



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,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Did you have a Happy Thanksgiving? I hope you enjoyed seeing some family and friends. People come home for Thanksgiving. How often have you invited someone for dinner or just “asked them to stop by the house?” People yearn to be close to family and friends at this time of the year.

Your parish family experiences that yearning, too. At St. Mary’s and St. Patrick’s we strive to provide a safe, secure place to gather, pray and be community. We miss our friends and we pray and long for the day when we can celebrate Word and Sacrament gathered together as one, as God’s Family.

We know that some in our parish family cannot come for health reasons. We pray with and for your safe return one day. (Would you like me or one of our Eucharistic Ministers to bring you communion at home?) And some of our neighbors have been away. Have you taken precautions? (Been vaccinated? Wear a mask? Use hand sanitizer?) Advent is here. Christmas is coming. Please accept my invitation to return to Mass.

Our Christmas Mass schedule appears below for your reference. Reservations are not required this year. Come, and invite a friend.

Together, let’s welcome the Lord! Fr. Joe O’Brien

Christmas Mass Schedule

	<i>Friday, 12/24</i>	<i>Saturday, 12/25</i>	<i>Sunday 12/26 Holy Family</i>
St. Mary’s Coxsackie	<i>(Christmas Eve) 4:30 PM 7:30 PM</i>	<i>(Christmas Day) 8:30 AM</i>	<i>(regular Sunday Schedule) 7:30 AM 11:30 AM</i>
St. Patrick’s Ravena	<i>2:30 PM 9:00 PM</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>	<i>9:30 AM</i>

Friday 12/31 Mass for all who wish to observe Mary, the Mother of God - 4:30 PM at St. Mary’s

Saturday Epiphany Vigil 1/1 (regular Saturday schedule) - 4:30 PM at St. Patrick’s

Sunday Epiphany 1/2 (regular Sunday schedule) - 7:30 AM at St. Mary's - 9:30 AM at St. Patrick's and 11:30 AM at St. Mary's

Schedule

SUNDAY 11/28	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 11/29	8:00 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 11/30	8:00 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 = Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's 11:00 = Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 12/1	8:00 = Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 12/2	8:30 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 12/3	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 12/4	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 12/5	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 Exposition at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
MONDAY 12/6	8:00 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12/7	8:00 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 11:00 = Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's Church (All are welcome!) 6:00 = Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 12/8	8:30 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:00 = Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at St. Patrick's

THURSDAY 12/9	8:30 = Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 12/10	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 12/11	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 12/12	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)

Please Note: When RCS or CA schools are closed or delayed due to bad weather the respective Churches will not have Mass or prayer and the respective Parish Office will be closed.

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 15, 3:00-7:00 PM ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Thursday, December 16, 3:00-7:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Priests will be present for Reconciliation.
Please stop in!

Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

As a part of the "Christmas by the River" Celebration on Sunday December 5th, the Coxsackie-Athens Community Band will be performing traditional holiday music in St. Mary's Church from 1-4PM. Three ensembles, whose members are all Community Band members, will each perform twice in 30 minute segments throughout the afternoon. The Rip Van Winkle Brass will play at 1:00 and 3:00, the Upper Hudson Lower Brass at 1:30 and 3:30 and Meadow Suite at 2:00 and 2:30. This is an informal concert where community members are free to stop in anytime for as long as they like. Seating is limited for safety and everyone except for children under age 3 are asked to wear a mask.

GIVING TREE:

Our annual Giving Tree is up and decorated with tags for Catholic Charities children, our own homebound and Stewarts gas cards. Please take a tag (or tags!) and follow the directions. All gifts MUST be returned by DECEMBER 12th. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for so many. Any questions, please contact: Gina McGrath @ 731-2678.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena**Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789**

Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations!

Thank you to all who helped prepare the Thanksgiving Food baskets!

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

Food Pantry, Coxsackie**Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300**

Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours are Tuesday afternoons 1 - 2 PM, Thursday nights, 7 - 8 PM and Saturday mornings 10 - 11 AM. The food pantry is located at 117 Mansion Street in the D.M. Hamilton Steamer #2 Fire Station, next to McQuade Park.

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:**

If you haven't received your schedules for Grades K-6, Grades 7-9 and Grade 10, please contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com.

Second Grade Sacraments: Preparation for First Reconciliation – Families should continue working at home with your child on the Reconciliation Take Home program.

Jesus Festival: The culmination of the First Reconciliation preparation process is the Jesus Festival that takes place on **Saturday, December 4** at 1 PM in the Church. Please arrive by 12:45 PM to check in.

First Reconciliation: we will celebrate First Reconciliation on **Saturday, December 11** at 1 PM in the Church.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS still NEEDED FOR GRADES 7 & 8

Could God be calling you to this vital work for our young people? Please contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryoff@aol.com or 518-731-9268.

Altar Server Training at St. Mary's**Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268**

There will be training for new Altar Servers on **Sunday, December 5** at 10:15 AM in the Church. Any boy or girl in grade 3 and above may serve our Church in this important ministry. Altar Servers serve the priest and the parishioners as the Angels do for God and the Communion of Saints (Book of Revelation Chapters 4-8). Please let Bob know who will be coming to the training at 518 731-9268 or stmaryffo@aol.com. This may also serve as refresher training for our present Altar Servers.

Youth & Families St. Patrick's**Christa Desrosiers | derobccr@gmail.com or 518-756-3145**

We are planning an **ADVENT EVENT! and we would love your help!!** We are putting together an evening of fellowship and preparation for all parishioners on Saturday, **December 11th after the 4:30 PM Mass**. Details will be in the next newsletter as we get plans finalized.

Here's what we need to make this event a success - many hands, light work!

Bakers for treats (at least 10) to be delivered December 10th

Servers for treats (at least 4) to help on December 11th

Set up team - NO heavy lifting, just decorating with nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, and lots of lights! Date/time TBD - probably December 9th or 10th (4-6 ppl)

Chair movers - (at least 4) Yes, that's exactly what we need - maybe a few tables too. date/time TBD - probably December 9th or 10th

Christmas Play Adult helpers (at least 4) - a twist on our traditional pageant, done outside of Mass - on the stage. One rehearsal on **Sunday, December 5th** during FF time, second rehearsal TBD after first.

Contact Christa if you want to be a part of this enchanting evening.

To our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parents: Would your children like to be part of music ministry on Christmas Eve at the 2:30 (contact Christa Desrosiers or John Vasto) or 4:30 (contact Bob Desrosiers or Lisa D'Arcangelis) Mass?



Diocesan Appeal 2021 – 2022

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Come Holy Spirit

Help us meet our goal! If you choose to make your gift via a check, please make your check payable to the **Diocesan Appeal** and mail your donation directly to the Diocese at the following address:

**Diocesan Appeal
40 North Main Ave.
Albany, NY 12203**

or donate on-line here: [Diocesan Appeal](#)



Baby Bottle Coin Drive for the Alight Center - During Advent both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parishes will once again be conducting a baby bottle coin drive to support the ongoing work of the Alight Center in Hudson. The bottles can be found in the back of the Church and we encourage parishioners to take a bottle home, and over the next few weeks place their loose change in them. Bottles are to be returned by January 6th. Be on the lookout for these bottles and support the work of the Alight Center in providing young moms and dads with the help and encouragement they need.

Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson | parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

Catholic Charities Collection – We are partnering with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany for a second collection on November 27th and 28th to benefit their work in supporting families in need.

Please consider a generous response to help your neighbors in need. More information can be found online at www.ccrda.org/collection and in the Nov 11th issue of the Evangelist

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
11/14	11/21	11/14	11/21	11/14	11/21	11/14	11/21
162	195	202	164	\$3,925.00	\$1,737.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Sept 26	\$2,952
Oct 3	\$6,785
Oct 10	\$5,130
Oct 17	\$4,930
Oct 24	\$3,179
Oct 31	\$6,967
Nov 7	\$5,139
Nov 14	\$5,945
Nov 21	\$3,757

ENVELOPES ARE GREAT, BUT E-GIVING HELPS YOUR PARISH MORE

Try it risk free and change your mind at any time: [Click Here](#)

Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
11/14	11/21	11/14	11/21	11/14	11/21	11/14	11/21
140	156	\$2,068.00	\$2,263.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$895.00	\$296.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Sept 26	\$6,559
Oct 3	\$5,748
Oct 10	\$5,555
Oct 17	\$4,599
Oct 24	\$4,751
Oct 31	\$4,987
Nov 7	\$6,120
Nov 14	\$5,933
Nov 21	\$5,529

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)
[Click here](#) and then please subscribe

WEEKDAY MASS (Except for Holy Days)

St. Patrick's Tuesday 8:30 AM
St. Mary's Wednesday 8:00 AM

FR. JOE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES:

[Click here](#) and then please hit



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CONTACT US BY PHONE:

St. Patrick's Office: 518-756 -3145
St. Mary's Office: 518-731-8800

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[stmary's.stpatrick's](https://www.instagram.com/stmary's.stpatrick's)



EUCHARISTIC 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

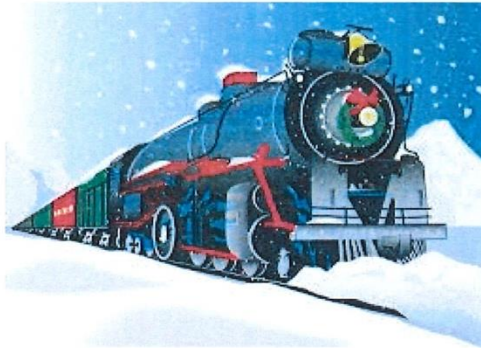
WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

Village of Ravena announcement on the next Page.



Village of Ravena

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The Village of Ravena
Cordially invites you to our
Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Ceremony
On Saturday, December 4, 2021.

We plan on meeting at the Coeymans Landing gazebo to line up for our parade at 5:30 pm. We anticipate that the Town of Coeymans will kick off the festivities at 6:00 pm with the lighting of their Christmas tree. The Village will lead off the parade, proceeding to the Village of Ravena and the lighting of our Christmas tree.

Afterward, we'll proceed down Pulver Ave to the Mosher Park complex for some fun holiday festivities and a visit with Santa!

We hope to see you on Saturday!

Happy Holidays!

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please, contact the Village Clerks office at 518-756-8233 or ravena.friendshipfestival@yahoo.com