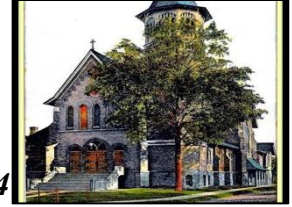




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

In our last newsletter, I wrote to you on Pope Francis' worldwide Synod on Synodality and our Diocese's next steps in making it possible for you to participate.

That phrase *Synod on Synodality* is quite a mouthful, isn't it? But what it means is that Pope Francis is seeking to hear from everyone (women and men, young and old, retired persons and workers and students, people who come to Mass every week and people who've been away for some time... everyone) on how the Church can share the word of Jesus in our world in a better way. How can we be Christ for others? How can we find ways to include all who feel left behind or are not welcomed as they should be? How can we create a more inviting Church in the midst of such a divided world? *Pope Francis wants our Church to be a listening Church.*

Perhaps this is not what you are used to... maybe you feel you do not have something to share. Please reconsider. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger says that "We are all part of the Body of Christ. Everyone has a role to play. Everyone has a place." Your participation matters.

Locally, a Synod Listening Session will be hosted at Holy Trinity's parish center in Hudson (429 East Allen Street) on Tuesday, May 24th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. You will be invited to discuss four questions dealing with life in the Church. Deacon Mike McDonald will be part of the team who will keep the evening moving along so there will be time to be heard. You may register at <https:rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/> Please contact me if you would like more information.

The Diocesan Appeal will be coming to a close on June 30 and I need your help. As of May 6th, our parishes have received many generous gifts and pledges... St. Mary's has received \$30,268 (65% of their \$46,975 goal) and St. Patrick's has received \$36,398 (87% of their \$42,089 goal). I want to thank everyone who has made a gift to support the Appeal! So many of you have responded to our parishes to each support a seminarian, forming and educating priest who will serve us in the future! Thank you!

I ask our parishioners, neighbors and friends who haven't responded yet to please make a gift to the Appeal. Perhaps you're just returning to church after a long absence during the pandemic. Perhaps you've been watching our Masses on our livestreams or on Mid-Hudson Cable. So many are just emerging now from such a chaotic time! Please take time to make a gift in support of the Appeal. Diocesan Appeal envelopes are available in the church and in our parish offices. Please call us, we'll send you an envelope. If we fall short of our goals, we will have to make up the difference using parish funds. Your gift makes a difference! Thank you!

Easter Season Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

SUNDAY 5/15	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 5/16	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 5/17	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 5/18	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 5/19	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
FRIDAY 5/20	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 5/21	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 5/22	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 5/23	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 5/24	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 5/25	8:00 No Morning Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:00 Vigil Mass for Ascension Thursday at St. Mary's

THURSDAY 5/26	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5 6:00 Ascension Thursday Mass at St. Patrick's
FRIDAY 5/27	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 5/28	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 5/29	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.

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.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry is in need of bathroom tissue, paper towels, lunch box snacks, saltine crackers, cookies and snack size potato chips/pretzels. 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

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:

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. Camp 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.*** Please contact Christa Desrosiers at derobccr@gmail.com or Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com.

Youth & Faith Formation of St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

FAITH FORMATION 2022: Looking at the fall, **we need Catechists for Grades 6, 7, 8, and 10.** Pray and discern whether you can assist in this vital program for our youth. Please let Bob Desrosiers know at stmaryffo@aol.com.

Second Grade Sacramental Preparation: On **Sunday, May 22nd** our First Communion Group will present flowers to our Blessed Mother at the 11:30 Mass.

Our Confirmation Group: Congratulations to our 14 youth who were confirmed by Bishop Ed Scharfenberger on April 30 at St. Mary's: Ryan Carroll, William Deering, Samantha Gallagher, Natalie Hinrichsen, Grace and Gabriel Hoglund, Jordane Hynes, Charlie Petramale, Lucas Russell, Ellie and Rocco Salvino, Christian Tedford, and Frank Vignera.

Altar Servers Needed: We are looking for new Altar Servers (Children in Grade 3+) to serve our church in this important ministry. Please contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com or 518 731-9268.

Ecumenical CROP Walk: Thank you to those who contributed to and participated in the CROP Walk. Those who sponsored Bob donated more than \$200! Of the 33 participants, 30 were from St. Mary's. Preliminary count for total donations is around \$1,000. We will post the final total next newsletter. 75% of the donations will be distributed by Church World Service to those who need it most and 25% stays here in our own Food Pantry.

Baccalaureate: The Cocksackie-Athens Ecumenical Clergy Association will again host the Baccalaureate for the Graduating Class of 2022 on Wednesday June 1 at 7 PM at the First Reformed Church in Athens.

Mass Intentions

May 14, 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

May 14	4:30 Ravena	John O'Hara by Diane & Bill Fisher Maggie Travis
May 15	7:30 Coxsackie	Lena & Sam Coniglio by daughter (Anita Hynes) Kerry McGrath by Mike & Mary Donahue Frances Matter by James & Diane Greder
	9:30 Ravena	Rita Gager by Diane Hoffman Eva Rosato by Mary Rosato and Chris & Kenny Cbetic Maryann Propeack Rosemary Lozano
	11:30 Coxsackie	Eva Rosato by Columbiettes Christine Trabucco by Maria Mintz James Peters by James Sacke family

May 21, 22, 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

May 21	4:30 Ravena	Harriett Bean by Jim & Jackie Lynch Vi Funaro
May 22	7:30 Coxsackie	Carolyn and Timothy White by Helen O'Brien
	9:30 Ravena	Robert Hagen by Mom Rev. James Lefebvre by Nancy Biscone & family Mary Carnibucci
	11:30 Coxsackie	Teress D. Cole by Karen Cole Skip Veeder by his family
May 25	6:00 Coxsackie	Kerry McGrath by Jeanne Cary



Diocesan Appeal

If you haven't yet had a chance, it's not too late!

Campaign ends June 30, 2022

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

ST. PATRICK'S

112 gifts so far
Goal \$ 42,089
 Total donations to date = * **\$36,398**
86.5% of goal
 Average Gift \$325
 Still to be raised = **\$5,691**

ST. MARY'S

123 gifts so far
Goal \$ 46,975
 Total donations to date = * **\$30,268**
64.5% of goal
 Average Gift \$246
 Still to be raised = **\$16,707**

At age 72, people must make 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.

St. Mary's of Cocksackie EIN: 14-1464470 St. Patrick's of Ravena EIN: 14-1341164

Diocesan Synod Update:

Dates for the Synod Listening Sessions for the 7 Vicariates of the Diocese have been confirmed. Bishop Scharfenberger will attend these sessions. You are invited to join the session for your vicariate or any of the others listed. Everyone is welcome to participate in the group of their choice. For more information go to www.rcda.org/synod

Remaining Vicariate Listening Sessions:

Thurs	5/19/22	6:30-8:30	Immaculate Conception, Glenville
Tues	5/24/22	6:30-8:30	Holy Trinity, Hudson
Wed	6/1/22	6:30-8:30	St. Michael the Archangel, Troy
Tues	6/28/22	6:30-8:30	Our Lady of the Annunciation, Queensbury

Diocesan Memorial Day Mass "*Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes*" **Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie, NY**

As the country celebrates Memorial Day, Our Lady of Angels Cemetery joins thousands of Catholic cemeteries across the United States in a national celebration, "Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes." This national program, developed by the Catholic Cemetery Conference, honors men and women who died while serving in the armed forces, as well as recognizing both active duty military and veterans.

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30 at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, 1389 Central Avenue in Colonie. The Mass will take place outside, under a large tent, rain or shine (let's all say a prayer for some sun!) Veterans are invited to serve as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and participate in the presentation of gifts. Veterans attending the Mass are offered special lapel pins. For more information about our Memorial Day Mass including volunteer opportunities for the service, call (518) 374-5319.

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

To all who attended the "long-awaited" Annual Festival of Baskets, and to those of you that made the baskets to make this all possible. Hats Off to the Knights of Columbus/Columbiettes "Grill Team" for preparing lunch. Kudos to Marianne McCool for organizing the Bake Sale, and to those who baked. Many thanks to those who sold tickets : Dawn Brownson, Penny & Sean Gager, Carol Mason, Caroline Navarrete, Madelene Espinosa, Gina McGrath, Lorraine Camurati, Lori Anderson, Kathy Rice, Jeanne Biernacki and Christa Desrosiers. Huge thanks to Gabe Borger for getting all the balloons in place. Lots and Lots of thanks to the Committee: Fr. Joe, Diane Gager, Mary Tice, Penny Gager, DJ Borger, Gabe Borger and Reed Carroll, could have not been done without all of you. Because of all your support and efforts for this event we netted

\$ 8,145.

Donna Hagen, Chairperson

Fried Dough Breakfast

Sunday, May 15, 2022
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Fried Dough-Coffee-Tea-Juice
*** 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM.

Hosted by the Mother McAuley
Columbiettes with the help of the
Knights of Columbus

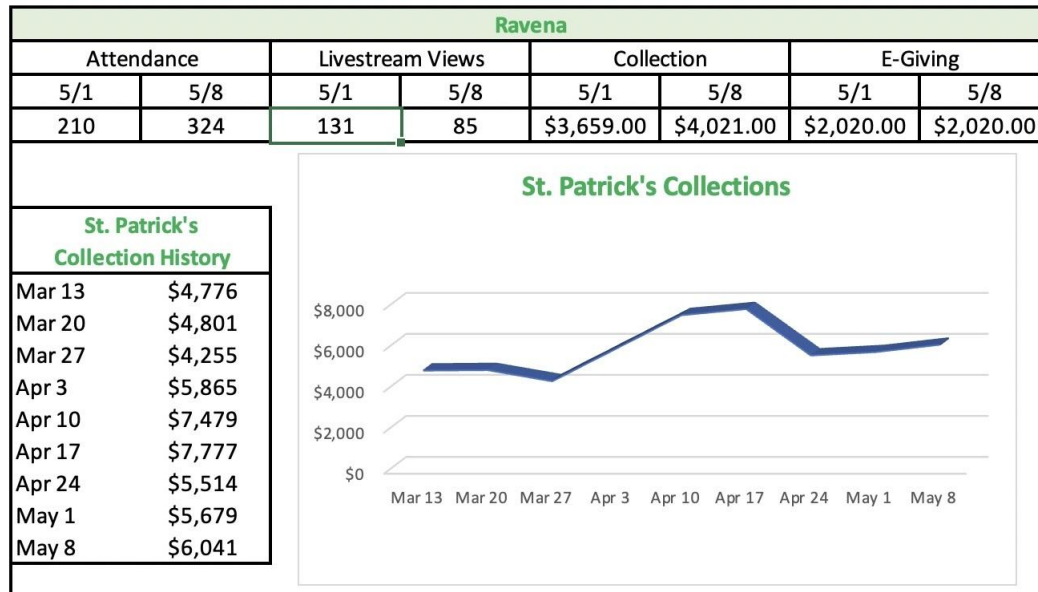


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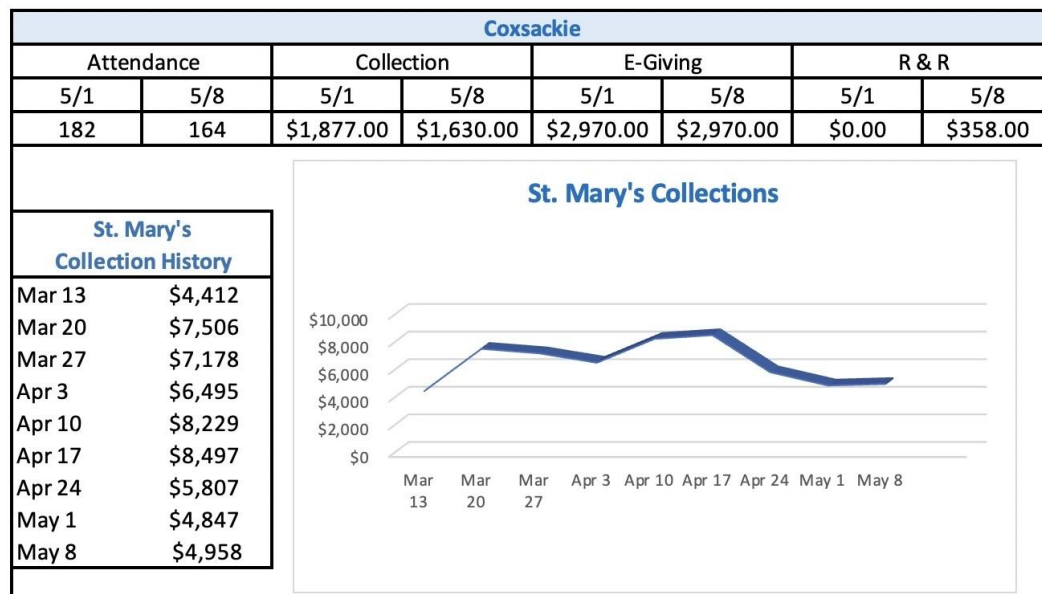
Collection for Churches in Central and Eastern Europe

Communism fell more than 25 years ago in Central and Eastern Europe, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under Communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection helps renew vital aspects of Church life: it supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, rebuilds churches and renews community life around the region. Please be generous, and prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this weekend.



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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 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