we commemorate the Epiphany, the story of the wise men from the east paying homage and bringing gifts to the Infant Jesus. Their presence in the stable reveals that Jesus came for all people, not just the Jewish community. But the faith of the wise men was almost thwarted by Herod, who sought to destroy the baby he had heard was born. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how often you turn to violence – violent words, violent actions, violent feeling – when you feel threatened by someone. Make a personal commitment to respond to other people's anger or hate or meanness with nonviolence. Pledge to make love the underlying motive and foundation on which you resolve your conflicts.

January 11, 2026 – Baptism of the Lord

The first reading for the Baptism of the Lord has the Prophet Isaiah proclaiming that the Messiah "shall bring forth just to the nations". Jesus fulfilled that passage by being a person of justice and teaching his disciples that all people deserve to be treated fairly and with dignity, including the poor, the sick and lame, the outcasts and sinners. Your challenge this week is to find a way to say "yes" to your baptismal call, just as Jesus said yes to his. What is Jesus calling you to do to live out your baptism? What injustice in your family or community or world are you being called to combat? And what can you do to help end it?

Mass Intentions

Week of January 3, 4, 2026

Jan 3 4:30 Ravenna 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 Ravenna Carmin Carocciolo by Ginny Morrow
11:30 Coxsackie None at this time

The Epiphany of the Lord

Week of January 10, 11, 2026

The Baptism of The Lord

Jan 10 4:30 Ravenna Kathleen Byrne by her family
Jan 11 7:30 Coxsackie Laurie Ann McDonald by Anita Hynes
Kevin Rose by Patrick and JoAnne Rose
9:30 Ravenna Sharon Weisheit by Donna Hagen
11:30 Coxsackie Jack and Kerry McGrath by their family
Larry McCarroll by the Columbiettes

Week of January 17, 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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



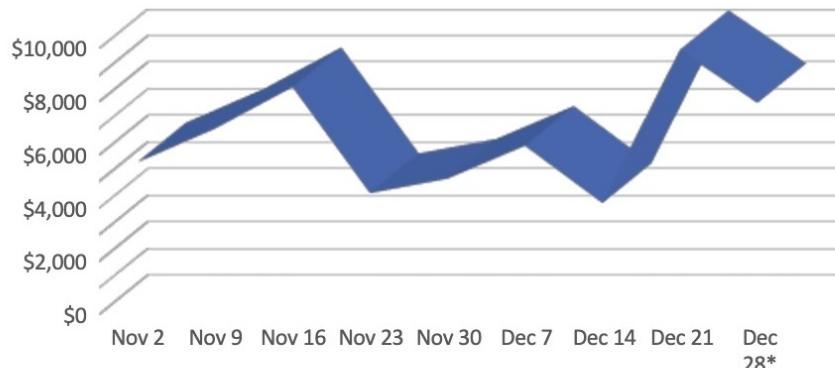
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Collections & E-GivingE-Mail Dawn Brownson **parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com****Ravena**

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
12/21	12/28*	12/21	12/28*	12/21	12/28*	12/21	12/28
203	522	153	392	\$7,937.00	\$5,937.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

* + Christmas Eve

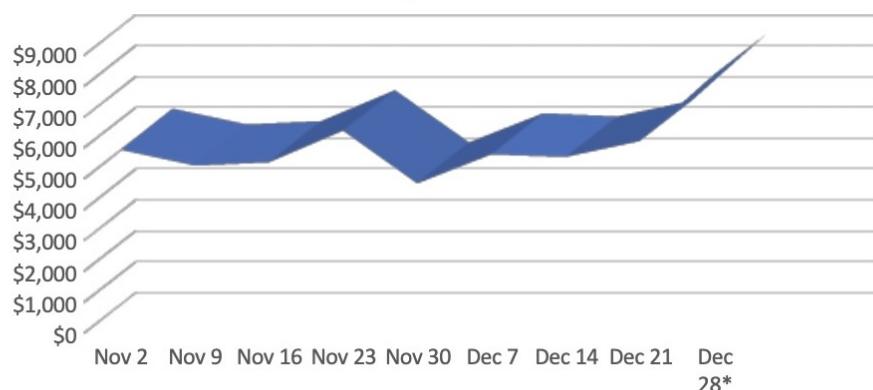
St. Patrick's Collection History	
Nov 2	\$5,740
Nov 9	\$7,010
Nov 16	\$8,558
Nov 23	\$4,568
Nov 30	\$5,113
Dec 7	\$6,352
Dec 14	\$4,191
Dec 21	\$9,957
Dec 28*	\$7,957

St. Patrick's Collections**Coxsackie**

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
12/21	12/28*	12/21	12/28*	12/21	12/28	12/21	12/28
214	371	\$2,360.00	\$5,396.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$896.00	\$0.00

* + Christmas Eve

St. Mary's Collection History	
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
Dec 21	\$6,226
Dec 28*	\$8,366

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**

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 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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