



# 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,

**Please welcome** Fr. Jay Atherton as our presider at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's this weekend.

**Your celebration of Lent** Lent calls everyone to “return to the Lord with your whole heart.” (Joel 2:12) Turn around... that's the foundation of what we do during Lent. You and I are called to live with prayer, fasting and almsgiving close to our hearts during Lent.

**Prayer, fasting and almsgiving** help us to focus our attention on Jesus Christ as the true source of guidance and happiness. These are paths to practice self-denial, to put aside the tendency to pursue pleasure, riches and power as our primary motivation in life. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert, you and I must face our temptation to place these things ahead of our relationship with God.

**Prayer** is our realizing that you and I need help to turn back to God. Having a continuing relationship with God supports and guides you through life. Daily prayer, Mass and sharing in the Eucharist, and practices such as centering prayer, the rosary, Stations of the Cross, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are prayer practices that can help you support your relationship with God. **Fasting and abstinence** is a good beginning; these are ways to remind yourself that you need God above all things. Fasting involves sacrifice, a sign that you intend to depend more completely on God. **Almsgiving** can reflect new directions in your life, expressing a love of neighbor and trust in God. Generous giving to those in need confirm your trust in God while you concretely help the needy. (Watch our next newsletter for more background on the Lenten season.)

**February events! Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who attended Mardi Gras at St. Patrick's last Saturday night and our Soup Suppers on Ash Wednesday night at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's! Thank you to everyone who planned, publicized, set up and cleaned up! *You made all of this possible-thank you!* These events were well attended and parishioners enjoyed a good time! Mark your calendar: on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, St. Mary's will host a **St. Patrick's Day** dinner at the Pegasus restaurant. Tickets are \$22 for dinner, music, Irish dancers and raffle fun. Tickets will be available after Masses next weekend. **As always, parishioners from both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's are invited to all our events.**

Blessings, Fr. Joe

### Schedule

SUNDAY 2-18	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
MONDAY 2-19	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's <i>President's Day – Both Parish offices are closed today</i>
TUESDAY 2-20	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. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 2-21	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 2-22	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 2-23	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 6:30 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 2-24	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 2-25	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
MONDAY 2-26	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 2-27	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. 's Mary's
WEDNESDAY 2-28	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 2-29	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 3-1	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 6:30 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 3-2	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 3-3	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )

*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](mailto:weh058@mac.com) The deadline for sending all news articles is the Monday, 6:00 pm, before the publishing of the newsletter. Thank you.*

**Coxsackie – Athens Ecumenical Winterfest 2024**, Sunday February 18 at 4 pm – the Coxsackie-Athens Ecumenical Clergy Association is sponsoring its annual Ecumenical Winterfest at the Gospel Community Church. Please bring a covered dish item to share for supper, which will be followed by music, scripture, poetry, by each church community. St. Mary's Choir will participate.

## Polish Night



Sunday February 18 2024  
St. Theresa's Church Hall  
6:00PM-10:00PM  
Dinner and Dance  
Cash Bar  
D.J. Tom King  
Donation \$50.00 per person  
Call 518-734-3352 to reserve your ticket. Space  
is limited to 100!

**Tickets Available at the Door**



**Erin Go Bragh!** It's back! St. Mary's Annual St. Patrick's day Dinner  
Sunday, March 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Pegasus Restaurant.  
Tickets: \$22.00 will be on sale at all Masses beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Music, Raffles, 50/50 Irish Quiz and An Clar Dancers from Stanhope, N.J. at 3:00 pm.  
Please join us!



# STATIONS of the CROSS

**Deacon Pat Bradley**, a retired deacon from the Diocese of Cheyenne, will be leading the Stations of the Cross using a setting which he wrote and is publishing. These Stations bring the suffering of Jesus into today's suffering world. If you would like a slightly different take on praying the Stations of the Cross please join Deacon Pat at St. Mary's Coxsackie March 1st at 6:30 pm and at the Our Lady of Knock is March 15th at 5:30.

## **Hudson Valley Vicariate West Stations of the Cross**

Immaculate Conception Haines Falls - Fridays at 12 Noon

Sacred Heart Palenville - Tuesdays at 4:30 pm

St. Patrick's Ravena - Fridays at 6 pm, Friday March 29th 12 Noon

St. Mary's Coxsackie - Fridays at 6:30 pm, Friday March 29th 12 Noon

St. Patrick's Athens - First and Third Fridays at 5 pm

St. Patrick's Catskill - Second and Fourth Fridays at 5 pm

St. Theresa's of the Child Jesus - To Be Determined

Our Lady of Knock – Fridays at 5:30 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.

### **Food Pantry, Coxsackie**

**Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300**

Just a 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: spaghetti sauce, strawberry jelly, grape jelly, canned carrots, canned green beans, lunchbox snacks, chicken noodle soup, peanut butter or cheese crackers, powdered milk, apple juice, and Nutra grain bars. *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.

**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 a few more Wednesdays for the season (Feb 21 and Apr 17). If you want more information, please email Christa Desrosiers at [derobccr@gmail.com](mailto:derobccr@gmail.com) or leave a message for her at the St. Patrick's Rectory 518-756-3145.

**Fast & Abstinence** Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. *The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.* When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. *The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Church from age 14 onwards.*

**Lenten Evening of Song & Retreat with Dan Schutte (March 22-23)**

Composer Dan Schutte, whose music includes "Here I Am, Lord," and approximately 160 other hymns, will lead a two-hour evening of song on March 22 beginning at 7pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Avenue, Albany. Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Schutte will also lead a Lenten retreat from 9:30am-12:30pm on March 23 at St. Vincent's. Admission is \$15 for each day or \$25 admission for both days. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at [www.ivcusa.org/Schutte](http://www.ivcusa.org/Schutte).

For more information about the IVC Albany Region, email [AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org](mailto:AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org).

**Mother McAuley Columbiettes** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, February 27th, at 7 pm, in Room 5 of the Parish Hall. Future dates of meetings are March 26, April 23, May 28 and June 25. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Patricia Visconti or any member of the auxiliary.

**Healing Liturgy:** Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY. 7:00 pm prayer & praise music by Joyful Heart. 7:30 pm Liturgy, healing prayer to follow. Presider: Rev. Michael Melanson.

**Changes to the Network Weekday Mass Schedule:** For the remainder of the month of February, please note there will be no Thursday 9 am Mass at the Immaculate Conception in Haines Falls.

<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am	St. Patrick's, Athens
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am	St. Patrick's, Ravena
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	St. Mary's, Coxsackie and 8:30 am St. Patrick's, Catskill
<b>Friday</b>	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 welcome to attend the funeral.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Class Relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia** The Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles will be on display at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY, from Thursday, Feb. 15 - Tuesday, Feb. 20. Information on the times of the Exhibit are available at <https://www.icglenville.com/>. All are welcome! Parents, please bring your children.

## Mass Intentions

### *Week of February 17, 18, 2024*

### *First Sunday of Lent*

Feb 17 4:30 Ravena Jeffrey Helm by family

Feb 18 7:30 Coxsackie The Heim family by Anne Heim  
Henry Rausch, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by his family

9:30 Ravena John Visconti and Hal Oney by family  
Michelle Brown by Chris Rosato

11:30 Coxsackie Erika Lavissiere by Walter Aneta Doughty  
Matthew Kennedy by James Hynes

### *Week of February 24, 25, 2024*

### *Second Sunday of Lent*

Feb 24 4:30 Ravena Marge Sumner by Food Pantry Volunteers

Feb 25 7:30 Coxsackie Leona Palmateer by Judee Synakowski  
Andrea Lambertson by Judee Brennan

9:30 Ravena Eva Feisthamel by Friends of Adam  
William and Josephine DeBarthe by family

11:30 Coxsackie Matthew Kennedy by Randy and Louise Finlay  
Josephine Spano by Randy and Louise Finlay  
Dominic Capparello by his daughter and family

### *Week of March 2, 3, 2024*

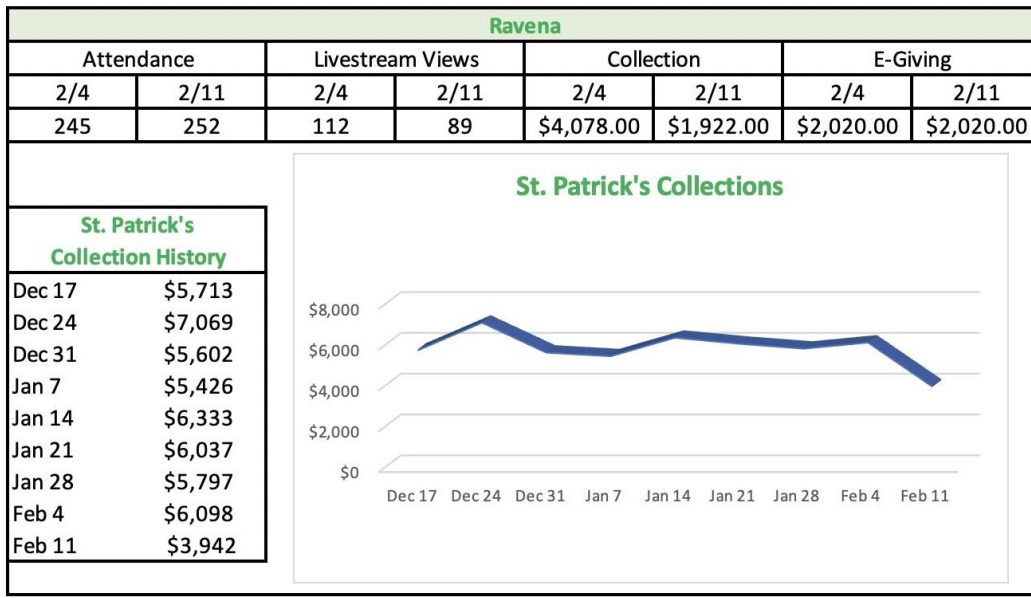
### *Third Sunday of Lent*

Mar 2 4:30 Ravena Ida and Henry Mormile by Rose  
Nicholas Morrow by Mary Jane Persico

Mar 3 7:30 Coxsackie Memorial Society  
James Baker by Robert Baker  
Timothy McDonald by James McDermott

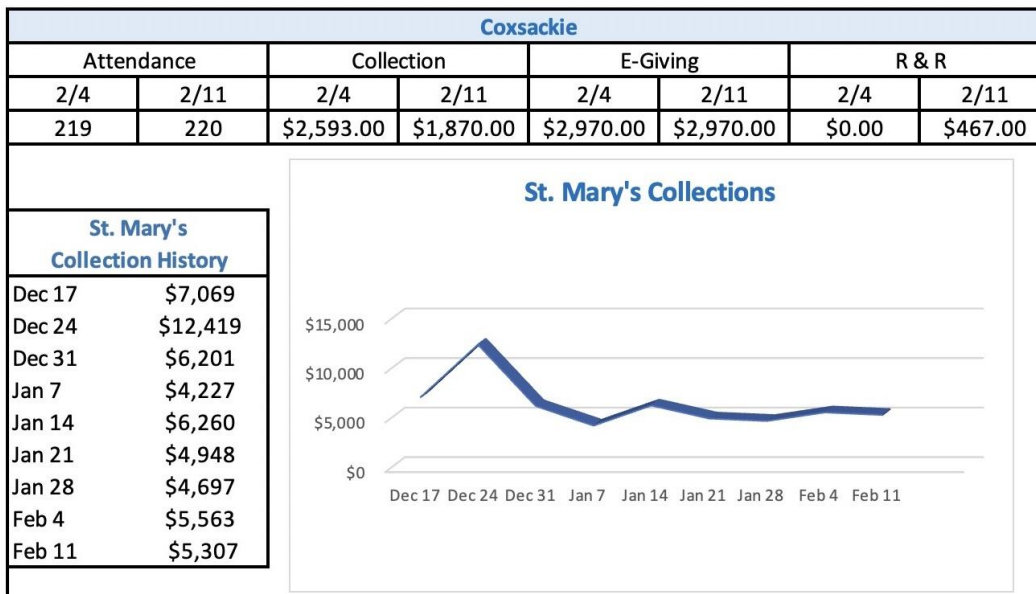
9:30 Ravena Frank Boehlke Jr. by Judy and Tom Spadaro

11:30 Coxsackie Erika Lavissiere by Lynn Doughty/Roy family  
Matthew Kennedy by Judee Brennan  
Robert O'Brien by family



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## 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](http://hvwwff.org)

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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



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