



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

*February 2 & 9, 2025 • Vol. 6 – Edition 3*



**Dear Parish Family and Friends, both near and far,**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

So often, our early February newsletter is filled with news about upcoming Ash Wednesday celebrations and Lenten activities. This year is different. Ash Wednesday is on March 5<sup>th</sup> and Easter is on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please check our next newsletter for Ash Wednesday and Lenten news.

This weekend Catholics celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, a feast day that falls 40 days after Christmas. Our Gospel (Luke 2: 22-38) is the retelling of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Once there, they encounter Anna and Simeon. They have been praying in the temple for years, waiting for the Christ and they praise this newborn Son.

On this feast day, candles to be used in church throughout the year are blessed. Parishioners who bring candles from home can have these candles blessed as well. The tradition of blessing candles on this day flows from the words of Simeon in today's Gospel, that Jesus would "be a light to the Gentiles and a glory to the people of Israel."

**Let's watch for...**

Even though the memorial day for St. Blaise falls on a Monday this year, the St. Blaise blessing will be provided at the end of our Masses this weekend.

Parish events are coming up in the next several weeks... watch for details in our newsletter on Mardi Gras and the Basket Raffle at St. Patrick's and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at St. Mary's. Anointing of the Sick will be offered in both churches on the weekend of March 1st-2<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Diocesan Appeal**

Both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's are making progress towards their Diocesan Appeal goals. I ask our parish families to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal if they have not yet had the chance to consider a gift.

It's our way as parishioners and as a parish family to share in the ministry of our diocese: to care for the poor, share our faith through formation and education, and support seminarians to be our future presiders at the Eucharist. Appeal envelopes are available by the Church entrances and at Missions Central. You can make an online gift at [the diocesanappeal.org](http://the.diocesanappeal.org)

**Supporting our neighbors**

Remember to support the Food Pantry at St. Patrick's, the Coxsackie Food Pantry (especially on the first weekend of the month, and the Socks for Soles program at St. Mary's

Blessings, Fr. Joe O'Brien

## Schedule

SUNDAY 2-2	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> ) 2-3 Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser take out only at St. Patrick's Parish Hall 3:30 Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser sit down at St. Patrick's Parish Hall 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
MONDAY 2-3	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 2-4	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:00 Women's Bible Study at room 5 of St. Patrick's Parish Hall 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 2-5	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 2-6	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 2-7	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 2-8	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 2-9	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 2-10	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 2-11	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:00 Women's Bible Study at room 5 of St. Patrick's Parish Hall 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 2-12	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 2-13	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 2-14	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 2-15	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 2-16	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.*

**Our snow policy:** Our Network and Parish offices follow the local school districts. If the district has a two hour delay, we open two hours later. If there is a school closure, we are closed. If there is either a delay or closure, weekday morning Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are cancelled.



**Sock Collection** During January St. Mary's will collect socks (yes, we will take hats, mittens, and even scarves) for men, women and children served by 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. Close to 1,500 pair of socks were collected last year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Feed the Hungry!** Prepare a Shelter Meal to feed 25 men who reside in an Albany shelter. The dates are: February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help others, or just make the meal in your home for delivery, please contact Christa at [derobccr@gmail.com](mailto:derobccr@gmail.com) or 860-874-1481. It's rewarding to know that 25 men will be fed. Thanks for supporting this mission!

**Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's**

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

Come visit Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm or Saturday from 9 am – Noon. We are closed on holidays.

**Food Pantry, Coxsackie**

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

All donations to the Coxsackie Area Food Pantry are greatly appreciated. We are in particular need of coffee, tea bags and pet food (dog and cat). 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. Thank you for your generosity. Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm, & Saturday 10-11 am. *Monetary donations are always welcome as your gift has much more buying power at the regional food bank.*

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

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

After providing meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas to more than 100 families, the cupboards are bare.

Please help replenish our stock by providing the following items:

- Lunch box snacks
- Spaghetti sauce
- Muffin mix
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Cake mix
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Dish liquid

**Long-time devoted parishioner, Jeanne Cary,** has bequeathed a generous donation to St. Mary's Capital Campaign Fund. We remember Jeanne with love and are grateful to her and her family.

**Mother McAuley Columbiettes** meeting will be February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in room 4 of St. Patrick's Parish Center.

**Save the date!** The Annual St. Patrick's Dinner will be Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm at Pegasus Restaurant. We all love the raffle baskets! The committee needs items for the baskets! Any items suitable for donations are greatly appreciated. There will be a basket in the back of St. Mary's Church or call Gina@ 518-731-2678 for pickup or questions.



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY EVENT

SATURDAY  
MARCH 1, 2025

# MARDI GRAS

FREE ADMISSION

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

HAM AND TURKEY PROVIDED BY  
EVENTS COMMITTEE

MUSIC AND DANCING

- REGISTRATION REQUIRED - PLEASE  
SIGN UP TO BRING A COVERED DISH  
TO FEED 8-10 PEOPLE

STARTS 5:30  
IN THE PARISH CENTER

More info 518-756-3145 | [stpatricks-ravena.org](http://stpatricks-ravena.org)



## Mass Intentions

### *Week of February 1, 2, 2025*

### *The Presentation of the Lord*

Feb 1 4:30 Ravena Dawn Murley by Bernie and Linda McCall  
Feb 2 7:30 Cossackie The Heim family by Ann Heim  
Memorial Society  
9:30 Ravena None at this time  
11:30 Cossackie Jeanne Cary by Alice and Michael Gatt

### *Week of February 8, 9, 2025*

### *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Feb 8 4:30 Ravena None at this time  
Feb 9 7:30 Cossackie & 9:30 Ravena None at this time  
11:30 Cossackie Richard Maraglio by Mark and Sue Maraglio

### *Week of February 15, 16, 2025*

### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Feb 15 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria  
John Visconti by his family  
Feb 16 7:30 Cossackie The Hynes family by Anita Hynes  
9:30 Ravena None at this time  
11:30 Cossackie Albert Ollisio by his niece

**SAVE THE DATE**

**APRIL 6**

**FESTIVAL OF BASKETS**  
**ST. PATRICK'S - RAVENA**  
**LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL**



# Diocesan Appeal

## 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal Campaign

There are things God does for us as well as things that God calls us to do...getting back to Mass, participating actively in our parish community, living as a joyful disciple, being constant in prayer, investing in our parishes & diocese...if not each of us, then who? Please don't wait! Making your gift or pledge today to the Diocesan Appeal shows you have stepped forward by personally committing and participating in Christ bringing about His Kingdom here on earth.

Thank you – with patience and your support, a brighter future is near!

**Payments can be made on-line by going to <https://thediocesanappeal.org/>**

### ST. PATRICK'S

66 gifts so far

Goal \$ 41,506

Total donations = \$ 25,137.48

60.51% of goal

Average Gift \$ 380.87

Shortfall = \$ 16,368.52

### ST. MARY'S

65 gifts so far

Goal \$ 40,775

Total donations = \$ 18,110

44.41% of goal

Average Gift \$ 278.62

Shortfall = \$ 22,665

*All funds raised for the Diocesan Appeal are applied immediately to underwrite the current Diocesan programs, services and ministries for parishes as well as vocations, not for the settlement of legal cases.*

Ravenna							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
1/19	1/26	1/19	1/26	1/19	1/26	1/19	1/26
195	215	95	126	\$2,842.00	\$2,680.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00
* Includes Christmas							
St. Patrick's Collection History							
Dec 1	\$6,240						
Dec 8	\$6,432						
Dec 15	\$4,768						
Dec 22	\$5,315						
Dec 29*	\$9,824						
Jan 5	\$7,030						
Jan 12	\$6,152						
Jan 19	\$4,862						
Jan 26	\$4,700						

### Collections & E-Giving

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

#### 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](#)

Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
1/19	1/26	1/19	1/26	1/19	1/26	1/19	1/26
196	188	\$1,631.00	\$2,064.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$1,003.00	\$95.00
* Includes Im. Conceptor							
** Includes Christmas							
St. Mary's Collection History							
Dec 1	\$5,865						
Dec 8*	\$6,098						
Dec 15	\$7,440						
Dec 22	\$4,460						
Dec 29**	\$8,300						
Jan 1 & 5	\$9,187						
Jan 12	\$6,083						
Jan 19	\$5,604						
Jan 26	\$5,129						

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

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

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

**FIND US ONLINE:** [Click here](#) for St. Patrick's Parish Homepage [Click here](#) for St. Mary's Parish Homepage  
Parish Facebook Pages (updated daily)

**CONTACT US BY PHONE:** St. Patrick's Office: 518-756 -3145 St. Mary's Office: 518-731-8800

**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

Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Mary's

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am 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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