



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,

**Advent Rejoicing! The Messiah draws near! Be ready to receive the Savior!**

With great anticipation and joy, we hear John the Baptist proclaim the Messiah is near! We hear Mary say yes, "May it be done to me according to your word." Looking for a special Advent reflection? Please google 'The O Antiphons,' which are based on seven titles for the Messiah drawn from passages in the Book of Isaiah from the Old Testament.

This is such a busy time of the year. Are you worried you haven't had the chance to celebrate Advent well? Do not be afraid, there are two weeks of Advent left. May your anticipation and joy rise as Advent draws us closer to Christmas!

Our parish family hungers and longs for the Messiah's coming! We strive to provide a safe, secure place for our community to gather and praise God. We miss our neighbors and look to the day when we can all be together again to celebrate Word and Sacrament. We pray for the safe return of all our friends. Know you are always welcome here!

If you feel comfortable, please join us for Christmas Mass. We follow local Department of Health COVID recommendations. We will have additional seating available in the School Hall and Maria Hall for the 2:30 pm (St. Patrick's) and 4:30 pm (St. Mary's) Vigil Masses. Please consult Parish websites for live streaming information

Enjoy Advent and Christmas Blessings, Fr. Joe

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

	<i>Friday, 12/24</i>	<i>Saturday, 12/25</i>	<i>Sunday 12/26 Holy Family</i>
<b>St. Mary's Coxsackie</b>	<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>
<b>St. Patrick's Ravena</b>	<i>2:30 PM 9:00 PM</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>	<i>9:30 AM</i>

In this edition of our newsletter we are providing a schedule from Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Normally we provide a schedule for two weeks, however in this edition we are giving you more information because we are planning a briefer newsletter for Christmas weekend.

## Schedule

SUNDAY 12/12	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
MONDAY 12/13	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12/14	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's Rosary Following Weekday Mass, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 7:00 Prayer and Worship (St. Patrick's)
WEDNESDAY 12/15	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5 3:00-7:00 Advent Reconciliation St. Mary's
THURSDAY 12/16	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 3:00-7:00 Advent Reconciliation St. Patrick's
FRIDAY 12/17	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 12/18	4:30 Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 12/19	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
MONDAY 12/20	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12/21	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's Rosary Following Weekday Mass, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)

WEDNESDAY 12/22	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 12/23	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 12/24	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's) 2:30 Christmas Eve Mass, St. Patrick's 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass, St. Mary's 7:30 Christmas Eve Mass, St. Mary's 9:00 Christmas Eve Mass, St. Patrick's
SATURDAY 12/25	8:30 Christmas Day Mass, St. Mary's 10:30 Christmas Day Mass, St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 12/26	7:30 Feast of Holy Family Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Feast of Holy Family Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Feast of Holy Family Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
MONDAY 12/27	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12/28	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's Rosary Following Weekday Mass, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 12/29	8:00 Weekday Mass, St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 12/30	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 12/31	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's) 4:30 Mass for all who wish to observe Mary, the Mother of God, St. Mary's
SATURDAY 1/1	4:30 Epiphany Vigil Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 1/2	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> ) <b>NO</b> Exposition of the at Blessed Sacrament St. Patrick's
MONDAY 1/3	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages

TUESDAY 1/4	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's Rosary Following Weekday Mass, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 1/5	8:00 Weekday Mass, St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 1/6	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 1/7	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 1/8	4:30 Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)

**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!

### *The offices of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's*

will be closed from Friday December 24, 2021, through Sunday January 2, 2022. If it is an emergency and you need to speak with a priest, follow the prompts on the phone and you will be connected.

### **Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow**



**HELP WANTED!** The St Patrick's Video Camera Ministry needs volunteers to operate the camera for masses. No special skill necessary. You will be trained. Confirmation Candidates are especially encouraged. If interested, call the St. Pat's Rectory or Bill Horton directly at 518 768-2693.



**Giving Tree gifts for our homebound parishioners** will be available in the sacristy after Masses on 12/19. Please take one (or more!) to deliver during the Christmas season and share the joy.



**HELP WANTED!** After the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday December 19, we will begin decorating St. Mary's Church for the Christmas Season. We will also be setting up Maria Hall for overflow seating. We would be most grateful for the help of anyone who can pitch in for a while. Many hands make light work. Please join us in the fun.

Please call the office at 518-731-8800 to let us know you are coming. We will have light refreshments. Feel free to just show up and join in. Since it's hard to social distance while decorating, wearing a mask will be greatly appreciated.

**Calling Potential Choir Members!** Advent and Christmas are upon us and that means some very beautiful music will be filling the church in the next several weeks. St. Mary's choir is looking for members to help with their music ministry. Did you know along with the social benefits of joining a choir there are several health benefits too? Singing releases endorphins which reduce stress and anxiety levels and lifts your mood! Some studies even indicate regular singing can increase life expectancy due to beneficial effects on lungs and breathing. And many of us have heard that singing is like praying twice! If you enjoy singing and wish to dedicate yourself to our parish music ministry through regular or seasonal attendance at rehearsals (Thursdays from 6:30PM to 7:45PM) and one of our Masses at 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM please text, call or email our Parish Music Director, Lisa D'Arcangelis, (518) 567-3620, [ldarc55@gmail.com](mailto:ldarc55@gmail.com)

### ***An Advent Evening of Reflection***

You are invited to an ***Advent Evening of Reflection: The Incarnation and Other Love Poems from God.*** Join us for an evening of song, readings, and quiet reflection to open our hearts in a new way to the mystery of the Incarnation. Monday, December 20th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church For more information contact Joan Horgan at [horganj@strose.edu](mailto:horganj@strose.edu) or 518-454-5296.

### **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!

**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.)

Are you thankful to always have a warm, safe place to rest with a meal on the table? If you would like to show your gratitude for that security and share the blessings you have, we have a deal for you!

WHAT: Provide a meal for 15 at one of the Albany overnight missions

WHEN: Every 4th Friday of the month December-April

HOW: Help us make the meal locally and we will deliver. No need to do it alone - we can meet in the kitchen, prepare the meal together and have some fellowship while we do it!

This month we have our Confirmation students helping provide for the Christmas Eve meal. Openings available for January-April. Contact Christa [derobccr@gmail.com](mailto:derobccr@gmail.com) or 518-756-3145 for more details.

**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](mailto: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:** Our 10 Second Graders participated in the First Reconciliation Jesus Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4 They were very well prepared by Lisa Barber for the Sacrament. Many thanks to Lisa, Monica Gallagher and our Youth Team of Therese Desrosiers, Samantha Gallagher and Jordane Hynes for facilitating a very nice family event.

**First Reconciliation:** We will celebrate 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](mailto:stmaryoff@aol.com) or 518-731-9268.

**Altar Server Training:** Congratulations to Owen Tetro and Crew Cox who were to become our newest Servers! Thanks to Payton Albright for assisting Deacon Mike with their training. We will resume the Altar Server schedule (which was suspended on March 15, 2020!) in early January.

**To our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parents: Would your children like to be part of the 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](https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/) or type the following: <https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/>



**Baby Bottle Coin Drive for the Aight 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 Aight 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 Aight Center in providing young moms and dads with the help and encouragement they need.

**Use Your IRA to Support Your Parish:** It's December, and some parishioners are doing end-of-the-year tax planning. For parishioners with Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), there is an option available to you that permits you to support your parish and enjoy a tax benefit.

At age 72 Individual Retirement Account (IRA) owners must withdraw an annual required minimum distribution (RMD) from their accounts. These withdrawals are normally taxable pushing people into a higher tax bracket.

Did you know you can make a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to a registered non-profit using the funds from your RMD? Your Catholic Parishes are considered non-profits. QCDs are generally not considered taxable income and do count toward fulfilling your annual RMD. QCDs must be paid directly from your IRA to the charity of your choice. You can benefit regardless of whether you itemize or take the standard deduction. Consult with your financial advisor for any questions you may have.

St. Mary's of Coxsackie EIN: 14-1464470

St. Patrick's of Ravena EIN: 14-1341164

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

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
11/28	12/5	11/28	12/5	11/28	12/5	11/28	12/5
195	207	219	161	\$2,670.00	\$4,240.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

  

St. Patrick's Collection History	
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
Nov 28	\$4,690
Dec 5	\$6,260

  

**St. Patrick's Collections**

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Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
11/28	12/5	11/28	12/5	11/28	12/5	11/28	12/5
143	140	\$2,670.00	\$3,319.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

  

St. Mary's Collection History	
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
Nov 28	\$5,302
Dec 5	\$6,389

  

**Connecting with the Parishes**

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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

- 4:30 PM Saturday Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome)
- 7:30 AM Sunday Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
- 9:30 AM Sunday 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 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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- [Click here](#) for St. Patrick's Parish Homepage
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- Parish Facebook Pages (updated daily)

**CONTACT US BY PHONE:**

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

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Text **APP** to **88202** to subscribe





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

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