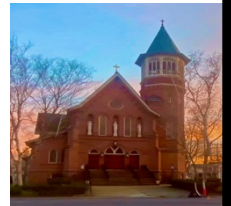




ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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Looking for
Answers

Your Questions Addressed

November 22 & 23

Is Catholic Social Teaching something new?

Answered by: Deacon Ron Dombrowski

Much electronic buzz and ink have been spent recently on Catholic social teachings, both in Catholic and secular media. In fact, they have been hot topics since the start of the pontificate of Pope Leo, were raised again at the November 2025 meeting of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (*USCCB*), and as well as by the second administration of the US by Donald Trump.

Social teachings of the Church **are rooted in sacred scripture, particularly the Gospel**; they are not a new invention. Theologians throughout Church history have tackled these teachings. The Industrial Revolution and its subsequent less humane consequences required a renewed application of this ancient tradition. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII offered an encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, "Of New Things." He sought to gain a better understanding, clarity, of God's will in a new situation.

Since the issuance of *Rerum Novarum*, each Pope has addressed the pressing social concerns of their day. Pope Leo XIV, our current Pope, released his first Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, "I Have Loved You," urging love for the poor.

Today, as in the past, we as a Church, a diocese, a vicariate, a parish, our families, and ourselves are thrust into new situations. Increasingly, these situations have little or no precedent in our life experiences. However, we are not alone. God is with us. As Father Mike Melanson likes to say: "God loves us so much that there is nothing we can do about it." As a Church we have scripture, the example and teachings of Jesus, as well as the gift of Jesus at Pentecost – the Holy Spirit.

We are called to be our sister's and brother's keeper, no matter where they are – or what choices they have made. Blame is not part of love. Stuff happens in each of our lives which we can't always foresee or control. The social teachings of the Church insist to us that **God creates humanity in the divine image and likeness and longs to adopt each one of us as a beloved child.**

When looking at another person – no matter who they are, in agreement with us or not – we must see a reflection of God.

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Sunday 11-23	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 11-24	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 11-25	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's 6:30 Mother McAuley Columbiettes meeting room 4 of St. Patrick's School
Wednesday 11-26	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:00 Thanksgiving Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's
Thursday 11-27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! <i>Network offices closed</i> 10:00 Mass at St. Patrick's Catskill 10:00 Mass at St. Theresa's Windham
Friday 11-28	<i>Network offices closed</i> 8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 11-29	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 11-30	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 12-1	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 6:00 Events/Parish Life Committee meeting in room 2 of St. Patrick's School
Tuesday 12-2	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 12-3	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 12-4	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
Friday 12-5	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 12-6	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 12-7	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

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Thanksgiving Masses

Wednesday, November 26, 6:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's, Ravena

Thursday, November 27, 10:00am at St. Patrick's, Catskill

Thursday, November 27, 10:00am at St. Theresa's, Windham

Reconciliation, in both Coxsackie and Ravena, is cancelled until further notice. Reconciliation will still be available on Saturdays at 3pm, in Athens on the first and third Saturdays of the month and Catskill on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

Job Opening: Assistant Director of Faith Formation

The Hudson Valley Vicariate West is seeking a part-time Assistant Director of Faith Formation to coordinate and evaluate Faith Formation activities for Pre-K thru 12 in Ravena, Coxsackie, Athens, and Catskill.

Pay Rate: \$17/hr - \$22/hr (\$15,912/yr - \$20,592/yr) based on experience and qualifications

Full job description available at <https://www.hvwwff.org> or at Mission Central.

K-4 Faith Formation Schedule

St. Mary's – every week during 11:30 Mass

St. Patrick's – November 9, November 23, December 7, and December 21 during 9:30 Mass

(spring schedule to be released after Christmas break)

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

During these especially difficult times, please remember the Coxsackie Food Pantry during the month of November. The basket for your donations will be in the back of the church all month. The Coxsackie Food Pantry is especially in need of: **toothpaste, pet food, canned tuna, canned chicken & cleaning products.**

Food costs are soaring and those with limited resources are struggling more than ever.

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.

The Food Pantry will be giving out 102 Thanksgiving Baskets this year.

Food donations will be accepted at the Thanksgiving Mass on November 26th.

Thank you in advance for helping.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Baby Bottle Drive** for the Alight Center this Summer! The network raised \$3,894 for this organization.

Mandatory St. Mary's Sacristan Training Session: St. Mary's will have two opportunities for this. ***This training is required for new and current sacristans as some duties have changed.*** The first chance to attend this training will be Saturday, November 29th at 9:30am. The second option is Wednesday, December 3rd at 3pm. Please verify your date of choice by calling Gina McGrath at 518-708-4689. We thank you for your commitment to St. Mary's.

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Your Support is Important



If you give cash when you attend Mass, please use envelopes. If you put your parish's envelope in the collection basket at any location within our network, the money will go to your home parish. If you don't receive envelopes, please call Donna Hagen at St. Patrick's office at 518-756-3145 or Bill Halstead for St. Mary's at 518-852-2520 and they will get you signed up.

You might also choose to mail a check to your church periodically, or even set up the parish as an automatic payee with your bank, so that the bank mails the check. Make the check out to the parish you are donating to – NOT the network, as each parish has its own accounts and the network does not hold any money – and send to:

St. Mary's Church

80 Mansion Street, Coxsackie, NY 12051

or

St. Patrick's Church

21 Main Street, Ravena, NY 12143

You will also be able to give electronically on Realm in the future (still a work in progress).

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Weekly Justice Challenges for Advent!

November 30, 2025 • 1st Week of Advent

The first reading for this Sunday is one with which we are familiar. It is the passage from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5) describing what the world will be like when the Messiah comes. The image of people beating swords into plowshares—taking instruments used to kill people and changing them into instruments which help grow food to feed people—is a powerful one. Your challenge in this first week of Advent is to spend some time reflecting on how you are peacemakers (as a family and as individuals). Do you bring people together by your words and actions or do you create conflict? Then decide on one action you can take to make the world a more peace-filled place. Do you want to pray for peace in our world, our country, and our families? Do you want to write to government leaders to advocate for a more peaceful approach to a particular issue? Do you want to take a stand for more gun control? How do you want to bring peace?

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Mass Intentions

Week of November 22, 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- Nov 22 4:30 Ravena Donald Gager by his family
- Nov 23 7:30 Coxsackie Timothy P. Hulbert by Roberta Hulbert
Edward J. Shields by Roberta Hulbert
- 9:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Ashley and Brian Paeglow
Patricia and William McMullen Jr. by McMullen family
- 11:30 Coxsackie William Tremmel by Lorraine Tremmel
Diane Ringwald by her sister, Claudia
Erika Lavissiere by her daughters

Week of November 29, 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

- Nov 29 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria
Eugene and James Winter by Carol and John Bruno
- Nov 30 7:30 Coxsackie Regina Donovan by her family
Gary Hillicoss by the Stockmans
- 9:30 Ravena Caroline Borger by Selkirk #1 Auxiliary
- 11:30 Coxsackie David Clapp by Patricia Stockman
Paul Craw by Patti and Dave Stockman
Tony Gatt by his family

Week of December 6, 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

- Dec 6 4:30 Ravena Justin Bonafide by Grammy
Guy Anatriello by Rose
- Dec 7 7:30 Coxsackie Heim family by Anne Heim
Memorial Society
- 9:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Rick Touchette and Kathi Rice
Deceased members of the Miller family by Judy Miller
- 11:30 Coxsackie Ray and Gina Donovan by Sean and Penny Gager
Joan Draiss by Robert Piano

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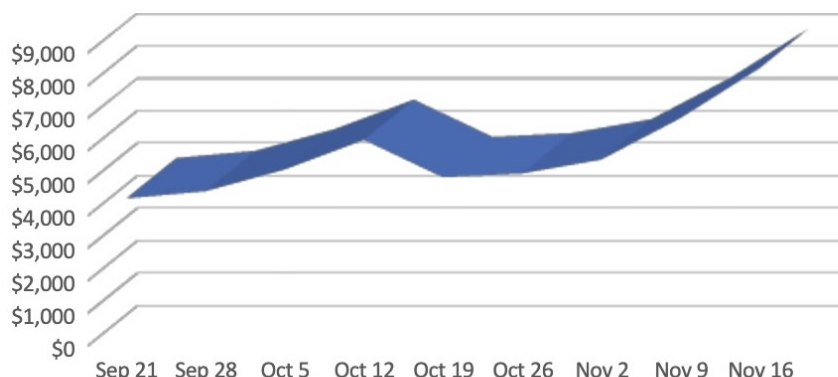
Ravena

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
11/9	11/16	11/9	11/16	11/9	11/16	11/9	11/16
223	212	206	143	\$4,990.00	\$6,538.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History

Sep 21	\$4,554
Sep 28	\$4,779
Oct 5	\$5,443
Oct 12	\$6,350
Oct 19	\$5,198
Oct 26	\$5,327
Nov 2	\$5,740
Nov 9	\$7,010
Nov 16	\$8,558

St. Patrick's Collections



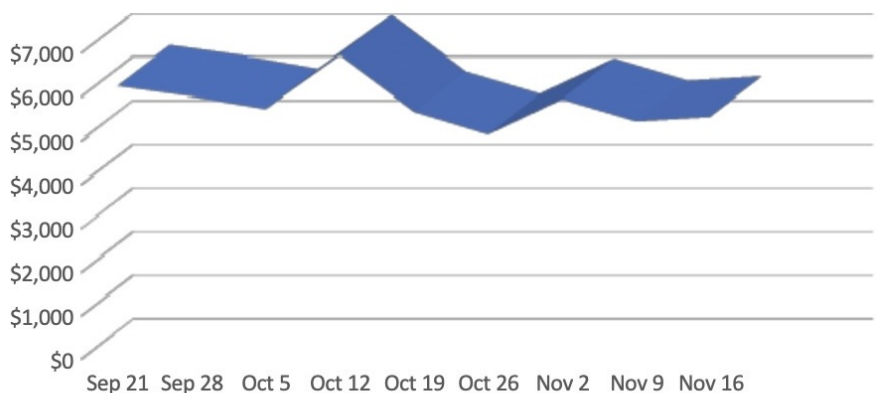
Coxsackie

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
11/9	11/16	11/9	11/16	11/9	11/16	11/9	11/16
183	236	\$1,815.00	\$2,436.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$662.00	\$149.00

St. Mary's Collection History

Sep 21	\$6,269
Sep 28	\$6,023
Oct 5	\$5,733
Oct 12	\$6,977
Oct 19	\$5,671
Oct 26	\$5,150
Nov 2	\$5,961
Nov 9	\$5,447
Nov 16	\$5,555

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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**

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/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

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

2025-2026 St. Patrick's Pastoral Council Members are:

Fr. Jay – Pastor | Jane Noblett – Trustee | Rick Touchette – Trustee | Amy Carrk – Chair
Olivia Vasto – Vice-Chair | Tiffany Moreno – Secretary | Mary Ann Dennis | Tim Haller
Matty Kelly-Haller | Claudine Potvin-Giordano | Patrick Cronin | Lois Young | Rick Fralick |
Frank Penzabene | Donna McMullen | Joseph Latter – Youth Member

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