



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

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Dear Parish Family and Friends, both near and far,

John Vasto announced last weekend that his ministerial journey will be taking him to St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar after 19 years of service at St. Patrick's in Ravena, effective April 21st. We will miss John very much but we wish him well as he takes his next steps in his ministerial career. St. Patrick's will be hosting a pizza party for John and his family on Palm Sunday evening in our Parish Center (time still being worked out... listen for details at Mass). Please come to thank him for his service and wish him well in the future.

You've probably noticed a shift in our Sunday Gospels recently... This year, we have been proclaiming Luke's Gospel. On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent this year John's Gospel, not Luke's, has been proclaimed. Perhaps you've wondered why? In our Parish Network, we will be baptizing two adults, Alan Palmer and Ashley Palmateer, who will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). In addition, Jessica Havens will receive Confirmation and Eucharist and Caitlin Ippolito will receive Confirmation. Our readings drawn from John these three weekends (the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind and Lazarus Raised from the Dead) give us all a chance to think about the waters of new life, faith and eternal life. We can prayerfully accompany Alan, Ashley, Jessica and Caitlin as they take these next steps in their sacramental journey and become fully part of our faith community.

Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities There will be two Lenten Reconciliation Services in our Parish Network: Tuesday, April 1st from 6-7 pm at St. Patrick's in Athens and Wednesday, April 9th from 6-7 pm at Sacred Heart in Cairo. Reconciliation will be available at St. Patrick's in Ravena on Tuesday, April 8th from 5:30-6:30 pm and at St. Mary's in Coxsackie on Tuesday, April 15th from 5:30-6:30 pm. St. Mary's in Hudson will offer reconciliation on Friday, April 11th from 8 am-midnight.

St. Patrick's is hosting their annual **Festival of Baskets** on Sunday afternoon, April 6th. Save the date for a fun afternoon! It's open to the people of our parishes.

Please support the Diocesan Appeal at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

Follow Up Thank you for your get well cards, phone calls and remembrances. Oh, and for the food, too! The outpatient surgery on my foot went well and I'm happy with the results. I'm gradually able to put more weight on my foot so you'll be seeing more of me in the coming weeks. My stitches will be removed in several days and the pins will follow in a few weeks.

Blessings, Fr. Joe O'Brien

Schedule

SUNDAY 3-30	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) Hospitality provided by Mother McAuley Columbiettes immediately after Mass 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 3-31	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 4-1	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 600:-7:00 Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's, Athens 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 4-2	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 4-3	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 4-4	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's and at St. Patrick's
SATURDAY 4-5	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 4-6	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
MONDAY 4-7	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 4-8	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 4-9	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6-7 Reconciliation service at Sacred Heart, Cairo
THURSDAY 4-10	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 COMBINED Choir rehearsal St. Patrick's with St. Mary's at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 4-11	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's and at St. Patrick's
SATURDAY 4-12	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 4-13	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)

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. The deadline for sending all news articles is the Monday, 6:00 pm, before the publishing of the newsletter. Thank you.

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March 21, 2025

Dear St. Patrick's parishioners,

It is with a heavy heart that after 19 wonderful years of serving this community I write to inform you of my decision to resign from my position as Music and Liturgy Director, effective April 21, 2025. My last Mass with you will be Easter Sunday, 9:30am.

After many hours of prayer and consideration and of course a long discussion with my very loving and supportive wife, Olivia, I have decided to take on a new position at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Having been born and raised in this parish, you have been more than just a congregation to me; you have been my family. Your unwavering support and encouragement have been so appreciated, and I am grateful for the friendships and memories we have created together.

I have cherished every moment spent with you all, from the joyous celebrations to the solemn services. I want to express my deepest gratitude to the clergy, staff, and volunteers who have worked alongside me. Your dedication and passion have made my role fulfilling and meaningful. I am confident that the music and liturgy programs will continue to thrive under new leadership.

I especially want to thank the men and women in our Choir and Cantor program. You always supported me and my new (and sometimes crazy) ideas, and I am so very proud of each and every one of you. The countless hours of rehearsals over the years, especially preceding the Holy Week and Easter season, are a true labor of love for God and your parish and I hope you know how much I appreciate your effort. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for always showing up and giving your best, and for all the time we have spent together.

While I may not be here to celebrate the Mass with you each weekend, I will still be involved here on the events committee team as I'm able, and the Assumption Festival sub-committee. I've also let our clergy know that I am happy to be a resource for things that come up after I'm gone, so this is in no way a goodbye.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your spiritual journey for so many wonderful years. I will always hold St. Patrick's Parish close to my heart and will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

With love and peace,
John M Vasto

Mission Statement:
We embrace people who search for a spiritual home. We serve those in need.
We grow our parish through the involvement of youth.

St. Mary's was recently notified that we have been named a beneficiary in the estates of Sr. Mary Rose Fox and Gina Donovan. We give great thanks for their generosity and keep both Sr. Mary Rose and Gina as well as their families in our prayers.

Les Miserables: A different way to grow during Lent, explore with fellow parishioners & Deacon Ron the themes of grace and forgiveness. Four Tuesday nights 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, and 4/8 at 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm - Catskill Network Offices - Fr. Murphy Parish Center - 66 William Street - Call 518-943-3150 to register.

Greene County Department of Human Services

Home Bound Medical Transportation Program is always in need of volunteers to drive homebound clients to their medical appointments. Mileage reimbursement is available for this position.

Home Delivered Meals Program needs volunteers to deliver meals. There is no age requirement. Please help us help others. Last year **88,608** meals were delivered in Greene County by volunteers.

*A vehicle is required for these activities. All volunteers are **required** to complete a volunteer application.*

For more information or to volunteer for either please call **Ruth Pforte at 518-719-3555.**

Feed the Hungry! Prepare a Shelter Meal to feed 25 men who reside in an Albany shelter for April 16th. If you would like to help others, or just make the meal in your home for delivery, please contact Christa at 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

Please remember the Coxsackie Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month. Food costs are soaring and those with limited resources are struggling more than ever. There are baskets in the back of the church for your donations including personal care items and pet food. Thank you for your generosity. Coxsackie Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm & Saturday 10-11 am. *Cash donations are always welcome. Your gift has greater purchasing power at the regional food bank.*

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

Hours of Operation: Tuesday and Friday 10 to 11 am and Wednesday 6 to 7 pm. Reminder, there is a food pantry basket in the vestibule.

Peace & Justice Commission Do you pay attention to social welfare, international conflicts and the climate crisis? Are you interested in knowing the Church's position on social justice issues? Would you like to connect with other Catholics in the Albany Diocese who share your concerns? If you'd like to know more, please contact Karen Frishkoff at: kfrishkoff@gmail.com

New Life Maternity Home is Hiring: We are looking for women to work the following shifts: Overnight 9pm-9am or 8pm-8am shifts. 9am-3pm and 3pm-9pm on Saturdays and Sundays. 5pm-9pm on weekdays. Commitment can be a shift a week, a shift a month, on call, or more if desired. Check our webpage for job descriptions: newlifematernity.org

Mass Intentions

Week of March 29, 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mar 29 4:30 Ravena Fitzgerald family by Barbara Burrows
Robert Fisher by Linda and Bernie McCall
Mar 30 7:30 Coxsackie Sr. Mary Rose Fox by Mary Ann Kordich
9:30 Ravena Dick and Nancy Rice by family
Diane Amsler by Betty O'Leary
11:30 Coxsackie Russell Veeder by his family
Jeanne Cary by Arlene Matthews
Apr 2 8:00 Coxsackie Marcia Warren by her family
Doris McGrath by her family

Week of April 5, 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Apr 5 4:30 Ravena Justin Bonafide by Grammy
Guy Anatriello by Rose
Apr 6 7:30 Coxsackie The Heim family by Anne Heim
Kerry McGrath by his family
9:30 Ravena Jimmy Maki by Dad
Margaret and Amelia Espinosa by their family
11:30 Coxsackie Irene Cavanaugh by Bill Cavanaugh
Sr. Mary Rose Fox by her beloved cousins

Week of April 12, 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Apr 12 4:30 Ravena Joesph Campoli by Gloria
Frances and Sandrino Zanetti by Lucretia Harvey
Apr 13 7:30 Coxsackie Jeanne Cary by Gene and Jeannene Albright
Frank Reda by the Reda family
9:30 Ravena Deceased members of the Columbiettes
Deceased members of the DePuccio and Catello families by Anne Marie
11:30 Coxsackie Avaleta Veeder by her family

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

78 gifts so far

Goal \$ 41,506

Total donations = \$ 27,405.10

66% of goal

Average Gift \$ 358.91

Shortfall = \$ 14,103.90

ST. MARY'S

80 gifts so far

Goal \$ 40,775

Total donations = \$ 21,513

53% of goal

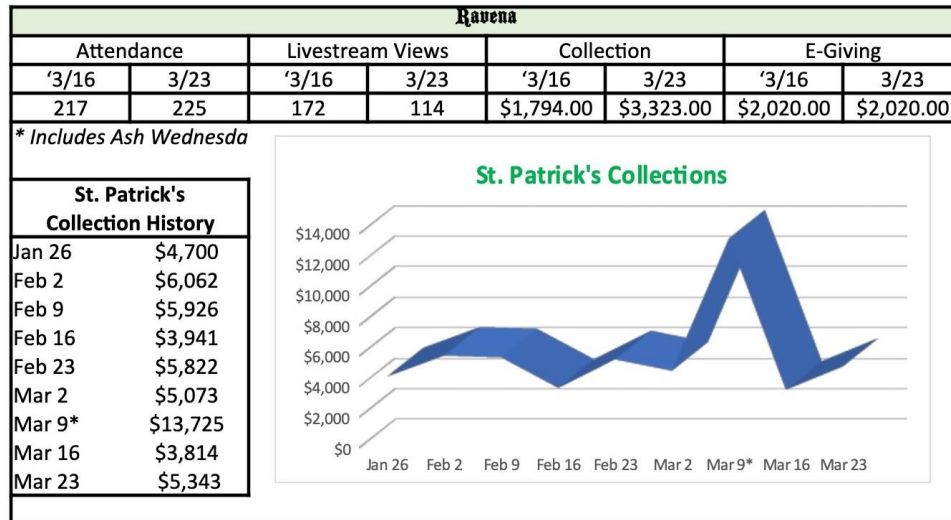
Average Gift \$ 274.55

Shortfall = \$ 19,262

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.

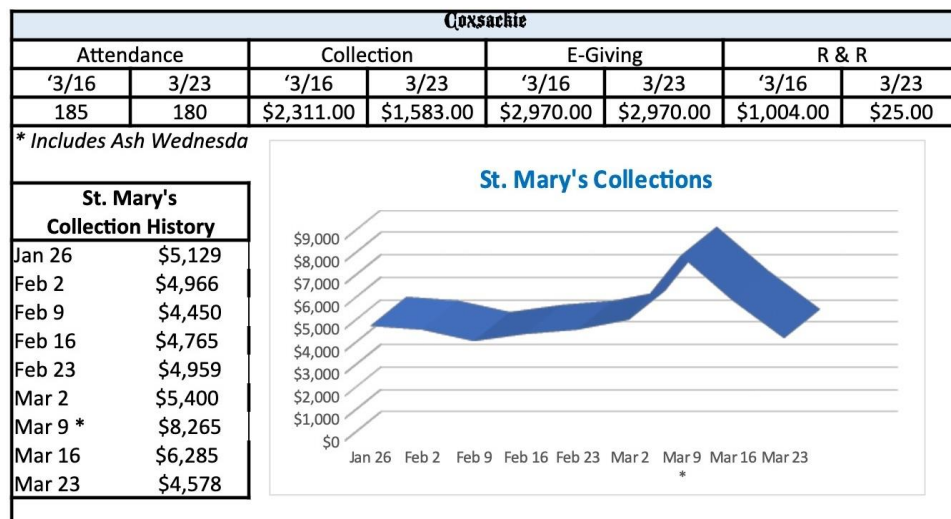
Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson 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](#)



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

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**

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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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