



ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S

NEWSLETTER

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*Looking for
Answers*

Your Questions Addressed

July 4 & 5

Why ask that "Thy will be done"?

Answered by: Deacon Mike McDonald

"Thy will be done" is another important phrase in the Lord's Prayer. These words come after "Thy kingdom come" and express our desire to follow God's plans rather than our own. Although the phrase is little, it teaches a big lesson about trust, obedience, and faith.

In everyday life, people often make plans and set goals for themselves. They decide what they want to do, where they want to go, and how they want to live. However, we believe that God has wisdom that is greater than any human understanding. When we pray, "Thy will be done," we are asking God to guide our lives according to His perfect plan. We are also expressing our willingness to accept God's direction, even when it differs from what we might personally want.

The phrase also reminds us of the example of Jesus. Before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew that suffering was ahead of Him, yet He prayed, "Not my will, but yours be done." Jesus showed complete trust in God the Father, even during a difficult and painful time. His example teaches believers that following God's will is not always easy, but it is always right.

Praying "Thy will be done" encourages humility as well. It reminds us that we do not control everything in life. There will be challenges, disappointments, and unexpected events that cannot be avoided. By trusting in God's will, we learn to face these situations with faith rather than fear. We believe that God can bring good out of difficult circumstances, and that His plans are ultimately for our benefit.

Furthermore, these words challenge us to live according to God's teachings. It is not enough to simply say the prayer; we are called to act in ways that reflect God's love, justice, kindness, and forgiveness. Doing God's will means making choices that honor Him and help others.

"Thy will be done" is a prayer of trust, obedience, and surrender. It teaches us to place our confidence in God's wisdom and to follow His guidance in every part of our life. Through these words, we express our desire to live according to God's plan and to grow closer to Him every day.

Next time: Heaven & Earth begin to overlap...with much love, Deacon Mike 🙏❤️

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Sunday 7-5 14 th Week in Ordinary Time	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 7-6	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 7-7	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 No Women's Bible Study at St. Patrick's - Summer break 5:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's followed by Rosary
Wednesday 7-8	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 <i>No Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's – Summer Break</i>
Thursday 7-9	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 5:30 No Reconciliation (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 <i>No Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's – Summer Break</i>
Friday 7-10	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 7-11	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 7-12 15 ^h Week in Ordinary Time	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)
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Friday 7-17	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 7-18	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 7-19 16 th Week in Ordinary Time	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)

Congratulations Deacon Steve! Deacon Steven Young is currently the new administrator of St. Patrick's Ravena, St. Mary's Coxsackie, St. Patrick's Athens, and St. Patrick's Catskill.

The second collection at St. Mary's on July 12th will be for Repairs & Renovations

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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: **Snacks and Toilet paper** The Food Pantry served 55 (0-17), 94 (18-59), 28 (60+) and 64 families during May.

St. Patrick's Pastoral Council welcomes Dot Persico and Maura Hewison and thanks Amy Carrk, Maryann Dennis and Tim Haller for each of their 7 years of council service.

Icon Retreat/Workshop We will be hosting an Icon Workshop/Retreat to be held at St. Patrick's, Ravena, July 13-17 from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The cost is \$65 per person. Participants will receive all materials to create an 11 X 14-inch icon to be consecrated at St. Mary's Church, Coxsackie, at a date to set closer to the retreat. Sign up sheets are available at Mission Central in the back of our churches. The group is limited to 15 people to allow for individual assistance as needed. Indicate the subject you would like to portray in your icon (Jesus, Mary, or a saint you like). *You must sign up by July 7 to ensure there are sufficient supplies and that line drawings can be prepared for each icon.*

Greene County Youth Fair The network has reserved a table at the Youth Fair again this year, for all our parishes to share. This is a great chance for outreach to our community and to raise money for our Faith Formation program. Volunteers are needed to staff the table for July 23-26 (Thursday-Sunday), preferable in shifts of at least two hours. Volunteer training will be held Thursday, July 9 at 3pm and 7pm, and Saturday, July 11 at 11am. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of these sessions. Signup: <https://bit.ly/GCYF26signup>

Volunteer Videographer Needed for St. Mary's Our Mass live streaming team is looking for a backup videographer willing to train on the equipment and cover an average of once a month. Please see Jeremy Tenenbaum if you are interested, or call the office at (518) 731-8800 and leave your name and phone number with staff and Jeremy will get back to you.

Feast of the Assumption Festival – Sunday August 9 Food, crafts, & family fun! Festa will kick off with a procession at St. Pat's at 1pm. Children's games, craft & food vendors, live music, therapy animals, climbing wall, bounce house and more. Call St. Pat's at (518) 756-3145 if you are interested in participating in the pie contest.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are in need of volunteers to visit the homebound parishioners of St. Patrick's Ravena. We go out on the **1st Wednesday of each month** to bring communion and visit with them for a short time. Most are elderly and live alone. If you are interested or have questions, please call Michelle Fralick at [518]-756-3145 at the rectory office on Wednesdays. Thank you!

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2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal Campaign Summary

ST. PATRICK'S

86 gifts so far

Goal \$ 37,373

Total donations = * \$ 29,357.72

78.55% of goal

Average Gift \$ 341.37

Shortfall = \$ 8,015.28

ST. MARY'S

108 gifts so far

Goal \$ 33,755

Total donations = * \$ 28,216.83

83.59% of goal

Average Gift \$ 266.20

Shortfall = \$ 5,538.17

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

Weekly Justice Challenges!

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July 5, 2026 – 14th Week in Ordinary Time

Family reunions happen a lot during the summer months. You may have seen signs or notices in parks where families have reserved space to come together to catch up on news, share family stories and food and to celebrate their heritage. When we take time to nurture relationships and to support and celebrate our families, it is a blessing. Our families are the first places we learn about faith and what it means to be a part of God's family. There are some things we know about being a part of God's family: we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst and visit those in prison. Our families help us do this good work. How has your family been a witness to you of being Christ in the world?

July 12, 2026 – 15th Week in Ordinary Time

July 14th is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the patron of the environment and ecology. She was from an Algonquin tribe that had been hit with a smallpox epidemic which took the lives of her family. As a teenager, she was introduced to Scripture by missionaries and she was baptized. She led a very prayerful life devoted to the Eucharist and to serving others. Some in her tribe ridiculed her and she endured great suffering for her faith. Yet she never wavered in her beliefs. Your challenge this week is to take a step out in faith like Kateri, talk with a friend or someone in your family about your faith. Share what is important to you about it and then encourage those you talk with to do the same. You may be laughed at or ridiculed, or even surprised by a warm reception. Whatever the response, thank God in prayer for the opportunities you have to bring the good news to others and continue to be a living witness of Your faith.

Peter's Pence – Sunday July 26

"Let us resolve to bring His love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that His presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering." – Pope Leo XIV

On July 26, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity!

For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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Mass Intentions

Week of July 4, 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4 4:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by family

July 5 7:30 Coxsackie St. Mary's Memorial Society
The Heim Family by Anne Heim
Marlene Carroll by her family
Elizabeth Caputo by her family

9:30 Ravena None at this time

11:30 Coxsackie St. Mary's Memorial Society
Emily Mae Smith by Robert J. Piano

Week of July 11, 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11 4:30 Ravena Kathleen Byrne by family

July 12 7:30 Coxsackie Mission Support by Tom VanSchaick

9:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Barbara Burrows
Logan Penzabene by family

11:30 Coxsackie Deceased member of the Quigley family by Lorraine Tremmel
Seth Mann by Gina McGrath

Week of July 18, 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria
Lola Pilar by the Desrosiers

July 19 7:30 Coxsackie Diane Greder by Gina McGrath
Paul Craw by Patricia Stockman
David Clapp by Patricia Stockman

9:30 Ravena Patricia Steenburn by her sister

11:30 Coxsackie None at this time

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ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Ravena, New York

1922 - 1974

AUGUST 1, 2026

1:00 PM

Halfway House Tavern

26 Main Street-Ravena, NY

\$25.00 per person

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Save the date!

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL

**PICNIC
IN THE PARK**

FUN | FOOD | RAFFLES | MUSIC

MORE INFO FOR TICKET PRICING AND
MENU COMING SOON!

COXSACKIE RIVERSIDE PAVILION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

1-4 PM

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QUESTIONS?? CONTACT TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR: MIKE McGOVERN

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Collections & E-Giving

Ravena

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
6/21	6/28	6/21	6/28	6/21	6/28	6/21	6/28
222	209	179	172	\$2,349.00	\$2,329.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History		Breakdown by Mass for St. Patrick's				
			Attendance	Collection	35 E-Giving	Average Contribution
Apr 26	\$5,730	04/26/26	214	\$3,710	\$2,020	\$23.01
May 3	\$5,419	05/03/26	305	\$3,399	\$2,020	\$15.94
May 10	\$6,074	05/10/26	239	\$4,054	\$2,020	\$22.17
May 17	\$4,608	05/17/26	208	\$2,588	\$2,020	\$18.96
May 24	\$4,097	05/24/26	208	\$2,077	\$2,020	\$16.86
May 31	\$4,666	05/31/26	236	\$2,646	\$2,020	\$17.22
Jun 7	\$5,651	06/07/26	212	\$3,631	\$2,020	\$22.88
Jun 14	\$5,111	06/14/26	151	\$3,091	\$2,020	\$27.48
Jun 21	\$4,369	06/21/26	222	\$2,349	\$2,020	\$17.00
Jun 28	\$4,349	06/28/26	209	\$2,329	\$2,020	\$17.82

Coxsackie

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
6/21	6/28	6/21	6/28	6/21	6/28	6/21	6/28
184	176	\$2,634.00	\$2,409.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$631.00	\$45.00

St. Mary's Collection History		Breakdown by Mass for St. Mary's				
			Attendance	Collection	65 E-Giving	Average Contribution
Apr 26	\$6,304	04/26/26	195	\$1,859	\$2,970	\$18.57
May 3	\$6,850	05/03/26	336	\$3,880	\$2,970	\$17.08
May 10	\$5,986	05/10/26	193	\$2,378	\$2,970	\$20.73
May 17	\$4,566	05/17/26	179	\$1,596	\$2,970	\$18.71
May 24	\$4,862	05/24/26	210	\$1,892	\$2,970	\$17.68
May 31	\$4,770	05/31/26	233	\$1,790	\$2,970	\$15.97
Jun 7	\$6,091	06/07/26	186	\$3,066	\$2,970	\$24.05
Jun 14	\$4,522	06/14/26	180	\$1,472	\$2,970	\$18.13
Jun 21	\$6,235	06/21/26	184	\$2,634	\$2,970	\$22.51
Jun 28	\$5,424	06/28/26	176	\$2,409	\$2,970	\$22.32

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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

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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 5:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's followed by Rosary

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 Rectory – **Summer break**

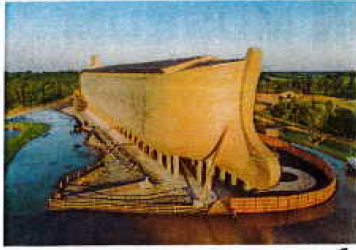
MEN'S PRAYER MEETING 1 – 2 pm on Thursdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

Reconciliation, *** Note: No Reconciliation until further notice ***

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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