



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,

World Youth Day in Portugal Perhaps you were keeping up with the news from Portugal about World Youth Day. About 1.5 million young people from around the world gathered to pray and praise God. Pope Francis was there leading the young through the Stations of the Cross and presiding at Eucharist at large, outdoor settings. Celebrations of spirit, sacrament, and connections of young people from all corners of the world, all drawn by what it means to live in Jesus Christ.

Like St. John Paul II, Pope Francis reminded the assembled youth “Do not be afraid.” Do not be afraid to embrace that God loves you. Do not be afraid to acknowledge the gifts God has given you. Do not be afraid to encounter Jesus and invite your neighbors and friends to encounter Jesus. Can you share Jesus with others just like you introduce friends to one another? And do not be afraid to be active in your Church at home, maybe even stirring things up, being active and even a bit messy. Jesus was not afraid to overturn tables or the conventions of his day. What can you and I do to show our love for God and love for our neighbor? How can you and I share what we have with a world that hungers and thirsts for all that Jesus has to offer?

And Who is my Neighbor? Part 2 Recently, I had the chance to meet with parishioners from St. Patrick's and St. Mary's. We listened to each other talk about the needs of our communities and many things going on all around us. We'll meet again at St. Patrick's on Monday, August 21st in the church and at St. Mary's on Monday, August 28th and Thursday, September 7th at Maria Hall. We can continue our wide-ranging conversations on how we, as parish communities, can express love to our neighbors in practical and concrete ways.

Deacon Adam Feisthamel and Alessio Fessulo have returned to seminary. If you'd like to send them a card, please mail it to:
Office of Vocations, Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany 12203

Mark Your Calendar for our Picnic! Everyone from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's is welcome to come to Cossackie's Pavilion down by the Hudson on Sunday, September 10th from 1-4 pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults - \$15.00; Children ages 5-12 - \$5.00; Children under 5 are free. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses of August 26th/27th and September 3rd/4th. *No tickets sold after Labor Day.*

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

SUNDAY 8-20	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 8-21	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages 6:30 And Who is my Neighbor at St. Patrick's Church
TUESDAY 8-22	Summer Break - Women's Bible Study at St. Patrick's – Summer Break 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 8-23	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 8-24	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 8-25	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 8-26	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 8-27	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 8-28	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages 6:30 And Who is my Neighbor at St. Mary's Maria Hall
TUESDAY 8-29	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass
WEDNESDAY 8-30	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 8-31	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 9-1	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 9-2	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 9-3	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

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.

Thank you to everyone who came out Wednesday August 9th to support the St. Mary's Repairs & Restoration Fund by dining at Red's. It was great to see so many parishioners and church friends.

Through the generosity of Kate & Joe Konopka **\$600** was raised for work in either Maria Hall or landscaping around the property.



Save the date: September 10, 1:00 – 4:00 St. Mary's Annual Picnic at the Coxsackie Riverside Park Pavilion. Tickets will be on sale starting after Masses August 26th and 27th.
(For more information see Page 6 of this newsletter)

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.

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm, & Saturday 10-11 am. The food pantry is located in the Hamilton Steamer Fire Station. Donations may be left in the basket at St. Mary's on the 1st Sunday of the month. 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.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry is in need of: canned fruit, mac and cheese, ziti, macaroni, bathroom tissue, bar soap, dish liquid and toothpaste. *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.

Summer Bag Sale

St. Patrick's Thrift Shop
located in the school building
enter at North Clement Ave entrance

July & August
Thurs: 1pm-3pm
Sat: 9am-12pm

Fill a bag for \$3.00
Clothes, Shoes,
Pocketbooks, Linens,
Children's Items
(employees will provide
and pack your bag)

\$3.00 per bag
*excluding Jewelry, Dishes
and nic-nac's

Did you know Fr. Jay has a YouTube Channel?

Go to YouTube and search for Fr. Jay's Channel and see the videos he recently posted regarding the progress of our network of parishes. Fr. Jay hopes to continue posting videos on an ongoing basis to keep everyone informed. Stay tuned for more!

NCYC Fundraiser - 10 Week Club Raffle has begun. It's always been a successful fundraiser for our Pilgrims going to the National Catholic Youth Conference. This year our group of 5 Youth and 5 Adults will participate at NCYC November 16-19 in Indianapolis, IN. We are selling tickets at Griffin's again on Saturday August 19, 26 and Sept. 2 from 7 to 11 am, at the Parish Picnic on Sept. 10, and at the Masses in both Churches on the weekend of Sept. 17 and 24. Tickets are \$10 and you participate in 10 weekly drawings for \$20 and 3 additional drawings on week 10 for \$50, \$100 and \$250.

Faith Formation for St. Mary's and St. Patrick's: Faith Formation planning for the fall continues. We hope to start registrations soon and have decisions on the start date for each grade level shortly after registration is completed. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Christa derobccr@gmail.com or Bob stmaryffo@aol.com

Mother McAuley Columbiette News... Our first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in Room 5 of the school hall.

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

Hope and Healing Masses Once a month a regularly scheduled Mass in a rotating parish will be devoted to the topic of healing from abuse and trauma. After Mass, resources will be available including counselors trained in abuse and trauma. All are welcome. www.rcda.org/hopeandhealing

Evening prayer at the Athens Riverfront Park: Monday nights, August 7th, 21st, and 28th. *Inside St. Patrick's Church in Athens in case of rain.* Tell your friends. All are welcome. Bring your lawn chairs. For more information contact Cathy Conner at 518-318-6119.

Announcing New Life Maternity Website Imagine facing what should be one of the greatest joys in life and yet, finding yourself gripped by fear, not sure where to go, whom to turn to, and how to proceed. This is the plight of many pregnant women, who, due to circumstances beyond their control, find themselves without a home or any support.

New Life Maternity, Inc. aims to provide that safe haven for women in need, as we invite you to be a part of this mission, wherever you are, and anytime you wish by visiting our newly launched website: <http://newlifematernity.org>

Beyond learning about our work, you can also show your support for our Maternity Home Fundraising Campaign and make a difference in our community.

Save the date: SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 FOR THE ST. THERESA'S TOM MCGOLDRICK GOLF CLASSIC
Last year's event was a huge success and this year's event will be even better! Our honoree this year will be Deacon Peter Sedlmeir, who faithfully served St. Theresa's Parish for so many years. For more information please call (518) 734-3352. All the money raised goes directly to St Theresa's to fund the parish, as well as to help continue the many social programs that it provides for the Windham community. We are looking forward to seeing all our guests and sponsors back again.

National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn Holy Hour at Our Lady of Knock Shrine This will be held at the Shrine on Saturday, September 9th between 3-4pm. The Respect Life Group of Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist would like to invite all parishioners in our network to a Holy Hour to pray for the unborn, their parents and to pray for an end to abortion. We will have scripture readings, hymns and rosary, before the Blessed Sacrament. We will join our pro-life brothers and sisters across the country, in prayer.

We hope that you can join us in prayer, remembering that the Lord said that prayer can move mountains!

Albany Chapter of Magnificat (*a Ministry to Catholic Women*) is hosting a Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 9 from 10 am – 2 pm at the *Sisters of the Resurrection Provincial House, 35 Boltwood Ave., Castleton, NY*. Check-in begins at 9:30 am in the Chapel. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, lunch (*bring a bag lunch and beverages*), Praise & Worship and talks by *Sr. Teresa Grace Baillargeon, CR, and Sr. Laurie Marie Parisi, CR*. The theme is: "Living Our Call as Women of the Eucharist". Cost: Free-will donation – *RSVP by Wednesday, Sept 6*. To register: albanymagnificat@gmail.com email us. Include your name, phone number and parish. Invite a friend! Let us know if you are interested in carpooling. Questions, call Diane Bigos @ 518-810-1310 or visit: www.magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany; or www.facebook.com/albanymagnificat.



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to come!

Delicious food, great music, enjoyable company.

Raffle basket... 50/50

Lots of fun!

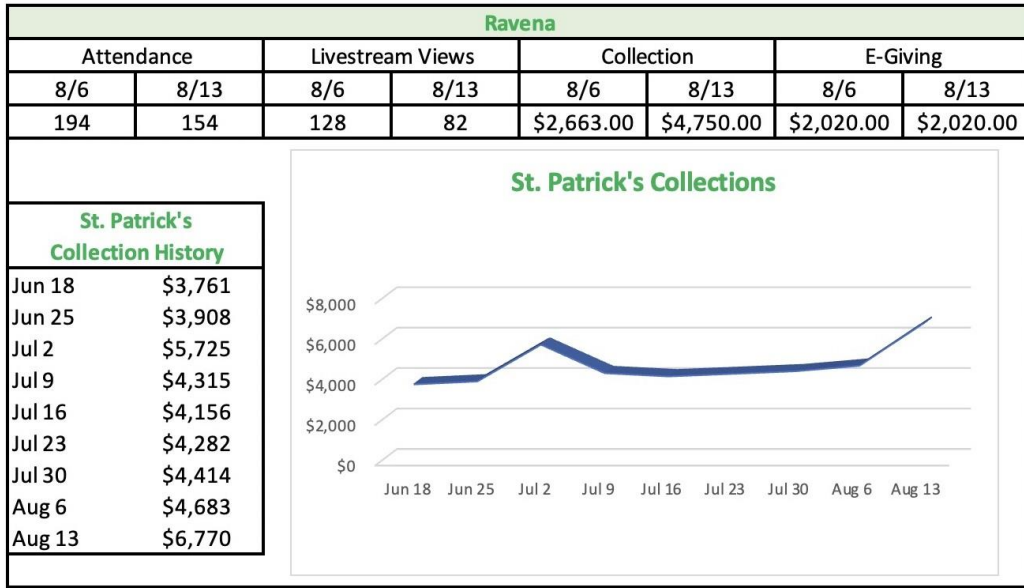
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Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$15.00

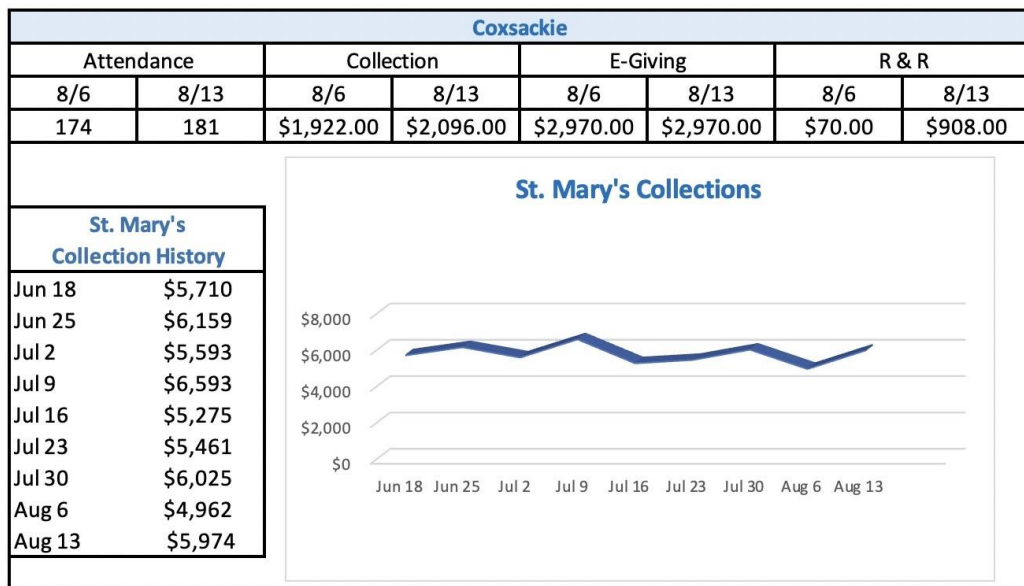
Children Ages 5-12 - \$5.00

Children under 5 - Free



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](#)



Mass Intentions

Week of August 19, 20, 2023

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Aug 19	4:30	Ravena	Mark Lewis by Donna Hagen
Aug 20	7:30	Coxsackie	Lena Coniglio by her daughter Elizabeth Caputo by Anita
	9:30	Ravena	Guy Anatriello by Rose Carmin and Marie Vasto by Carmin and Janet Vasto
	11:30	Coxsackie	James and Venera Miller by the Willis family Peter Willis by the Willis family
Aug 23	7:30	Coxsackie	Marie Kadlick by her daughter Frances Lake

Week of August 26, 27, 2023

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Aug 26	4:30	Ravena	None at this time
Aug 27	7:30	Coxsackie	All members of God's Kingdom by Tom Van Schaick Frances Porter by Anne Heim
	9:30	Ravena	Angie Meilak by Steve and Lois Young Robert Taranto by Carmin and Janet Vasto Gabriel Trotta by Joanne and Suzanne Al Sapienza by Joann Trotta and Suzanne Porter
	11:30	Coxsackie	Elizabeth Caputo by Lorraine and Rhett Finnerty Richard Freund by Mark and Suzanne Lewis

Week of September 2, 3, 2023

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sep 2	4:30	Ravena	Anna Sgroi by Bernie and Linda McCall David Palmer by Frances Lake
Sep 3	7:30	Coxsackie	Memorial Society Elizabeth Caputo by Gina McGrath Mark Lewis by Jeannene Albright
	9:30	Ravena	Tory Johnson by Rita, Jake and John Ablett Kim Boomhower by Steve and Lois Young
	11:30	Coxsackie	None at this time
Sep 6	8:00	Coxsackie	"Skip" Veeder by his wife and family

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. Patrick's Tuesday 8:30 am

St. Mary's Wednesday 8 am

FR. JOE'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

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 **SUMMER BREAK**

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

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