



# 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,

**More on celebrating Lent** Lenten observance in the early centuries of the Church was closely linked with Jesus' 40 days of being tested in the desert wilderness. The Lenten journey has been connected with Jesus going into the desert. "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry." (Luke 4:1-2) During Lent, we take on practices aimed at personal renewal and transforming our lives, to help us one day rise into New Life with Jesus Christ.

**Reconciliation** As we look into our lives to consider our need to change to draw closer to Jesus and our neighbor, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a way to seek forgiveness for what you have done or failed to do. Reconciliation will continue to be available on Tuesdays at St. Mary's (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and St. Patrick's (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) from 5:30-6:30 pm.

In our parish network, there will be communal Reconciliation services on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's in Ravenna and on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception in Haines Falls; each from 6-7 pm. There will be a 24 hour Reconciliation opportunity at St. Mary's Church in Hudson from Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am to Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 am.

**Prayer** Weekday Masses are scheduled on Tuesdays at St. Patrick's at 8:30 am (in the rectory) and at St. Mary's on Wednesdays at 8 am (in the sacristy). Stations of the Cross are scheduled on Fridays at St. Patrick's at 6 pm and at St. Mary's at 6:30 pm. People in good health are asked to **fast** (for Catholics from 18 to 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) **and abstain** (for Catholics 14 years and older from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent). **Almsgiving** can help you express love of neighbor and trust in God through your participation in Project Rice Bowl and collections to support US Black/Native American/Latino missions, Catholic Relief Services and sites in the Holy Land.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner 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!**

**Diocesan Appeal** As of Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Mary's had gifts & pledges of \$17,923.40 towards it's \$41,015 goal & St. Patrick's had \$20,981 towards it's \$41,029 goal. Thanks for your support!

Blessings, Fr. Joe

### Schedule

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> ) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
MONDAY 3-4	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 3-5	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 3-6	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 3-7	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 3-8	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 3-9	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 3-10	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 3-11	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 3-12	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 3-13	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 3-14	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 3-15	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 3-16	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 3-17	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 Celebrating Scouting Sunday (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )

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

Sacred Heart Palenville - Tuesdays at 4:30 pm  
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Windham – Thursdays at 6:30 pm  
Immaculate Conception Haines Falls - Fridays at 12 Noon  
St. Patrick's Athens - First and Third Fridays at 5 pm  
St. Patrick's Catskill - Second and Fourth Fridays at 5 pm  
Our Lady of Knock – Fridays at 5:30 pm  
St. Patrick's Ravena - Fridays at 6 pm ( [St. Patrick's YouTube channel](#) & Mid-Hudson 901)  
St. Mary's Coxsackie - Fridays at 6:30 pm

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 the **Our Lady of Knock Shrine on March 15th at 5:30.**

**Sunday March 17 at 11:30 Mass we will celebrate the annual Scout Sunday with all of our local Scouts.** The Scouts will serve as ministers for the Mass. Come out and celebrate the gift of Scouting in our community.



**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!

**Mother McAuley Columbiettes** We are hosting St. Patrick's Day hospitality after the 9:30 Mass on March 17. Members are asked to bake or purchase a baked good for sharing. Please join us for socializing, coffee/tea, and goodies! Our next auxiliary meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in room 5 of the Parish Hall. Future meetings are April 23, May 28 and June 25 at 7 pm, in Room 5 of the Parish Hall. Please contact Patricia Visconti or any member of the auxiliary if you would like to join.

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

Composer Dan Schutte will lead a two-hour evening of song on March 22 beginning at 7pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Avenue, Albany. 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 Ignatian Volunteer Corp, Albany Region, email [AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org](mailto:AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org).

## MEMORIAL & HEALING MASS FOR ANYONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, OR EARLY INFANT DEATH.

As Catholics, we believe life begins at the moment of conception. Those who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death, are invited to come for healing, prayer, and community on **Wed, March 20, 2024 at 6:30pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Schenectady.**

**Supporting Those Who Have Experienced Miscarriage** Katie Grogan and Shaunda Penny are starting a Miscarriage Ministry that will help couples who have suffered a miscarriage. In addition to supporting those who need help, this ministry will educate laity and priests so that when a couple seeks help, we know what to do. Due to the unexpected nature and immediate needs of miscarriage, people must know that the Church is there for them before the need arises. Please contact Katie or Shaunda if you would like to get a diocesan-wide ministry established.

Contact Katie Grogan: [katiegrogan86@gmail.com](mailto:katiegrogan86@gmail.com). Phone: (518) 788-0566  
or Shaunda Penny: [shaunda@pennyfam.net](mailto:shaunda@pennyfam.net). Phone: (845)705-9364.

### Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

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.

**Mary Ann McCool | 518-756-9184**

### Food Pantry, Coxsackie

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.

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

### Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

The Pantry needs: toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, bathroom tissue, paper towels, canned chicken, applesauce, chicken noodle soup, pasta meals, pancake syrup, lunch box snacks, cookies and snack crackers. *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.

**Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789**

**New Synod Sessions:** Pope Francis has invited input from the People of God to gather, pray, and accompany one another in further reflection on the first round of Synod discussions from 2023. All Dioceses in the U.S. are hosting a new round of synod listening sessions, focusing on church structure, organization, leadership, and church life. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has scheduled four sessions in the month of March. Three are in person, one is virtual. Register at [www.rcda.org/synod](http://www.rcda.org/synod) and make your voice heard.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

## SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

All sessions 6:30pm-8:30pm

March 5 St. Mary's Church, Oneonta

March 6 Our Lady of the Annunciation, Queensbury

March 18 Virtual Gathering

March 20 St. Ambrose, Latham

Register at [rcda.org/synod](http://rcda.org/synod)



**2023-2024 Campaign** It is by serving you, our family of faith, that our parishes have hope and light for the future. Ministry is the most significant role of your parish, but necessity dictates administrative responsibilities as well and that is where the parish leans on the Diocese via 30 specialty departments with 57 full-time and 23 part-time staff ([www.rcda.org/offices](http://www.rcda.org/offices)). Your gift to the Diocesan Appeal underwrites the cost of these shared parish services relieving that expense from the parish!

*Your gift also funds seminarian education, administrative support of our 19 Diocesan Catholic schools, and the programs of Catholic Charities that support those who face food insecurity & hunger*

**ST. PATRICK'S**

53 gifts so far  
**Goal \$ 41,029**  
 Total donations to date = **\*\$20,981**  
 51% of goal  
 Average Gift \$395.87  
**Still to be raised = \$ 20,048**

**ST. MARY'S**

72 gifts so far  
**Goal \$ 41,015**  
 Total donations to date = **\*\$17,923.40**  
 44 % of goal  
 Average Gift \$248.94  
**Still to be raised = \$ 23,091.60**

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. The campaign ends June 30, 2024.**

**SAVE THE DATE!** There will be a network-wide Divine Mercy Sunday Service held on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024, at St. Patrick's in Athens. Please save the date in your calendars. Details about the Service will be provided shortly.

**Operation Rice Bowl** Rice Bowl, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, invites parish families to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As you and your family experience deeper communion with the Eucharist during this sacred season, may this encounter with the Bread of Life lead you to share bread *for* life with our sisters and brothers most in need around the world.

Consider eating one modest meal each week and placing the cost of a regular meal in your Rice Bowl to be returned to church at the end of Lent. These funds are used to purchase food and other goods to areas of the world where poverty is a major issue.

You can find cardboard Rice Bowls at the entrance to the church.

For more information about the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program go to: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

**Healing Liturgy** at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY **Wednesday, March 13th, 2024**, 7:00 pm Prayer & Praise Music by Joyful Heart, 7:30 pm Liturgy, Healing Prayer to follow. Presider: Rev. Liam O'Doherty, O.S.A. There will be individual prayer teams available after Mass. For more information about the Charismatic Renewal check out the website: [AlbanyCCR.Org](http://AlbanyCCR.Org)

## Mass Intentions

### *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 Helen and family

### *Week of March 9, 10, 2024*

### *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Mar 9 4:30 Ravena Marge Sumner by Barbara Burrows

Mar 10 7:30 Coxsackie Mary Jane Smith, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by her family  
Tammy Rider Criscone by Joseph and Maryann Noeth  
Robert O'Brien by Helen and family

9:30 Ravena Rita Gager by family

11:30 Coxsackie John, Erika, Andre & Erik Lavissiere by Lynn Doughty and Roy family  
John Grogan, Jr. by Karen Cole  
John B. Vincent, III by Chris and Christine Reda

### *Week of March 16, 17, 2024*

### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Mar 16 4:30 Ravena Carl "Buster" Alberino by Greene CD Executive Team

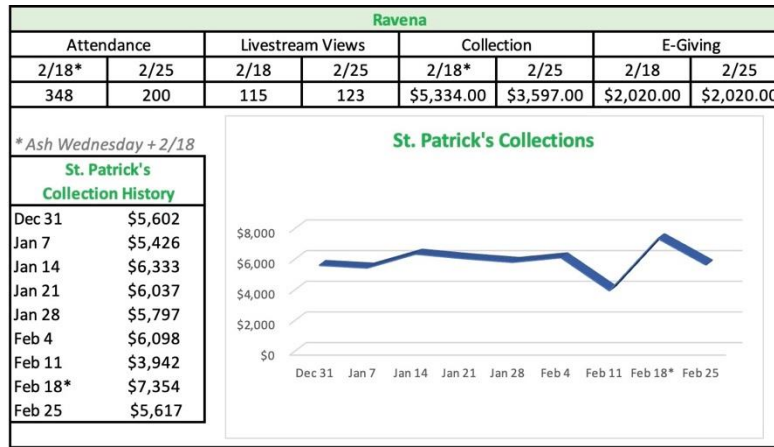
Mar 17 7:30 Coxsackie Mary Ellen McDermott by her husband  
Laura and Dominick Fontana by Janice Clouthier and Joan Fontana

9:30 Ravena Donald Gager by family  
Eva Feisthamel by Donna Hagen

11:30 Coxsackie Erika Lavissiere by Rosemary Martin  
Matthew Kennedy by Gina McGrath  
Anthony Gatt by Columbiettes

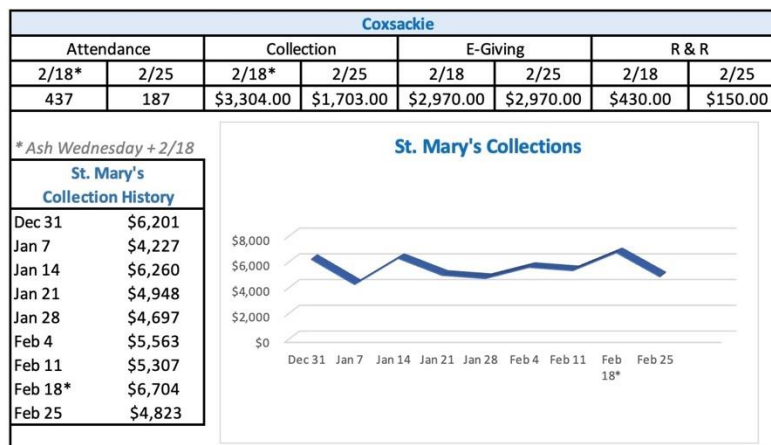
**Collections & E-Giving    E-Mail Dawn Brownson [parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com](mailto:parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com)**

The weekend of March 9 and 10 the second collection will be the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services. Funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection assist victims of war and oppression begin new lives in welcoming, supportive communities through innovative initiatives like Welcome Circles and Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees. Additionally the collection supports other Catholic organizations that aid victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. For more information go to: <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection/who-we-are>



**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](#)**



## Connecting with the Parishes

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### 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)

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

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**MY PARISH APP (Two Parishes, One App):** Text **APP** to **88202** to subscribe

**INSTAGRAM (Two Parishes, One Instagram):** [stmary's.stpatrick's](https://www.instagram.com/stmarys.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 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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