



ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S
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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Faith Formation news: Faith Keepers (K-4th Grade) have met twice. Mass Appeal (5th-6th Grade) and Disciples of Jesus (7th-12th Grade) groups will begin on Sunday, October 22nd. It's not too late to register! Check our Faith Formation website: hvwwff.org

Faith Keepers meet during Mass at both at St. Patrick's at 9:30 am and St. Mary's at 11:30 am. **Mass Appeal** (5th-6th Grade) will meet on Sundays at St. Patrick's at 10:30 am and at St. Mary's at 10:15 am. Our **Disciples of Jesus** participants (7th-12th grade) from both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes will meet on Sundays from 6-7:30 pm; their first meeting will be at St. Mary's in Maria Hall.

Parents, please look for the yellow packet of Faith Formation information, it is available at Mission Central at St. Mary's and at St. Patrick's by the church entrance.

October is Respect Life Month among our Catholic communities of faith. We're reminded to think about, pray and act to defend life at all times. How can we do that?

Our world is filled with challenges. War rages in Ukraine and South Sudan. Hamas has committed acts of terrorism against Israel, including the taking of women, children and the elderly as hostages. Many civilians have died in Israel and Gaza. While these events draw our complete attention, many feel helpless to respond. Decrying violence and calling again for the protection of all life, Pope Francis reminds us that we're called to build and shape a moral and just world. We face war, abortion, euthanasia, widespread discrimination (against people of color, the poor, refugees and migrants), poor care of our common home (care for the earth), and the scourge of addictions (opioids, alcohol, pornography). May we pray and act to defend the sacredness of all life at all times.

It's an interesting coincidence that the Synod for Synodality in Rome and the Eucharistic Renewal are both taking place at this time. At its heart, the Synod is an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Spirit's place in our lives and the life of the Church. How well do we listen to each other? Can we listen to each other enough to invite in all who seek the Lord? Can we find ways to walk together and find the Lord? Eucharistic Renewal speaks about keeping a central place for Christ in our lives. Can we let Christ, his Body and Blood nourish us fully and, by acting as his people, transform the world. Why choose? Why not let both Son and Spirit into our lives and renew us forever?

All Souls Day is coming. Please bring pictures of your deceased family members and friends to our parish offices to prepare our Altars of Remembrance.

St. Patrick's Annual Spaghetti Dinner tickets (October 29th) are available after Masses at both churches and in our parish offices.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

SUNDAY 10-15	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 10-16	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 10-17	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:30 St. Patrick's Women's Bible Study 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 10-18	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir Rehearsal at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 10-19	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 10-20	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 10-21	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 10-22	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 10-23	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 10-24	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:30 St. Patrick's Women's Bible Study 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 10-25	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 10-26	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 10-27	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 10-28	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 10-29	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)

If you have news of interest for either of our parishes and would like it to appear in our newsletter, please email your suggested article directly to Bill Halstead at weh058@mac.com The deadline for sending all news articles is the Monday, 6:00 pm, before the publishing of the newsletter. Thank you.

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Just a quick reminder that the first Sunday of the month collection for the Coxsackie Food Pantry is the weekend of November 5th. There are baskets in the back of the church for your donations. Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm, & Saturday 10-11 am. Toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, hand soap, dish detergent, bath and kitchen cleansers are always appreciated. Monetary donations are always welcome as one dollar has much more than one dollar of buying power at the regional food bank. Please consider making a donation as the need is great.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry needs: beef stew, peaches, carrots, peas, tomatoes, applesauce, cream of mushroom soup, tomato soup, egg noodles, chili, pancake syrup. *Please make sure all donations are **not** outdated items. We will have to throw all outdated items out.* Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations! **Pantry hours:** Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 am & Wednesdays 6–7 pm.

Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Mary Ann McCool | 518-756-9184

Come visit Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm or Saturday mornings from 9:00 – Noon. Could you volunteer on Saturdays from 9:00 – Noon? We need your help.

Volunteers Needed at St. Patrick's - Grounds keeping - which involves mowing and trimming the lawns of the church, school and rectory. Currently two volunteers do this job but at least one more person is needed. **Church cleaning** - looking for volunteers to clean the church every other Thursday. Call the office at 518-756-3145 if interested.

Thank you to all who supported the NCYC 10-week club fund-raiser. We sold over 230 tickets and the profit from this and the other donations and fund-raisers helped! Our first winner of \$20 was Leslie Scott from Newburgh and Barb Burrows won for week two. Congratulations, Leslie and Barb!

Faith Formation for St. Mary's & St. Patrick's has begun. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com or Christa Desrosiers at derobccr@gmail.com. Here is a link to Fr. Jay's latest video regarding our Faith Formation program: <https://youtu.be/tIRC1GwVxmQ>
Our Faith Formation web site is: hvwwff.org

Have you ever been hungry? I mean, *truly hungry*? It's hard for us to imagine but we have hungry people right here in our area. *You can help.* Our parishes will be providing meals for the residents of one of Albany's overflow shelters on eight Wednesdays for the season (Nov 15 and 29, Dec 20, Jan 17 and 31, Feb 21, Mar 20, Apr 17). If you want more information, please email Christa at derobccr@gmail.com or leave a message for her at the St. Patrick's Rectory 518-756-3145.

Box of Joy!! Once again this year we will be distributing empty shoeboxes for parishioners to fill and return so that we can send them to children far from here - but near to the Lord's heart. These are often the ONLY GIFT these children will get - not just for Christmas, but in their lives..... More info to come, but start thinking about the little treasures that you can use to fill your box!

YouBelong Are you looking for a community of young people where you can establish friendships and companions to walk with you on your spiritual journey? Learn more about regional young adult groups and activities. www.rcda.org/youbelong

Free Will The Foundation of the Diocese of Albany has underwritten this free online tool which allows you to make a legal will free of charge to protect the people you love.
www.freewill.com/dioceseofalbany

Ravena Mother McAuley Columbiettes next meeting Tuesday, October 24 at 7pm.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 1 TO 5 PM

DRIVE THRU - TAKE OUT

AT FRESE'S BAKERY, 11 CLIFFORD ST., RAVENA

TICKETS - ADULTS \$14 5-12 \$7 UNDER 5 - FREE

Tickets will be available at all weekend Masses

World Mission Sunday October 22, 2023 Pope Francis, [in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023](#), reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."

You can find the resources for World Mission Month: <https://onefamilyinmission.org/>

Seven Sisters Apostolate In 2010, a woman named Janette Hone was prompted to pray one hour each week for her pastor. Janette determinedly prayed this hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament, despite many distractions that arose. From this one woman's devotion to praying for her pastor, the Seven Sisters Apostolate was formed, beginning in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, to now reaching throughout the US and overseas.

A Seven Sisters Apostolate group consists of seven women dedicated to praying for a priest, for one hour on a particular day of the week. Each of the seven women prays on a different day, covering the entire week. The hour of the day for prayer is up to the individual woman. Although it is suggested that the hour of prayer be made in front of the Blessed Sacrament or Tabernacle, this is not required. If you can, please make a commitment of one year to the weekly hour of prayer.

There is detailed information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate website: sevensistersapostolate.org. We have two groups formed one each for Fathers Jay and Kyle. We would like to form a group for Fr. Joe. If you are interested in forming a Seven Sisters Apostolate group to pray for Fr. Joe, please contact the parish offices. (St. Mary's 518-731-8800 or St. Patrick's 518-756-3145.)

*"Support your priests with love and prayers that they may always be
Shepherds after Christ's heart." Pope Francis*

October is Respect Life Month

The Respect Life Committee for the parishes of Sacred Heart-Our Lady of Knock and St. John's Greenville would like to invite the community to participate in bringing gifts to fill the baby cribs, cradles and boxes, for mothers and babies in need, during the Respect Life month of October!

This effort was started last year and the response was truly heartwarming! All proceeds go to the Alight Center, which distributes them to expectant Moms in need. Things we need: baby formula, teething rings, bibs, baby brushes, baby oils, baby clothes, body lotions for Moms. Do Not place money in the cribs please, as it would not be secure. All gifts should remain unwrapped.

We thank you in advance and May God bless you for your generosity!

P.S. If you would like to bring your donations to St. Patrick's or St. Mary's churches, we will arrange to bring them to the Parish Network office in Catskill.

Mass Intentions

Week of October 14, 15, 2023

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Oct 14	4:30	Ravena	Rita Hynes by Barbara Burrows Pat Fitzgerald by Barbara Burrows
Oct 15	7:30	Coxsackie	Rose Martinez by Marianne and Julius Mitchell Doris Alix by Marianne and Julius Mitchell
	9:30	Ravena	Kim Boomhower by Carmin and Janet Vasto Tony Carrk by Amanda Latter
	11:30	Coxsackie	Rose and Jeff Martinez by the Gatt family Georgine Montana by Lawrence and Patricia McCarroll
Oct 18	8:00	Coxsackie	Doris Alix by Arlene Matthews

Week of October 21, 22, 2023

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Oct 21	4:30	Ravena	Ann Briere by Tom and Lois Williams
Oct 22	7:30	Coxsackie	Rose Martinez by Marilyn Rausch Evea Mole by Robert Baker Ronald Daoust by Gatt Family
	9:30	Ravena	Sharon Williams Thomson by Dad Violet Lydon by Janet and Carmin Vasto Mary Ann Jones by Kathy Jones
	11:30	Coxsackie	Fr. Mike Melanson for healing by Ann Heim Arthur Labuda Jr. 33 rd anniversary by his wife Claudia

Week of October 28, 29, 2023

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Oct 28	4:30	Ravena	Frank and Angie Visconti by Family
Oct 29	7:30	Coxsackie	Sam Coniglio by his daughter Ronald Daoust by Carol and Gary Metz
	9:30	Ravena	Rita Gager by Family Herman Markert by Network Faith Formation Team
	11:30	Coxsackie	Vincenzo and Tarallo by Rosa Tarallo Teresa and Alfred Dardani by Lisa D'Arcangelis

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
10/1	10/8	10/1	10/8	10/1	10/8	10/1	10/8
242	182	118	170	\$3,565.00	\$3,317.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Aug 13	\$6,770
Aug 20	\$5,776
Aug 27	\$4,804
Sept 3	\$6,266
Sept 10	\$4,321
Sept 17	\$5,320
Sept 24	\$5,296
Oct 1	\$5,585
Oct 8	\$5,337

ENVELOPES ARE GREAT, BUT E-GIVING HELPS YOUR PARISH MAKE BETTER FINANCIAL DECISIONS

*The Church is just like your family when it comes to managing our finances. We need to know what our income will be in order to budget and plan for on-going operational needs and building maintenance projects. E-giving provides a steady stream of income that we know we can depend on week after week. Many things can throw us off track in maintaining our commitment to weekly giving. Weather, illness, delays in envelope delivery and vacations to name a few. Plus, with the increased use of debit/credit cards, many of us don't carry cash. **You can cover both your regular weekly giving and any special collections with just one deduction.** Sign up once and leave the rest to us. The deduction will occur at the interval you choose from the bank account you provide. Enrollment forms are in the back of the church along with descriptions of the second and special collection. Please do not hesitate to call the office with any questions. **Try it risk free and change your mind at any time:** [Click Here](#)*

Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
10/1	10/8	10/1	10/8	10/1	10/8	10/1	10/8
185	202	\$2,533.00	\$3,180.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$1,207.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Aug 13	\$5,974
Aug 20	\$6,549
Aug 27	\$5,080
Sept 3	\$5,645
Sept 10	\$5,221
Sept 17	\$6,096
Sept 24	\$5,721
Oct 1	\$5,503
Oct 8	\$7,357

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. Patrick's Tuesday 8:30 am
St. Mary's Wednesday 8 am

FR. JAY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES: [Click here](#) and then please **SUBSCRIBE**

FR. JOE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES: [Click here](#) and then please **SUBSCRIBE**

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MY PARISH APP (Two Parishes, One App): Text **APP** to **88202** to subscribe

INSTAGRAM (Two Parishes, One Instagram): [starry's.stpatrick's](#)



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Sunday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Patrick's

MORNING PRAYER (Following the LITURGY OF THE HOURS) Friday mornings at 8:00 at St. Mary's

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 11 am - 12 pm on Tuesdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING 1:00pm - 2:00pm on Thursdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

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