



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,

Wow! What a welcome!

I am so grateful to you, the people of our St Mary's and St Patrick's Parish Communities, for the welcome you gave to me this past weekend! Some members of my family (my Mother, my brother and two sisters) along with some friends came for Mass and the gathering at Red's and they were so impressed with all of you.

My family loved everything about Mass at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's... the ministries, the music, the welcome they received from hospitality ministers, the participation of the whole community in the Eucharist, the throngs of parishioners who came to Red's to see Fr. Scott off to Glens Falls and welcome me to our parishes.

But as much as Fr. Scott and I enjoyed the day, this was a day for our parish family! I saw how much you were together and talking, catching up with friends in the parking lot, on the steps, at Red's, and everywhere! I suspect that for more than a few of us, it was the first time to see so many parishioner neighbors and friends together in a long time. It was our first weekend back to our four Mass schedule. We have missed each other.

COVID, however, is still in our midst. Right now, the fall and winter look challenging. Let's continue to take steps to safeguard one another. Let's keep each other in prayer. When the pandemic subsides, I look forward to our being, celebrating and enjoying parish family again... often!

Many thanks to our Committee who planned everything for the weekend, everything for our celebration. (Our Committee members: Dawn Brownson, Pam Burnett, Lorraine Camurati, Nancy Davidson, Fran Frangella, Donna Hagan, Gail LaMora, Gina McGrath, Danielle Parks, Julie Schofield, Michelle Smith and Al and Trish Visconti. And a tip of the hat to our friends at Red's: Kate and Joe Konopka and Melody Eldred. Thank you to everyone who helped to plan and pull off such a great day for our parish family.)

I was so touched by all that you did, but I wasn't surprised. I've been listening to Fr. Scott tell me about the people of our parish community, and from watching some your livestreams, I know we celebrate Eucharist with Spirit and Joy. We do everything with Spirit and Joy here. I am so happy to be here with you and I look forward to our years ministering together.

Now, if I could only remember all those names!

Together we seek the Lord!

Fr Joe

PS Do you shop at Colonie Center? One of our Catholic schools, Blessed Sacrament on Central Avenue in Albany, participates in Colonie Center's School Bucks incentive program. This can help them share in rewards that help their students and their school. Please bring your receipts to the St. Mary's or St. Patrick's parish offices. Many thanks!


Thank you all From Fr. Scott

Dear Parish Family,

There are no words to capture how I felt after last weekend's Masses and Sunday's reception at Red's. The words "overwhelmed"... "marinated in love"... "royally blessed"... approach what it felt like, but just barely.

Thank you for standing in line for hours to offer me your love and your blessing. I'll never forget what it felt like to stand there, shoulder-to-shoulder with Fr. Joe and watch the faces of people I love, my family, bless me over and over, like waves on the beach. I'll forever be your grateful "pastor emeritus."

With deep love,

Fr. Scott 

Schedule

SUNDAY 9/19	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
MONDAY 9/20	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages
TUESDAY 9/21	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's 11:00 = Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 5:30 = Confession (St. Mary's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 9/22	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 9/23	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 9/24	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 9/25	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
SUNDAY 9/26	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 9/27	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages

TUESDAY 9/28	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's 11:00 = Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's Church (All are welcome!) 5:30 = Confession (St. Patrick's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 7:00 = Pastoral Council Meeting (St. Patrick's)
WEDNESDAY 9/29	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 9/30	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 10/1	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 10/2	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
SUNDAY 10/3	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 6:30 = Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)

Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

MISSION CENTRAL

The shelves at the Mission Central counter have become cluttered with items not related to Mission Central. In preparation to reopen, we ask that if you have placed anything there, that you remove it before the end of September. Any non-related Mission Central items not cleared out by the end of September will be disposed of. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

Coffee Hour has been a vibrant post Mass fellowship time for more than 3 decades. WE would like to resume with this great community builder in September. With the nearly year and a half hiatus due to COVID restrictions, we have lost more than half of our original 6 teams and our Coordinator. Patty McCarroll has coordinated the recruiting and scheduling for Coffee Hour for more than 3 decades!! Patty has done a tremendous service to our Church Community: Thank You Patty!!! Thankfully she will remain as a set-up person for one of the teams. Before COVID, we had 5 Coffee Hour Teams. A team consists of a Set-up person and two (2) persons to facilitate serving after each Mass (5 total). The two serving the 11:30 Mass also clean-up (which is minimal). Right now we have one full team and Patty as a Set-up person for another team. In order to resume, we need an overall coordinator, 3 volunteers to be the set-up person for 3 different teams and 16 team volunteers to serve as servers after Mass. We won't resume Coffee Hour until all 5 teams are intact. If you feel called to serve our church in this ministry, please contact Bob at 518 731-9268 or stmaryffo@aol.com.

MONTHLY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE – 2nd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH (except December) All are welcome at 7:00 PM for prayer & praise followed by a 7:30 liturgy at **Christ Our Light RC Church** (1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211). AlbanyCCR.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach and a peaceful all day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

Training and Kickoff Rally: September 18th at 9am at **Full Life Church**, 3 Bogardus Avenue, Catskill, NY 12414 Call 617-947-3878 for more information and visit: <https://40daysforlife.com/en/hudson>

This fall's campaign starts September 22 and runs until October 31.

Rosary Rally 2021

Lisa Baker | 518-810-3609

Please join the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on **October 16, 2021 at 12:00 noon**. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place in the back yard of St. Mary's Church. Please contact Lisa Baker at **518-810-3609** for more information.

Altar Cleaners at St. Mary's

Gina McGrath | 518-708-4689

ALTAR CLEANERS NEEDED

We are resuming the ministry of cleaning the altar weekly. This takes about one hour on a Friday or Saturday about once every six weeks and training is provided! If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Gina McGrath @ 708-4689. Thank you

Cleaning at St. Patrick's

Danielle Parks | 518-756-3230

Volunteers are needed to clean the church every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Contact Danielle Parks at 518-756-3230.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations!
We are in need of the following non-perishable food items:

**Spaghetti Sauce, Lunch Box Snacks, Instant Potatoes,
Green Beans, Apple Juice and Cookies.**

Food Pantry is Open **Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 AM** and **Wednesdays 6–7 PM**.

Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Marianne 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.)

Youth & Faith Formation of St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

FAITH FORMATION 2022

Faith Formation begins!

WE begin the FF year on Sept. 19 at 6 PM with Grade 10/Confirmation, Monday Sept. 20 at 6:30 PM with Grade K-2, Sunday Sept. 26 at 10:15 AM with Grades 4-6, Sunday Sept. 26 at 6 PM for Grade 9, Monday Sept. 27 at 6:30 PM for Grade 8 and Sunday Oct. 3 at 6 PM for Grade 7. Guidelines for COVID 19 restrictions for this year have been sent home to parents via email.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR GRADES 5, 8 & 9

Could God be calling you to do this vital work for our young people in the years leading up to their confirmation in the faith? Please contact Bob at stmaryoff@aol.com or 518-731-9268.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

We hope to resume the Children's Lectionary Program(Children's Liturgy of the Word) in September at the 11:30 AM Mass. Since the last Mass that we were able to have the program, we have lost almost all of our Teen Catechists to graduation! Right now we have two teams; it works best with 4 or 5 so that each team facilitates about once a month. If there are any youth (7th grade or higher) who wishes to serve the church in this capacity, please let Bob know. The goal is to resume the program with a full complement of teams by mid-September.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Reflections on the Breakaway Retreat that took place at the end of June at the Pyramid Life Center:

Submitted by Therese Desrosiers:

Going into the week I was overjoyed with excitement for many reasons! It was my seventh breakaway, but it had been two years since we had been able to meet in person due to the pandemic, so I was ecstatic to see everyone again. I was also extremely excited for the retreat as a whole because I had always had an awesome time but since I had a total renewal of faith during last summer I couldn't wait to spend a whole five days praising the name of my savior in whom I so deeply love! Even from day one, I knew this year was gonna be amazing, even as we all brought our luggage up to our cabin in the 90-degree heat we were all so thankful to be there and see everyone it barely even mattered. The whole week was amazing beyond words. We played games, listened to talks, and got at least a tiny bit of sleep. My absolute favorite part was probably adoration. I got to sit in the presence of Jesus with best friends from old years and people I had just met four days prior. Seeing these people who I so dearly love gaze upon and sing praises to our Lord truly moved me, I'd say it moved me to tears but I was crying at the Lord's beauty anyway. The only part about Breakaway that I didn't really enjoy would be the end. You create such a bond with the beautiful people you meet that leaving is actually very painful. Luckily the Breakaway family stays in touch and we even have a zoom that a group of campers comes to weekly! I strongly recommend Breakaway to anyone who is of the age, you could get to walk away with a renewed faith, strengthened relationship with God, new lifelong friends, and memories that will last forever.

Submitted by Katherine Desrosiers:

Going into breakaway this year I was extremely hopeful and excited. I have previously gone to Breakaway once in person and once over zoom. I can't describe the experience in a way to do it justice, it was probably the best week of my life! Every day was filled with memories of talks, swimming, archery, volleyball, prayers or mass, and growing friendships. After only 5 days I feel like I've gained 46 new friends. The whole environment of PLC was so inviting and nourishing. I and many girls from my cabin reflected the last night of camp on how we truly felt fearfully and wonderfully made, as Psalm 139 tells us we are. After over a year of semi-isolation due to COVID, I feel it was exactly what I needed! As expected my favorite moment of Breakaway was Eucharistic adoration paired with a confession. To be able to be forgiven, and then sit face to face with the one who forgave me was an unexplainable thing. During adoration a group of us went and knelt/sat in front of the Eucharist, holding hands and praying

with each other. at one point, holding one of my hands was a girl I had known over zoom for over a year and finally got to see in person. The look of peace and contentment on her face was indescribable. on the other side of me, holding my other hand was a girl I hadn't talked to prior. And yet I felt equally connected to both, through God's presence. in those moments we sang (some of my now favorite songs!), exchanged prayer requests, and looked into the eyes of our savior, Jesus Christ. Following adoration especially but the week in general I felt so connected to those around me, I feel so blessed to experience Breakaway, grow closer to Jesus, receive encouragement, create new friendships, as well as strengthen pre-existing ones!! to everyone reading this if you can: GO TO BREAKAWAY!!!!!! YOU WON'T REGRET IT. God bless, you are precious and loved.

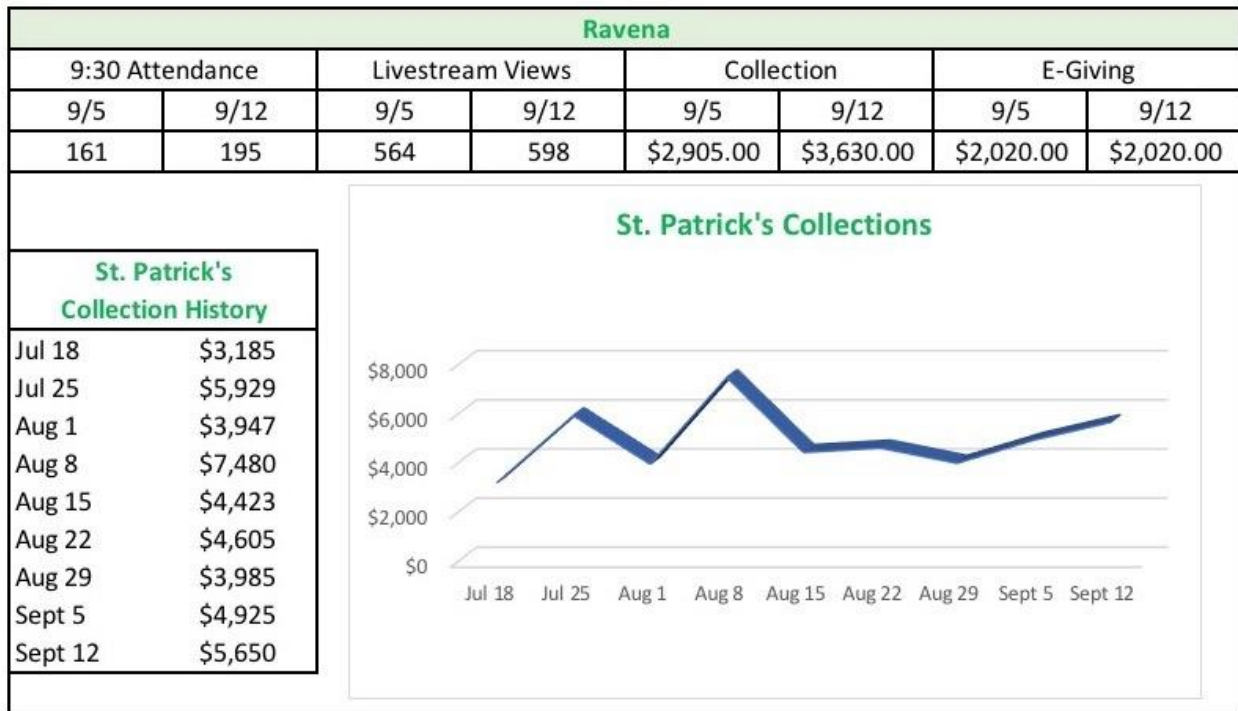
Collections & E-Giving **E-Mail Dawn Brownson | parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com**

Catholic University of America Appeal.

Our second collection next week will be for The Catholic University of America and other Catholic higher educational needs. I encourage you to join me in supporting this most worthwhile educational initiative. Grounded in the philosophy of the rich Catholic intellectual tradition, students who attend Catholic colleges and universities are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Please help by giving to the collection on September 25/26, 2021

Thank you for your support and for helping to shed Christ's light upon the region by your support of the **2021 Catholic University of America Appeal**.



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Coxsackie							
4:30 Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
9/4	9/12	9/4	9/12	9/4	9/12	9/4	9/12
134	161	\$2,132.00	\$2,487.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$20.00	\$400.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Jul 17	\$6,361
Jul 24	\$4,423
Jul 31	\$5,316
Aug 7	\$5,476
Aug 14	\$6,118
Aug 21	\$5,002
Aug 28	\$4,982
Sept 4	\$5,122
Sept 12	\$5,857

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WEEKEND MASSES:

- 4:30 PM Saturday Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome)
- 7:30 AM Sunday Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
- 9:30 AM Sunday Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
- 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 Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
- 11:30 AM on **St. Mary's YouTube** channel (also on-demand)

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WEEKDAY MASS (On Facebook Live from Our Lady of Victory Parish, Troy)

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PROFILES OF ENDURANCE (Fr. Scott's Podcast)

Interviews with parishioners about facing life's challenges

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Tuesdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school

MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

1:00 - 2:00 PM on Thursdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school