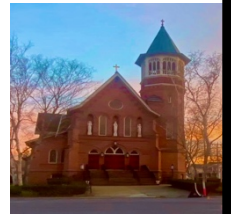




ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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November 8 & 9

What Do I Do When My Pain Challenges My Faith?

Answered by: Father Jay

When suffering strikes, most of us end up asking the same questions: Why is this happening? Where is God? Why does He feel so far away?

Even Jesus asked them. Hanging on the Cross, He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Those words speak of the darkest experience anyone can know. They remind us, however, that whenever these words become our prayer, it means we are exactly where Jesus once was.

Even at forty-three, I have already prayed these words a few times in my life — when I've felt invisible to my peers, or even to my closest friends, when I've been betrayed, or when it felt like prayer was no more than a shot in the dark without so much as an echo coming back. During these experiences, I actually had the thought that it would be easier to believe that God didn't exist than to believe He did but just didn't care.

In these times, remembering what Jesus said from the Cross has been the key to hope, healing, and a more seasoned trust in God's care for me.

I have learned that when we begin to see our own suffering as an echo of His, something changes. The pain doesn't suddenly vanish, but it takes on new meaning. If our suffering unites us with the suffering of Christ, then it also unites us with His resurrection. The Cross isn't the end of the story — it's the doorway through which new life begins.

So if your pain has you crying out, "My God, why have you abandoned me?" don't silence that cry. Make it your prayer. Let it lead you to recognize that your suffering is not meaningless — it is being drawn into His. The Cross that once seemed like an ending becomes the gateway to resurrection and new life.

That's the hope our faith offers: not escape from suffering, but the promise that, through Christ, even our deepest pain can become the place where new life is born.

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Sunday 11-9	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 11-10	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 11-11	<i>Veteran's Day all Network offices closed</i> 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) <i>11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory Cancelled today due to Veteran's Day</i> 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 11-12	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 11-13	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 (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 11-14	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 11-15	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 11-16	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 11-17	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 11-18	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 11-19	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 11-20	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 (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 11-21	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 11-22	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
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)

The Mother McAuley Columbiettes meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25, at 6:30 pm, room 4 of the Parish Hall.

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St. Patrick's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

We served 346 dinners and raised \$5,156.87

Mike and Carol Mason won the \$500 from Long Oil and donated it back to the church.

Joe Burns won \$100 and donated it back to the church

Sandra Dottino won \$100

Thanks to those who worked, Frese's, and to those who supported this fundraiser!

50s/60s Dance: Let's Boogie!

Friday, November 14 – 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Center of St. Patrick's Ravena

Popcorn, soft drinks, dancing!

Small snack to share is welcome if you would like to contribute.



Sunday November 16
After the 9:30 Mass - St. Patrick's Parish Center

Please join us for cake and ice cream as we celebrate Christa Herting- Desrosiers on the occasion of her retirement as Faith Formation Coordinator.

Free Parish Breakfast-for-Dinner

Thursday, November 20 at 5:30pm in Maria Hall at St. Mary's of Cocksackie

Music, food, and drink!

Please RSVP to Sarah by November 14 (text or call) 518-810-8672

Attention St. Mary's Lectors:

Please pick up your Lector workbook that has your name on it from the Sacristy. Thank you.

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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 and 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.*

2025 Thanksgiving Food Distribution The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York will be holding a Thanksgiving food distribution for those in need in Greene County on November 22 at 10am at the Coxsackie Village Hall. The distribution will be made on a first come first served basis. For more information go to <https://regionalfoodbank.net> or call the Thanksgiving Hotline at [518] 713-0550

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:

Instant Potatoes Canned Fruit Peanut butter Jelly Syrup Chili

Pancake mix Spaghetti sauce Beef stew Bush's beans

The Food Pantry has been busy and has fed the following:

Aug. – 33 families = 96 people / Sept. – 49 families = 132 people / Oct. – 79 families = 239 people

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Feast of Saint Cecilia Sacred Music Showcase

Friday, November 21 @ 7pm in Delmar, NY

35 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054

Join John Vasto, Father Matt Duclos, and the St. Thomas the Apostle Church community for an uplifting evening of sacred music, featuring the talents of St. Thomas and neighboring parishes, offering a rich tapestry of hymns, psalms, solo and choral works, lifting voices together in praise and thanksgiving.

St. Patrick's and St. Mary's choirs will be participating.

A free will offering will be accepted, to support the growth of sacred music at St. Thomas.

Light refreshments will be served afterward in the gathering hall. Come and be a part of a beautiful celebration of faith, music, and community!

Pope Leo XIV to Hold Digital Dialogue with NCYC Youth

Friday, November 21 @ 10:15am

Be Part of this Historic Moment! For the first time ever, a pope will engage directly with young people at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

This will be Pope Leo's first ever digital dialogue with young people in the United States.

Broadcast globally by EWTN, this 45-minute, real-time event isn't just a speech - it's a true encounter. The Holy Father will listen and respond as young people share their hopes, struggles, and faith.

Register for Livestream: <https://nfcym.leadlms.com/questionnaires/81>

Residents Encounter Christ Prison Ministry Celebration

Saturday, November 22 in Loudonville, NY

Residents Encounter Christ (REC) will celebrate 40 years of ministry to individuals in prisons within the Albany

Diocese with a Mass and dinner at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville on Saturday, November 22. If you have been active in REC or would like to learn more about this ministry, we'd love to have you join the celebration!

Please email recrcda@gmail.com or call Bob Ware at [518] -795-0737 for more information.

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Mass Intentions

Week of November 8, 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nov 8 4:30 Ravena Guy Anatriello by Rose

Nov 9 7:30 Cocksackie Leo Synakowski (9th Anniversary) by his wife
Donald Daoust by Gene and Jeannene Albright

9:30 Ravena Deceased members of the Durland and Conners family

11:30 Cocksackie Howard A. Hulbert by his wife, Roberta
Helen Castaldi by Manny and Gerry Hotaling
For all his Dutch relatives, those less fortunate and for all those who feel forgotten,
abandoned and less fortunate and for America's veterans by Tom Van Schaick

Week of November 15, 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 15 4:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by her family
Kathleen Byrne by her family

Nov 16 7:30 Cocksackie Helen O'Brien by Jeannene Albright
Donald Daoust by Jerry and Linda Matarazzo

9:30 Ravena None at this time

11:30 Cocksackie Mark Zoller by Judy Zoller and family
Francis McGrath by His wife and family

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 Cocksackie Timothy P. Hulbert by Roberta Hulbert
Edward J. Shields by Roberta Hulbert

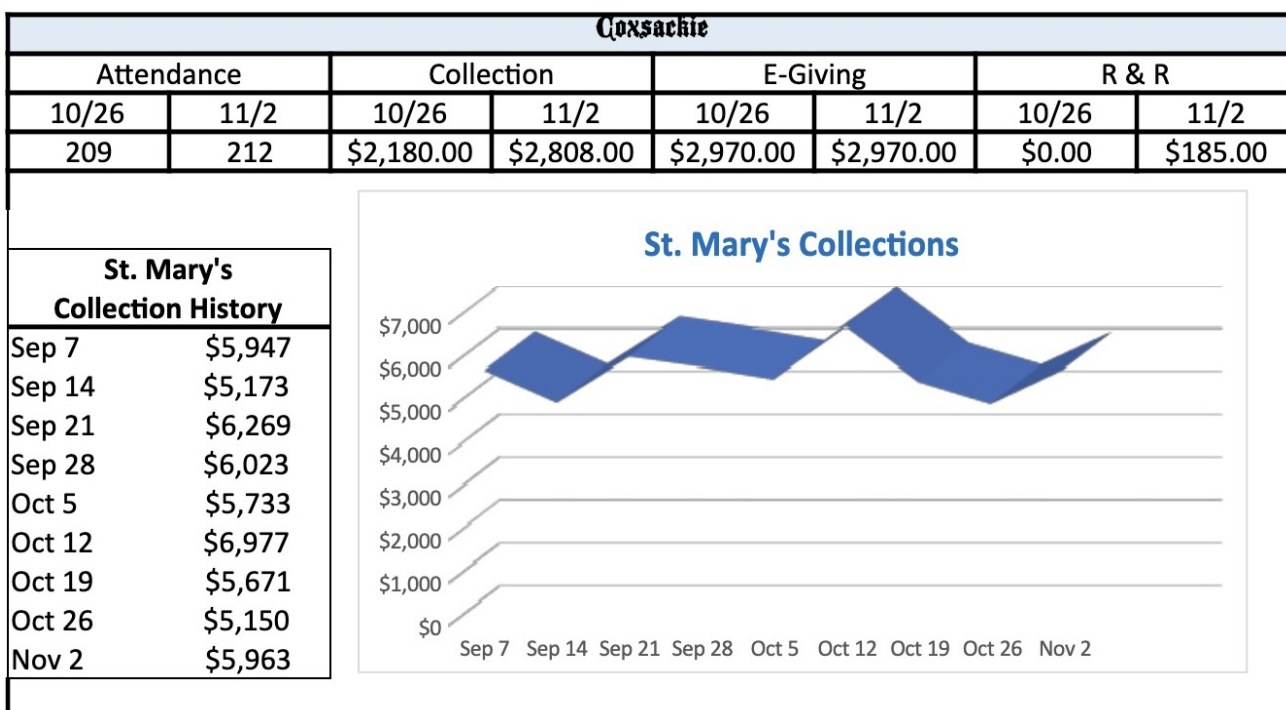
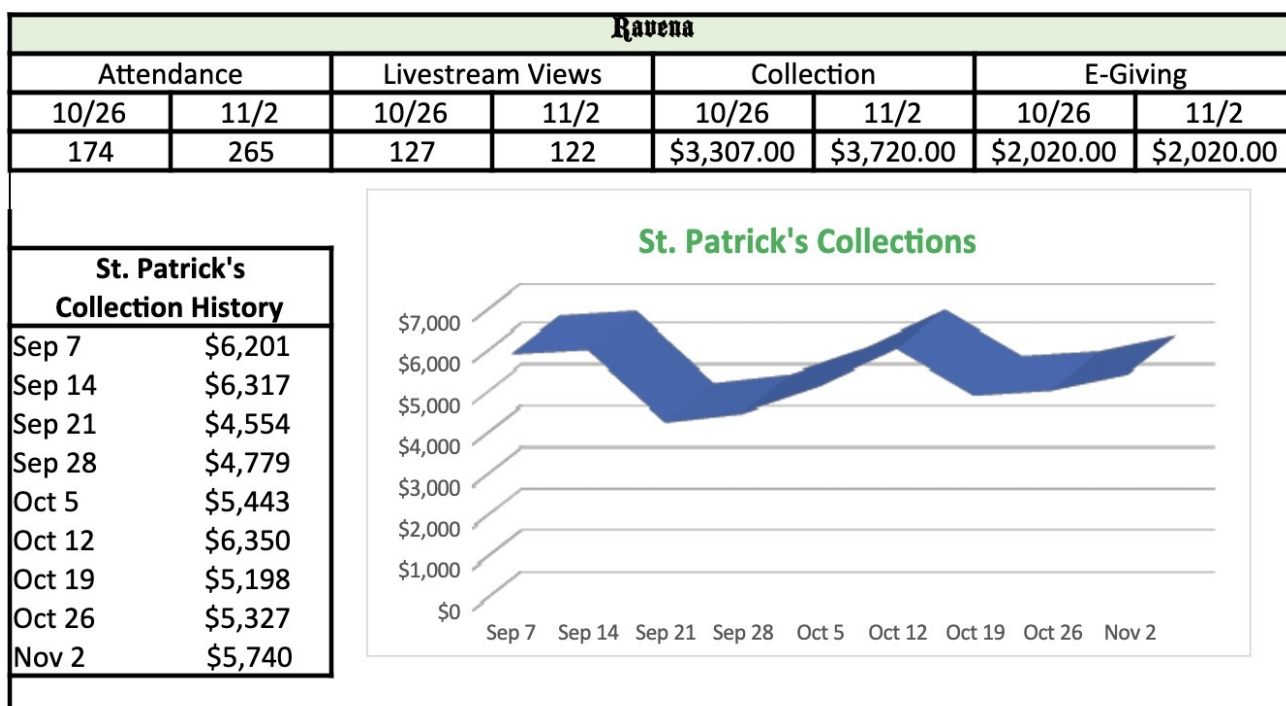
9:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Ashley and Brian Paeglow
Patricia and William McMullen Jr. by McMullen family

11:30 Cocksackie William Tremmel by Lorraine Tremmel

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Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com



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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 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

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