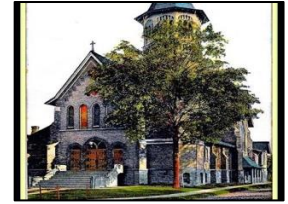




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

We're reintroducing the Blood of Christ at all Masses beginning on the weekend of June 10th and 11th, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Blood of Christ will be available to all who wish to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ. To all of our Eucharistic Ministers and to those who have been discerning service as a Eucharistic Minister, a mandatory training session is coming up: at St. Patrick's: Wednesday, May 31st at 6 pm; and at St. Mary's: Sunday, June 4th at 8:30 and 10 am. (Pick the time that's best for you.) If you have been discerning becoming a Eucharist Minister, please see Fr. Joe, Deacon Mike or Deacon Steve.

Blessings for Pentecost! Pentecost is one of the few days that features readings for both the Vigil and Sunday Masses. At the Vigil, John's Gospel speaks of the Spirit who is "living water" that flows from God. Jesus tells us that the Spirit will guide and support the people after he returns to his Father. In Sunday's Gospel, also from John, Jesus breathes upon the disciples and says "Receive the Holy Spirit." The disciples have a new mission, continuing Jesus's work.

Happy Memorial Day! For many, Memorial Day is the unofficial beginning of summer. At it's heart, Memorial Day is the day when we honor all who have died in service to our nation, defending our ideals and way of life. Many will go to cemeteries to decorate graves with flowers and flags (remember Decoration Day?). Please take a few moments in prayer to remember all who have served our nation to advance freedom, justice and dignity for all.

The Diocesan Appeal will be coming to a close on June 30th and here's something new to consider. Now, the Diocese is offering parishioners the opportunity to allocate your Appeal gift into four different groups of diocesan service ministries: General Budget Underwriting of Diocesan Services, Parish Mission Support Departments, Parish Operational Support Departments and Vocations. This is your opportunity to have a voice in how your gift is used.

I ask for your support to help St Mary's and St Patrick's reach their Appeal goals. If you are considering a gift (or would like to add to a gift made earlier) please take home a copy of Bishop Scharfenberger's letter. It is available at the church entrances for your reference. If you would like to allocate your gift, please follow the instructions at the end of the Bishop's letter.

As of May 23rd, St. Mary's has received \$27,546.40 in gifts and pledges (61% of their \$44,581 goal) and St. Patrick's has received \$33,015 in gifts and pledges (83% of their \$39,813 goal). Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to support the Appeal! And thank you to everyone who is considering a gift!

Sacrament of the Sick will be available after Masses the weekend of June 17/18.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

PENTECOST SUNDAY 5-28	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 5-29	<i>Memorial Day Offices Closed</i> 8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 5-30	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:00 Women's Bible Study at St. Patrick's in Classroom 5 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 5-31	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:00 Training for Eucharistic Ministers serving at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 6-1	6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 6-2	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 6-3	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 6-4	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Training for Eucharistic Ministers serving at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 10:00 Training for Eucharistic Ministers serving at St. Mary's 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
MONDAY 6-5	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 6-6	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:00 Women's Bible Study at St. Patrick's in Classroom 5 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 6-7	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 6-8	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 6-9	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 6-10	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's

6-11	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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If you have news of interest for either of our parishes and would like it to appear in this 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.

Saint Mary's Book of Intentions Have you noticed the big red book that has been sitting open at the back of St. Mary's? Or did you notice when Deacon Mike started including praying for "all those in our book of intentions" during the Universal Prayer? This book is for writing down names of our loved ones, friends and community members that are in need of prayer. Please feel free to use this for your special intentions and prayer requests for others.

Attention Homebound Parishioners of St. Patrick's

This is an invitation to all homebound parishioners who would like to have communion brought to their homes on the 1st Wednesday of every month. If interested or have questions, please call St. Patrick's office at 518-756-3145 on any Wednesday and speak to Michelle Fralick. We have a team of voluntary ministers from St. Patrick's who would love to serve you.

The 9:30 Mass on Sunday, June 4 at St. Patrick's will be for all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and Mother McAuley #3424 Columbiettes. Members are encouraged to attend this Mass. Members are invited to gather in the Knights room for coffee and donuts following the Mass. Please call or e-mail Al or Tricia if you will be attending.

Mother McAuley Columbiettes will hold their last meeting of the year on Tuesday, June 27th at 6 pm. Please note the **change in time**. Dinner will be served. Please call or e-mail Tricia if you will be attending.

St. Mary's Faith Formation News:

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). To provide this weekly, we need more facilitators. We currently have two teams and can use two more. Facilitators may be teenagers, young adults or adults. Anyone who can assist in supporting this ministry may contact Bob at stmaryffo@aol.com.

More Coffee hour volunteers are needed to lighten the load of those who are already volunteering.

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. The Community Food Pantry gratefully accepts all donations. Toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, hand soap, dish detergent, bath and kitchen cleansers are always appreciated. Monetary donations are always welcome as one dollar has well 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: beef stew, tomato soup, sugar, deodorant, bar soap, and dish liquid. *Please make sure all donations are **not** outdated items. We will only 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 could use your help.

Diocesan Appeal is in the final stretch with the campaign closing June 30th! Thank you to all who have already contributed to the campaign.



Diocesan Appeal

As the Dioceses reorganizes the priority remains for the Diocese to serve the parishes as the parishes strive to support the parishioners. Toward that goal, the Diocese is now offering the opportunity to apportion your Diocesan Appeal investment within four areas:

1. **General Underwriting** – includes mission & operational support and vocations.
2. **Parish Mission Support Departments of the Diocese** – Catechist Formation, Evangelization, Faith Formation & Education, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care, Prayer & Worship, Respect Life, Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities.
3. **Parish Operational Support Departments of the Diocese**– Canonical Services, Accounting & Finance, Human Resources & Safe Environment, Building Management, Information Technology.
4. **Vocations** – underwriting the education of 24 men in formation for the priesthood.

Please note which of these areas you would like to direct your support on your check.

Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church – support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal goal!

ST. PATRICK'S

94 gifts so far
Goal \$ 39,813
Total donations to date = * \$33,015
83% of goal
Average Gift \$351
Still to be raised = \$ 6,798

ST. MARY'S

99 gifts so far
Goal \$ 44,841
Total donations to date = * \$27,546.40
61% of goal
Average Gift \$278
Still to be raised = \$17,294.60

Appeal envelopes are available near the church entrances. You can also make your donation online by typing <https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/> in your browser.

Please be generous in supporting this campaign. If the Parish does not meet our goal the shortfall will need to be made up with parish funds.

Collections & E-Giving E-Mail Dawn Brownson parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

Sunday June 4th we will take up a collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign** (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Half of the collected funds stay right here in the Albany Diocese, and the other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops as well as other national projects in the United States and around the world. Your support for the CCC helps the Church to modernize how it communicates the joy of the Gospel in developing nations worldwide. Not only does it help spread the Gospel, but it also helps form young disciples and gives them the practical skills they need to navigate today's digital media environment. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
05/14	05/21	05/14	05/21	05/14	05/21	05/14	05/21
202	250	188	94	\$4,203.00	\$2,837.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Mar 26	\$7,430
Apr 2	\$7,455
Easter Week	\$7,662
Apr 16	\$5,877
Apr 23	\$4,183
Apr 30	\$4,310
May 7	\$5,247
May 14	\$6,223
May 21	\$4,857

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	
05/14	05/21	05/14	05/21	05/14	05/21	05/14	05/21
172	293	\$1,924.00	\$1,874.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$1,003.00	\$360.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Mar 26	\$6,309
Apr 2	\$5,871
Easter Week	\$8,799
Apr 16	\$6,127
Apr 23	\$5,421
Apr 30	\$4,623
May 7	\$5,271
May 14	\$5,897
May 21	\$5,384

Mass Intentions

Week of May 27, 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

May 27 4:30 Ravena No Intentions at this time
May 28 7:30 Coxsackie Josephine Conlon by John Conlon
Kirby Peter Conlon by John Conlon
9:30 Ravena Philomena McCallion by Philip McCallion and Deborah Smith
Hans Herting by family
11:30 Coxsackie Marion Martinez Barton by Peter and Gilda Pascuzzi
Mary Ellen McDermott by the Dolan family

Week of June 3, 4, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

June 3 4:30 Ravena Jeffrey Helm by his family
June 4 7:30 Coxsackie Memorial Society
Mary Ellen McDermott by the Columbiettes
9:30 Ravena Deceased members of Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes
11:30 Coxsackie Rose Abagnalo by Chuck and Rose Huettner
Mary Ellen McDermott by Tom and Joan Burke
Kelly Eignar by Louise and Randy Finley

Week of June 10, 11, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

June 10 4:30 Ravena Paul Persico by his family
Jan Mormile by Carmin and Janet Vasto
June 11 7:30 Coxsackie Stephen Jenteel by Sally Bender and Becky Vermilyea
Mary Ellen McDermott by Darin Hynes
9:30 Ravena Charles Brooks by Judy and Tom Ryan
Frances M. Williams by John
11:30 Coxsackie Rocco A Cole by Karen Cole
William and Jean Tremmel by Lorraine

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 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): [stmary'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 in classroom 5 of St. Patrick's school

MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 1 – 2 pm on Thursdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school