



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

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Why go to church? Answered by Pat Larsen St. Patrick's Parishioner

This topic was recently posed and discussed so eloquently by Deacon Steven Young in our weekly newsletter for St. Mary's & St. Patrick's, dated Sept 28th...Vol.6-Edition 20 in "*Looking for Answers.*"

The question is such a relevant one especially in this day and age. I found it to be so thought provoking that I took some time to search my heart and soul to consider it, as I was a returning Catholic after some 30 years of absence from attending a formal Mass.

My story...Back in March of this year, I made a decision to actually return to physically attending mass. I fought this decision for a few weeks for all manner of reasons..."it's too cold," "it's too far," "where would I attend?", "where would I sit?", "I can watch an online mass"...on and on. THEN, I just got up on one Sunday morning and found myself at St Mary's.

It's the WHY that's the most important aspect of this story though. I knew that I was seeking some peace from the adversities that were plaguing the world. I felt such a total sense of hopelessness and disconnect even though I prayed daily and read the Bible often. There was also an uneasy feeling within my heart that all of the negative influences in the world were somehow "winning" over our society's common sensibilities and I didn't want to be a part of that. I preferred to be part of a solution, but didn't quite know how to manage that.

Then one day during my morning prayers I heard these words whispered to me... "What if?" I might find these answers at church.

And so...now I attend Mass regularly where I find my spirit is nurtured by collective prayer, honoring God and a reframing of scripture through some really great homilies offered by our priests and yes, Deacon Steven. I have found the embrace of a loving community and can be among those who will walk on this journey with me, and I with them. That is why I now go to church...!

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Sunday 10-12	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) Immediately following Mass Knights of Columbus hospitality. Come and break bread with us. 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
Monday 10-13	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's <i>Network offices closed for Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day Holiday</i>
Tuesday 10-14	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 10-15	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 10-16	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Reconciliation (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 10-17	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 10-18	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 10-19	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 10-20	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 10-21	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)
Wednesday 10-22	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 10-23	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Reconciliation (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 10-24	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 10-25	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 10-26	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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St. Patrick's Pastoral Council will meet October 27th at 7pm in room 5 of the school.

Mother McAuley Columbiettes will meet Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30pm in room 4 of the school.

A big Thank You to Janice Clouthier for all the flowers she's donated to St. Mary's and the excellent job running the decoration committee. – From your parish family.

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

Please remember the Coxsackie Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month. The Coxsackie Food Pantry is especially in need of: **toothpaste, pet food 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.*

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's 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:

Peaches Conditioner Applesauce Toilet tissue

Diocesan Jubilee Gathering Recordings: Last month, Father Jay encouraged everyone who could to go to the Diocesan Jubilee Gathering – and many of you turned out! We thank you for your participation. For those who were interested but unable to go, the diocese has released recordings of the two talks from before lunch on <https://www.youtube.com@rcdaODF>

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.

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YOU'RE INVITED

FREE Parish Family Dinner – Costume Night

All parishioners are warmly invited to our next Free Parish Dinner!

We look forward to gathering together for a joyful evening of food, fellowship, and fun.

This month, children and adults alike are welcome to join the celebration by wearing their favorite costume. Whether simple or creative, your costume will add to the spirit of the evening! We hope you and your family will come and share this special time with your parish community.

(We ask that the costumes be family-appropriate and not too scary for children. A great idea would be to dress like your favorite Saint!)

****Homemade Chili, Soups, and bread****

Coffee and dessert available as well!
(Gluten and Dairy Free options available)

Date: Thursday, October 16th, 2025
(Please RSVP to Sarah by October 10th)

Time: 5:30-8:00Pm

Location: Maria Hall (St Mary's, Coxsackie)

We can't wait to see you there!

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DRIVE THRU-TAKE OUT



**SAINT PATRICK'S ANNUAL
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 1-5

ADULTS-\$15 AGES 5-10-\$7 UNDER 5 - FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS

OR AT THE RECTORY (518-756-3145)

RAFFLE 50/50

AT FRESE'S BAKERY - 11 CLIFFORD ST

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Mass Intentions

Week of October 11, 12 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 11 4:30 Ravena Thelma and James Winters by Carol and John Bruno

Oct 12 7:30 Coxsackie Donald Daoust by Nancy Belycia
Kathy Daoust by Judee and Bill

9:30 Ravena Diane Hoffman by Ravena Columbiettes

11:30 Coxsackie Deceased members Van Schaick and Sherin families by Tom Van Schaick
Jacob Dirrigl, Jr. by his wife, Eva

Week of October 18, 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 18 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria
Pat and Bill Fitzgerald and Rita Hynes by Barbara Burrows

Oct 19 7:30 Coxsackie Donald Daoust by Gina McGrath
Diane Hoffman by Jeannene Albright
Nancy Adragna by Anne Heim

9:30 Ravena Jackie Glennon by daughter and family

11:30 Coxsackie Thank the Lord Jesus for his infinite sacrifice, the Holy Eucharist, consecrated wine
and Sacred Scripture by Tom Van Schaick

Week of October 25, 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

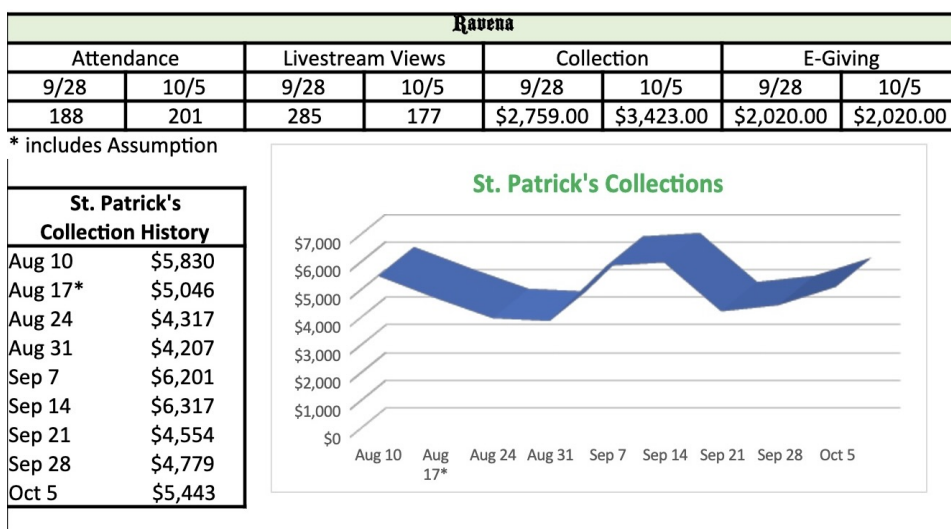
Oct 25 4:30 Ravena Brain Scully by Barbara Burrows
Frank and Angie Visconti by family
Mary Ann Jones by Kathy Jones

Oct 26 7:30 Coxsackie Uncle Carl Coniglio by Anita Hynes
Donald Daoust by The Columbiette

9:30 Ravena Rita Gager by family

11:30 Coxsackie For the church militant, suffering, triumphant, and for all parishioners of
St. Mary's by Tom Van Schaick
Florence and Lenore Warren by Joe Warren and family

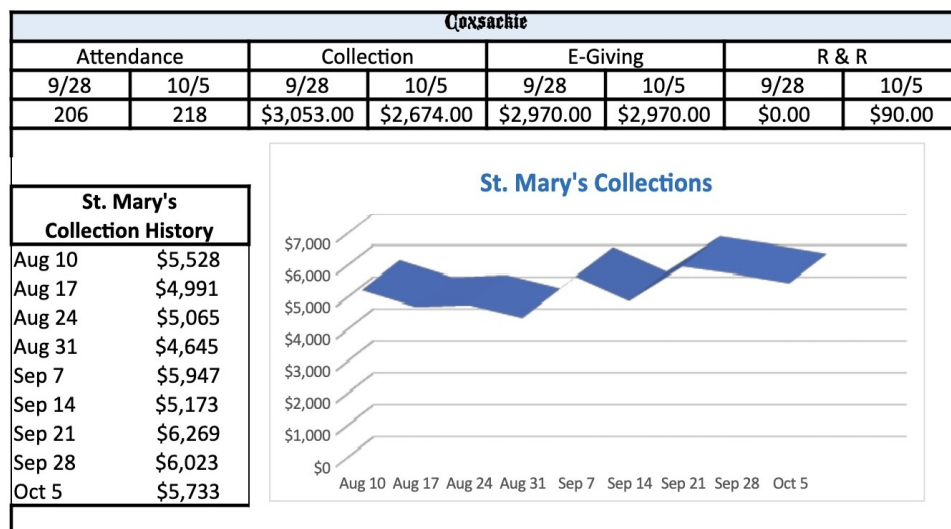
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October 19 is World Mission Sunday: On Mission Sunday, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law. Your generosity on this day supports the **Pope's missions** in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year's theme – "*Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples*" – is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering provides hope where despair too often dominates – through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.



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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

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