



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,

Thank you for a wonderful Christmas! Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so prayerful and joyous! Thank you to everyone who helped to transform St. Mary's and St. Patrick's from Advent anticipation and hope to Christmas joy realized! The churches looked wonderful! (And consider how little time they had to make that transformation this year!) Thank you to our parish music ministries for their dedicated efforts to lead us in song, praise and thanksgiving! Thank you to all of our lectors who proclaimed the Word, to our greeters who welcomed so many and to our servers who supported our celebrations. Thank you to our children who shared the Greatest Story Ever Told (in Ravena on an Advent Saturday and in Coxsackie on Christmas Eve).

And, most of all, thank you for coming to celebrate Eucharist on Christmas and throughout the Christmas Season! Thank you for participating in prayer and song!

Thank you for your cards, gifts and remembrances for the parish, the parish staffs, the deacons and me. The people of our parishes are kind and generous! Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Remember, this year, we celebrate the Christmas Season through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which falls on Monday, January 8th. Enjoy God's abundant Christmas blessings!

Go and Serve One Another! Faith Formation resumes this weekend for all three groups in our parishes (Faith Seekers, grades K-4; Mass Appeal, grades 5-6; Disciples of Jesus, grades 7 and up). On the first weekend of the month, St. Mary's collects non-perishable food items and cash gifts for the Coxsackie food pantry. St. Patrick's welcomes any and all support of their Food Pantry and Thrift Shop.

At St. Mary's, all through January, parishioners are donating socks (new and used) to people served by the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany.

Faith Sharing There will be an OCIA meeting (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for our adults, young adults and families who are preparing for Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Sunday, January 14th at 10:30 am in Room 5 at the St. Patrick's Parish Center in Ravena.

Giving Tuesday Thank you to the people of our parishes for your generous response to our first Giving Tuesday drive. You raised \$ 3,325 at St. Mary's and \$ 4, 715 at St. Patrick's. Thank you!

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

SUNDAY 1-7	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
MONDAY 1-8	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 6:30 Events Committee meeting at St. Patrick's
TUESDAY 1-9	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 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 1-10	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 1-11	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 1-12	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-13	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 1-14	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) 3:00 RCS Ecumenical Council - Christian Unity Service at the Congregation Christian Church
MONDAY 1-15	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 1-16	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 6:00 Rosary at St. 's Mary's
WEDNESDAY 1-17	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 1-18	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 5:30 to 6:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Athens 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 1-19	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-20	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 1-21	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 of the first Sunday of the month collection for the Coxsackie Food Pantry. 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. 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. The pantry is especially in need of canned tuna fish and coffee.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry needs: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Pork and Beans, Kidney beans, canned beef stew, canned chili, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes, Saltines, applesauce, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce (jars), rice, tomato soup. *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.

Have you ever been hungry? I mean, *truly hungry?* We overlook that there are 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 Desrosiers at derobccr@gmail.com or leave a message for her at the St. Patrick's Rectory 518-756-3145.

St. Patrick's Mother McAuley Columbiettes' first Christmas Cookies sale of 2023 was a success! We would like to send a huge thank you to those members and friends who baked cookies, and a special thank you to our parishioners and friends who purchased cookies.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Healing Liturgy:

Second Wednesday of each month at Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY.

Prayer and Praise, @ 7:00pm, followed Mass. Individual Prayer Teams will be available immediately after the Liturgy. Bring a friend to experience the Love of the Holy Spirit. All Are Welcome.

For more information, go to WWW.Albany.org

St Mary's and St Patrick's Youth Ministry The winners for weeks 5-9 for the 10-week club were Donna Hagen and Teresa Kramer - who donated the money back, John Haight, Krystal Brousseau and Alex and Brian Tighe. Our final 10th week winners were: \$20 - Edward Dyjak, \$50 - Kelly Deitz, \$100 - Tina Irwin, \$250 - Jeffrey Lewis. Congratulations to all and thank you for supporting our fund-raising!

Trip to Scottish Isles – Check out the last page of our newsletter for information. An informational meeting will be held in Classroom 5 at St. Patrick's Parish Center on Tuesday January 23 at 6:00 pm.

Sock Collection During January St. Mary's Church will collect socks for men, women and children to be donated to the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany. Socks are the most requested item for those arriving at shelters. Socks may be placed in the basket in the back of the Church. Last year 612 pair were collected. Let's see what we can collect this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) was an amazing experience for all 10 participants from our parish network!



Changes to the Network Weekday Mass Schedule: With Fr. Mike's retirement there are some changes to the weekday Mass schedule. *For the month of January* the schedule is as follows:

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| Monday | 8:30 am | St. Patrick's, Athens |
| Tuesday | 8:30 am | St. Patrick's, Ravena |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | St. Mary's, Coxsackie and 8:30 am St. Patrick's, Catskill |
| Thursday | 9:00 am | Immaculate Conception, Haines Falls |
| Friday | 6:30 pm | Our Lady of Knock Shrine, East Durham |

Please note that a weekday Mass may be cancelled due to a funeral. You are always welcome to attend the funeral.

There is a Mass at Noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday-Saturday at the Sisters of Life Convent 24 Harrison Ave. Catskill. Please check the website <https://sistersoflife.org/where-we-are/catskill-ny/> for any potential changes to the convent Mass schedule.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 6, 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 6	4:30	Ravena	Thomas Persico by family Mary Wolfe by Mary Ann Filkins
Jan 7	7:30	Coxsackie	Memorial Society William A. Rozell by Jane and Jan Doris Horn by the Reda family
	9:30	Ravena	Richard D'Esposito by mom Christopher Rock by Susan Schoonbeck
	11:30	Coxsackie	Memorial Society John, Erika, Andre & Erik Lavissiere by Lynn Doughty & Ray family Jack McGrath, 29 th Anniversary by Gina McGrath Kerry McGrath, 2 nd Anniversary by Gina McGrath

Week of January 13, 14, 2024

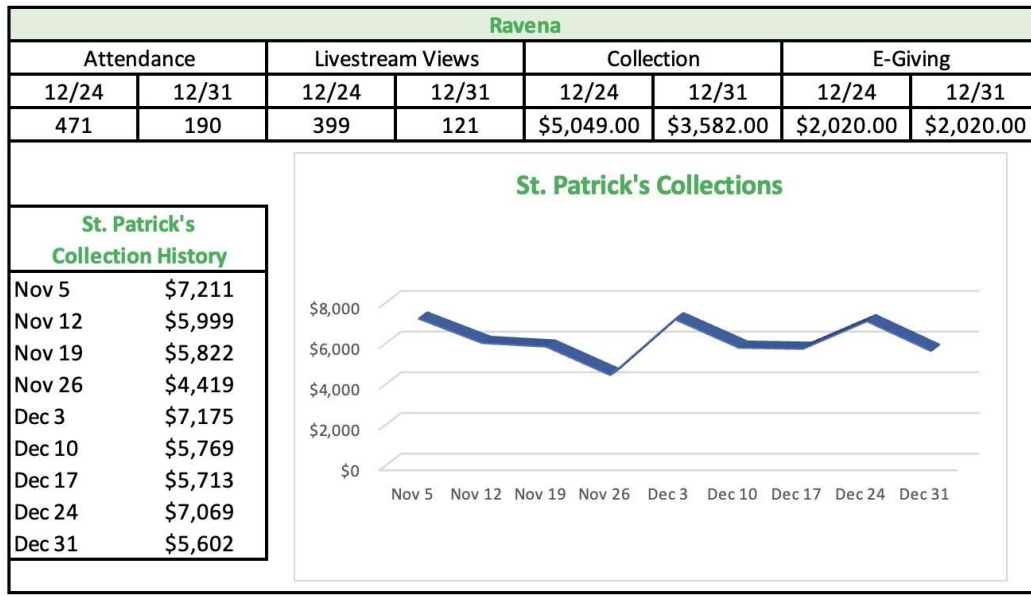
Second Sunday in Ordinary time

Jan 13	4:30	Ravena	Marge Sumner by Bernie and Linda McCall
Jan 14	7:30	Coxsackie	Erika Lavissiere by Marilyn Rausch Doris Horn by Columbiettes
	9:30	Ravena	None at this time
	11:30	Coxsackie	Fred Boehlke by sisters Colleen Moon and Chris Reilly Mary Reilly by Gatt Family John Perry and Katharine Maraglio by Vatalaro family

Week of January 20, 21, 2024

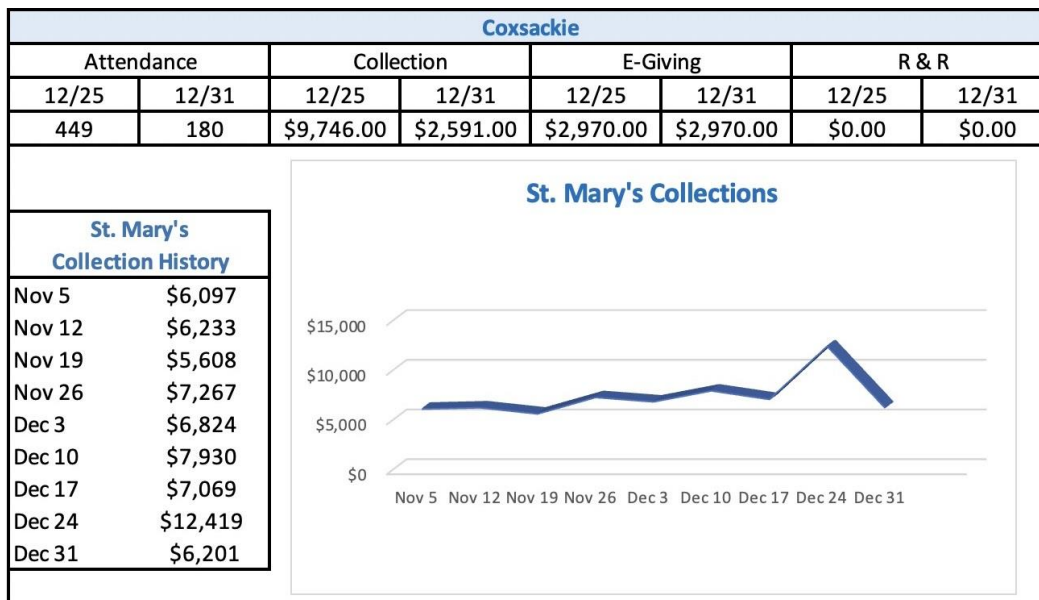
Third Sunday in Ordinary time

Jan 20	4:30	Ravena	Violet Lydon by Mike and Sue Ritty
Jan 21	7:30	Coxsackie	The Heim Family by Anne Heim Matthew Kennedy by Marilyn Rausch Gloria Wakewood by Judee Synakowski and Bill Myers
	9:30	Ravena	None at this time
	11:30	Coxsackie	Doris Horn by Gatt family John, Erika, Andre & Erik Lavissiere by Lynn Doughty and Roy Family Martin Helmer by Erika Helmer



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](#)



!!! Aight Center Baby Bottle Collection

Please return your bottles to the baskets in the churches by Sunday January 14th so that we can forward the bottles to the Aight Center. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

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

HUDSON VALLEY VICARIATE WEST FAITH FORMATION Online hvwwff.org

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

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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 format) 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 – 2 pm on Thursdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

2024 Scottish Isles & Glens - 12 Days/11 Nights With Mark and Sue Maraglio



September 22-October 4, 2024

Head a little off the beaten path on this tour of Scotland's rugged Highlands, coastal byways, and the archaeological treasures on Orkney and the Isle of Skye.

After landing in Edinburgh, we will transfer to Glasgow where we will spend 2 nights in Glasgow, 2 nights on the shores of Lochalsh near Isle of Skye, 1 night in Ullapool, 2 nights on the Orkney Islands, 1 night in Inverness, 1 night in Crieff and 2 nights in Edinburgh.

Highlights of the tour include the Isle of Skye, the rugged Orkney Islands, a Loch Ness cruise, Skara Brae and the unsurpassed beauty of the Scottish Highlands.

Join us in the search for Nessie!!!

Trip Inclusions:

***Transportation to JFK from Coxsackie/Ravena**

***Roundtrip Air-JFK**

***Accommodations 11 nights**

***Breakfast daily, 7 Dinners**

Trip cost is \$5,565 per person, double occupancy if deposit is made by Jan 26, 2024

Deposit \$250 per person plus cost of travel protection

***Gratuities for tour director and motor coach drivers are additional**

***Travel protection is additional and highly recommended**

Fare based upon minimum 30 travelers

Confirm your spot by contacting Sue Maraglio today!

**Sue@CruisePlannersLive.com
(518) 852-1646**

***Passport required, must be valid through April 2025**

*** This is not a handicap accessible tour**