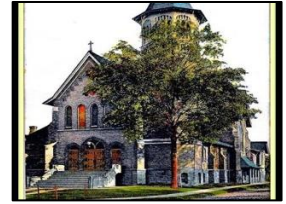




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

This Sunday, we celebrate the great feast of Easter and we begin an Easter Season of great joy!

A year ago, our celebration was muted by a pandemic which was continuing to visit much hardship among God's People. Last year, we have witnessed serious illness and death, violence and social unrest and numerous economic hardships faced by individuals, families and communities here at home and around the world. Still, despite everything a year ago, we celebrated the miracle of Our Lord's triumph over sin and death.

If we could experience Easter joy a year ago, how much more jubilant can we be now when there are clear signs of hope emerging all around us. But we're not there yet. There is a horrific war in Ukraine with the death of many innocents and the creation of millions of refugees. Many people, both near and far, are still suffering anxiety from the loss of loved ones and steady employment. Yet there is hope. Christ is Risen! The Risen one has transformed our suffering and offers the promise of lasting peace and joy in our troubled world.

Pope Francis often speaks of mercy and joy. With his characteristic directness, the Pope says that Christians should not look like sourpusses (literally "vinegar faces" in his original Spanish) but remain confident in God's love for us. The joy of Easter flows from our gratitude to God for God's saving grace, God's forgiveness of our sins and God's enduring presence in our lives.

While war, pandemics and hardships of every kind persist, Easter celebrates the great mystery that they can no longer condemn us to lives of misery and doom. We rejoice at Easter because the Lord is risen and remains close to us, now and forever.

Even in the darkest moments, Easter joy gives us the grace and confidence to overcome our anxious fears. God has reached out to us and loved us. You are not alone. The Church remains the gathering of God's People, united in Jesus Christ. Do not be afraid, God is with us always.

Christ's Resurrection is the source of our hope. May this Easter Season of grace bring healing to the world and lasting joy for all. Please share this joy and the saving message of the Risen One with everyone you meet!

Easter Blessings for you and your family, Fr. Joe O'Brien

PS Many thanks to everyone who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so prayerful and joyful... art and environment, greeters, ushers, servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, music ministry, those who cleaned our churches, prepared our newsletter and sent our parishioner mailings!

Schedule

EASTER SUNDAY 4/17	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 4/18	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 4/19	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 5:30 Reconciliation, St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 4/20	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 4/21	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
FRIDAY 4/22	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 4/23	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 4/24	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 4/25	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 4/26	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 5:30 Reconciliation, St. Patrick's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 4/27	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 4/28	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5

FRIDAY 4/29	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 4/30	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 5/1	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)

Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow



St. Patrick's needs volunteers to take Communion to our homebound parishioners. On 1st Wednesday, groups of two each bring Communion and visit with the homebound. Please consider being a part of this ministry. We would like to be able to add people to our list to visit. If you are interested or have questions please call Michelle Fralick at the rectory (on Wednesday) at 518-756-3145 or home at 518-756-9779.

Calling Potential Choir Members! St. Mary's and St. Patrick's choirs are looking for members to help with their music ministry.

St. Mary's - Music Director Lisa D'Arcangelis, (518) 567-3620 ldarc55@gmail.com
Sunday Masses at 7:30am and 11:30am Rehearsals Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:45pm

St. Patrick's - Pastoral Associate for Music and Liturgy, John Vasto, (518) 756-3145 x 104,
tcospmusic@icloud.com Sunday Mass at 9:30am Rehearsals Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm



Help wanted! The St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Video Camera Ministries need 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. Please contact Jeremy Tenenbaum in person for St. Mary's.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

We have resumed Coffee Hour after two year hiatus due to COVID!! We still need an overall coordinator and 6 other volunteers to maintain 5 Coffee Hour Teams. With 5 teams, each team will serve about once a month or so. With enough volunteers, we can offer coffee hour weekly. If you feel called to serve, please contact Bob Desrosiers at 518 731-9268 or stmaryffo@aol.com.

Ecumenical CROP Walk: Coxsackie-Athens, Sunday May 1st. Ravena, Sunday May 15th.

Our Coxsackie-Athens Ecumenical Group is sponsoring the Annual CROP Walk on **Sunday May 1** beginning at **2 pm** from the Gospel Community Church. We walk because those we walk for have to walk everywhere. We walk to raise awareness of world poverty and to raise money to help battle poverty. The money goes to Church World Service who sends resources to places who need it most (25% stays here in our own Food Pantry). There will be information in the vestibule of church.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry is in need of lunch box snacks, instant potatoes, egg noodles, bathroom tissue, paper towels, and cookies. 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. *Thank you to the Halfway House for a donation of a portion of the proceeds from a spaghetti dinner they held to benefit The Pantry.*

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

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 could use your help.)

Faith Formation of St. Patrick's

Christa Desrosiers | 518-756-3145

2nd and 10th Grades always have a bit of a different schedule - catechists will keep them updated and reminded about their additional events/activities.

FOR BOTH PARISHES:

Our parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our students on April 30th. Please pray for them as they do their final preparations - especially their retreat on April 24th. Remember them by name: Abby, Austin, Charlie, Christian, Eddie, Ellie, Frank, Gabe, Grace, Jacob A, Jack, Jake A, Jordane, Julianna, Katelyn, Lucas, Matty, Natalie, Nicole, Riley, Rocco, Ryan, Samantha, Tyler, William and Wyatt

We have had great success providing a meal once a month to the overnight shelter in Albany. They need coverage on 2 additional nights - April 21st, 23rd. Please contact Christa Desrosiers (derobccr@gmail.com) if you would like to pick up one of these meals!

Middle School and High School BREAKAWAY RETREAT: Registration is open for Camp Breakaway, June 26-July 1 at Pyramid Life Center. This camp led by youth ministers from the diocese, includes small group sharing, hiking, boating, prayer experiences, ropes course, archery, Mass, Reconciliation, and more. Breakaway costs \$400 if you register by June 1 and \$450 after June 1. ***Don't let cost deter anyone from participating. St. Mary's/St. Patrick's can assist.*** Christa Desrosiers is the Coordinator for the Middle School and Bob Desrosiers provides Music Ministry. Please contact Christa Desrosiers at derobccr@gmail.com or Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!! Our 25 Confirmation students will celebrate their retreat on **April 24th** at St Patrick's School. The retreat is provided by a team of 13 young people coming to us from the Washington, DC area. We have the following needs for this retreat:

1. Several meals for the 13 team members (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches - one bag - and 1 dinner)**.

One meal for a large group (Team and students - total of 50)**

**Catering/take out meals are acceptable, if volunteers feel that is easier.

2. Sleeping mats or cots (Team will 'bunk' in the school, but we would like to provide them a bit of comfort so they don't have to sleep directly on the floors)

Please contact Christa or Bob if you have any questions or want to help with these needs. Many hands make light work!

FAITH FORMATION 2022: Faith Formation ended in late March (except for 1st Communion and Confirmation). Bob is already looking at the fall. We will have some Catechist positions to fill in the Fall- Grades 5,6,7,8, and 10. Please pray and discern whether you can assist in this program for our children and youth and let Bob Desrosiers know at stmaryffo@aol.com.

Grade 10/Confirmation Group: The group is currently going through the Immediate Preparation Component of the Process on Sunday evenings. Candidates and their Sponsors are coming together to hear about and discuss the concepts of Confirmation: The 3 Sacraments of Initiation, The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Why we use Oils in our rituals/Sacraments, and Discipleship. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation on **Saturday, April 30th at 1:00 pm** with Bishop Ed Scharfenberger.

Second Grade Sacramental Preparation: Bob will offer a walk through for our Mass on **May 15th**.

Mass Intentions

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 20	8:00 Coxsackie	Kerry McGrath by Mother McAuley Coxsackie Columbiettes
April 23	4:30 Ravena	Guy Anatriello by Rose Justin Bonafide by Grammy Hausler Family by Family Andrew McHugh by Joanne Nunziato

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24	7:30 Coxsackie	Peter Hynes by his wife Alfred Daoust by Family
	9:30 Ravena	Eva Rosato by Janis Gravelle Louis & Virginia Perrine by Mary Perrine
	11:30 Coxsackie	Rocco A. Cole by Karen Cole Daniel Merchant by Family
April 30	4:30 Ravena	Donald Gager by Jim & Jackie Lynch

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 1	7:30 Coxsackie	St. Mary's Memorial Society Kerry McGrath by Mitchell Family Sy DeLuca by Pat DeLuca
	9:30 Ravena	Mary & Ed Giammaetti by Mary Perrine Harriet Bean by McHugh Family & Rose Carman Dorothy LeClair by Prayer Group
	11:30 Coxsackie	Eva Rosato by Patricia, Marty and Krista Rosato Thomas "Jim" Brennan by District Attorney's Staff



FESTIVAL OF BASKETS

SUNDAY, May 1

1:00 TO 4:00 PM

ST. PATRICK'S - RAVENA

PARISH CENTER

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES

LOTS OF BASKETS

BAKE SALE 50/50 LUNCH AVAILABLE

\$12

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS
AT THE RECTORY AND AT THE DOOR**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL - DONNA 518-767-9404

Baskets must be brought to Rectory by 4-23-2022



Diocesan Appeal

At St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, we dedicate our Diocesan Appeal efforts to supporting our seminarians. They're part of our communities and we stay in touch with many of them. Many parishioners attended Fr. Dan Mc Hale's Mass of Thanksgiving the day after his ordination. I hear from seminarian Adam Feisthamel often. I understand it costs about \$45,000 annually to

educate and support a seminarian. This corresponds to our Appeal goals: St. Mary's -\$46,975, St. Patrick's \$42,089. Basically, if we meet our goals, we support two seminarians. Many of our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's families have made their Appeal gift or pledge. Thank you for your generous support! As the pandemic eases, many people are returning to church after being away. Have you had the chance to make your Appeal gift or pledge? Our parishes have not met their goals yet. Would you help? Please give some thought to making your gift or pledge in the next few weeks.

Appeal envelopes are available near the church entrances. You can also make your donation online by typing <https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/> in your browser.

For people who must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their individual retirement account (IRA), please know that you can make a qualified charitable donation (QMD) and enjoy a tax benefit whether you itemize or not. Please talk with your financial advisor.

Use Your IRA to Support Your Parish: It's good practice to look ahead and formulate a plan for our finances. 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

Collection held to benefit the Ukraine

St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parishes held a second collection to benefit Ukrainian relief efforts the weekend of April 2-3. St. Patrick's collected \$3,277 and St. Mary's collected \$1,288. **\$4,565** will be forwarded to Catholic Charities as part of the challenge match offered by the Diocesan Investment and Loan Trust.

Thank you to everyone who made donations for Easter flowers! A complete list of donors and recipients of prayer requests will be in our next newsletter.

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10
227	287	166	172	\$3,845.00	\$5,459.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Feb 13	\$4,247
Feb 20	\$4,033
Feb 27	\$6,622
Mar 6	\$7,493
Mar 13	\$4,776
Mar 20	\$4,801
Mar 27	\$4,255
Apr 3	\$5,865
Apr 10	\$7,479

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	
4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10
165	200	\$3,525.00	\$4,304.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$955.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Feb 13	\$5,310
Feb 20	\$6,166
Feb 27	\$4,875
Mar 6	\$5,261
Mar 13	\$4,412
Mar 20	\$7,506
Mar 27	\$7,178
Apr 3	\$6,495
Apr 10	\$8,229

Connecting with the Parishes

Online | Phone | E-Mail

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 am

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

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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)

Friday mornings at 8:00 at St. Mary's

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

11 am - 12 pm on Tuesdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school

MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

1 – 2 pm on Thursdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school

St Mary's/St Patrick's Parish Trip to Ireland with Father Scott VanDerveer



October 10th – October 18th, 2022

Escape to the lush landscapes, charming cities, and friendly people of Ireland. You'll start and end in Dublin, and have overnights in Cork, Killarney, and Galway.

Highlights of this tour include the 668-foot Cliffs of Moher, Dingle Peninsula and the Ring of Kerry, a panoramic drive through rugged and awe-inspiring landscapes. Visit the Irish National Stud Farm and celebrate mass at Knock Shrine. Enjoy a medieval banquet at Dunguaire Castle and an Irish Cabaret dinner. This tour is sure to "steal your heart away!"

A copy of the itinerary is available on our parish web sites.

Trip Inclusions:

***Transportation to JFK from Cossackie/Ravena**

***Roundtrip Air-JFK**

***Accommodations 7 nights**

***Breakfast daily, (6) Dinners**

***Gratuities for tour director & motor coach drivers**

Trip cost is \$3,695 per person, double occupancy.

Fare based upon minimum 30 travelers

Travel Protection is additional and highly recommended.

Deposit \$ 250 per person plus cost of travel protection

Due June 1

Deposit and travel protection is non-refundable

Confirm Your Spot & Contact Sue Maraglio today!

Sue@CruisePlannersLive.com
(518) 852-1646

***Passport Required, must be valid through May 2023**

***All participants must be fully vaccinated**

***Negative COVID test required to return to U.S.**

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