



ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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Looking for
Answers

Your Questions Addressed

June 6 & 7

What do we mean when we say "Our Father, who art in heaven"?

Answered by: Deacon Mike McDonald

The Lord's Prayer is one of the most important prayers in all of Christianity. It was taught by Jesus to His followers as a model for how we should pray. You can find it right in the middle of Our Lord's *Sermon On The Mount* in the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 6; verses 9-13). I would like to present to you throughout this summer my thoughts on our most powerful prayer. It begins with the words, "Our Father who art in heaven." Although this phrase is short, it contains a deep meaning about God and our relationship with Him.

The first word, "Our," reminds us that we are part of a larger family. When we pray, we are not speaking only for ourselves. We are joining with Christians everywhere in worship and faith. This word teaches the importance of community, unity, and caring for others.

The next word, "Father," describes God as a loving parent. In Jesus' time, many people thought of God mainly as a powerful ruler or judge. By calling God "Father," Jesus shows us that God is also personal, caring, and close to His people. Just as a good father loves, guides, and protects his children, God loves and cares for those who follow Him. This title encourages us to approach God with trust and confidence rather than fear.

The phrase "who art in heaven" points to God's greatness and holiness. Heaven is not simply a physical place above the clouds. In our belief, heaven represents God's perfect presence, power, and glory. These words remind us that while God is close enough to be called "Father," He is also far greater than any human being. He is the Creator of the universe and deserves our respect, honor, and worship.

Together, the words "Our Father who art in heaven" balance two important truths about God. First, God is loving and personal, inviting people into a relationship with Him. Second, God is holy and all-powerful, worthy of reverence and obedience. And so, we begin the Lord's Prayer with these words because they help set the right attitude for prayer: one of trust, gratitude, humility, and respect.

In just those five opening words, Jesus teaches us who God is and how we should approach Him. The phrase "Our Father who art in heaven" reminds us that we are children of a loving Father and worshippers of a holy and eternal God.

More to follow...with much love, Deacon Mike ☺💝

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Sunday 6-7 Body & Blood	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 6-8	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 6-9	9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 <i>Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy</i> 5:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's followed by Rosary
Wednesday 6-10	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 6-11	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 5:30 No Reconciliation (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 6-12	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 6-13	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 6-14	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)
Monday 6-15	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 6-16	9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 <i>Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy</i> 5:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's followed by Rosary
Wednesday 6-17	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's - Last rehearsal before Summer break.
Thursday 6-18	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 5:30 No Reconciliation (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's – Last rehearsal before Summer break.
Friday 6-19	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's All parish and network offices closed today
Saturday 6-20	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 6-21 11 th Week in Ordinary Time	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) <u>Happy Father's Day!</u>

***Columbiettes and Knights will be holding a Blood Drive
July 1, 11:30-4:30, St. Patrick's Ravena school hall.***

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St. Patrick's Pastoral Council has 3 vacancies which will need to be filled. If you or someone else is interested please see a current council member or fill out a nomination slip.

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

The Coxsackie Food Pantry gratefully accepts all donations. The basket for your donations will be in the back of the church all month. The Coxsackie Food Pantry is especially in need of: **Tea bags, bar soap**. 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.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry, Ravena

St. Patrick's Office | 518-756-3145

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. Please help replenish our stock by providing the following items: **Snacks and Toilet paper** The Food Pantry served 55 (0-17), 94 (18-59), 28 (60+) and 64 families during May.

Farewell Lasagna Dinner

Please join us for a farewell lasagna dinner for *Father Jay* on Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30pm in St. Patrick's parish center

Mother McAuley Columbiettes

Please note that we will not be meeting during the Summer months. See you all in September.

Icon Retreat/Workshop This Summer

We will be hosting an Icon Workshop/Retreat to be held at St. Patrick's, Ravena, July 13-17 from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The cost is \$65 per person. Participants will receive all materials to create an 11 X 14-inch icon to be consecrated at St. Mary's Church, Coxsackie, at a date to set closer to the retreat. Sign up sheets are available at Mission Central in our churches. The group is limited to 15 people to allow for individual assistance as needed. Indicate the subject you would like to portray in your icon (Jesus, Mary, or a saint you like).

Save the Date: Greene County Youth Fair

The network has reserved a table at the Youth Fair again this year, for all our parishes to share. We will be looking for volunteers for July 23-26. More information coming in the next few weeks.

Volunteer Videographer Needed for St. Mary's

Our Mass live streaming team is looking for a backup videographer willing to train on the equipment and cover an average of once a month. Please see Jeremy Tenenbaum if you are interested, or call the office at (518) 731-8800 and leave your name and phone number with staff and Jeremy will get back to you.

St. Mary's Lost and Found

If you have lost anything while attending Mass please check at Mission Central after Mass.
If not claimed by June 21st, items will either be donated or disposed.

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HELP MAKE OUR PICNIC HAPPEN

Our annual church picnic is one of the most joyful ways we come together—sharing food, laughter, and fellowship. But this special event can only happen with the help of volunteers from our church community.

We need YOU to make it possible!

From setup to cleanup, ticket selling to games, every helping hand makes a difference. Without enough volunteers, we simply won't be able to host the picnic this year.

Tentative Date of Picnic: September 12th
Volunteer Sign-Up- Reach out to Sarah,
(518-810-8672)

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Setting up tables, chairs, and decorations
- Selling tickets before and at event
- Organizing raffles and activities
- Assisting and welcoming guests
- Cleaning up at the end of the event

Even just an hour or two of your time can help bring this event to life. It's also a wonderful way to connect with fellow parishioners and give back to our community.

Let's come together to make this cherished tradition possible!

With gratitude,
St Mary's Event Committee

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Diocesan Appeal

2025-2026 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

70 gifts so far

Goal \$ 37,373

Total donations = * \$ 25,568.66

68.41 % of goal

Average Gift \$ 365.27

Shortfall = \$ 11,804.34

ST. MARY'S

82 gifts so far

Goal \$ 33,755

Total donations = * \$ 20,321.83

60.20% of goal

Average Gift \$ 247.83

Shortfall = \$ 13,433.17

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.

Weekly Justice Challenges!

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June 7, 2026 – Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is a powerful reminder of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, the sacrament in which each of us is nourished and sent forth. This day reminds us that we don't do things on our own power – but from strength gained from the Eucharist. Before Jesus died, he asked his disciples if they could drink from the cup. He was asking if they were willing to endure what might come if they chose to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, heal the sick and blind and set captives free. They said YES. The Body and Blood of Jesus is a gift to use, yet it is a challenge too. Ask yourself this week, "How does the Eucharist nourish and strengthen me? How am I being sent like the disciples? To whom am I being sent?" Reflect on how you have responded to these questions in the past. What will your response be from now on?

June 14, 2026 - 11th Week in Ordinary Time

There is much in our neighborhoods and communities that needs attention: parks and streets, home and businesses. Our bishops challenge us as Catholics to care for God's creation and to be good stewards of all we have been given. Make a list of things in your community that you are thankful for. Take time to volunteer with something on the list or to thank those who make it possible for you to enjoy the place you call home. Be a good steward to ensure that those who come after you have the same things to enjoy!

Consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart

There will be a Mass at 6:30pm on Friday, June 12, at Sacred Heart in Palenville to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and to join the US Bishops in consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart. A potluck supper will follow. If you wish to contribute a dish, please contact Tracy Spitz at (518) 821-6373.

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Mass Intentions

Week of June 6, 7, 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6 4:30 Ravena Kathleen Byrne by family
Rita Hynes by Barbara Burrows
Maureen Heaney by Barbara Burrows

June 7 7:30 Coxsackie St. Mary's Memorial Society
The Heim Family by Anne Heim

9:30 Ravena Michael Gager by Jim Maki

11:30 Coxsackie St. Mary's Memorial Society

Week of June 13, 14, 2026

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13 4:30 Ravena Guy Anatriello by Rose
Justin Bonafide by Grammy

June 14 7:30 Coxsackie Peter Hynes by his wife
Douglas Rose by Patrick Rose

9:30 Ravena Stephanie and Calvin Ayres by Vicki and Jim

11:30 Coxsackie Rocco A. Cole by Karen Cole
Carol Keineth by Judy (Rosa) Halstead and Bill Halstead

Week of June 20, 21, 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20 4:30 Ravena All Fathers
Kathleen Byrne by family

June 21 7:30 Coxsackie All Fathers

9:30 Ravena All Fathers
Santo Costanza by family

11:30 Coxsackie All Fathers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to visit the homebound parishioners of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena. We go out on the **1st Wednesday of each month** to bring communion and visit with them for a short time. Most are elderly and live alone. If you are interested or have questions, please call Michelle Fralick at [518]-756-3145 at the rectory office on Wednesdays. Thank you!

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Collections & E-Giving

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
5/24	5/31	5/24	5/31	5/24	5/31	5/24	5/31
208	236	171	138	\$2,077.00	\$2,646.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00
St. Patrick's							
Collection History		Breakdown by Mass for St. Patrick's					
			Attendance	Collection	35 E-Giving	Average Contribution	
Triduum	\$8,857	Easter Vigil	150	\$4,816	na	\$26.03	
Easter	\$4,257	Easter	218	\$1,880	\$2,020	\$15.42	
Apr 12	\$7,033	04/12/26	250	\$5,013	\$2,020	\$24.68	
Apr 19	\$4,257	04/19/26	181	\$2,237	\$2,020	\$19.71	
Apr 26	\$5,730	04/26/26	214	\$3,710	\$2,020	\$23.01	
May 3	\$5,419	05/03/26	305	\$3,399	\$2,020	\$15.94	
May 10	\$6,074	05/10/26	239	\$4,054	\$2,020	\$22.17	
May 17	\$4,608	05/17/26	208	\$2,588	\$2,020	\$18.96	
May 24	\$4,097	05/24/26	208	\$2,077	\$2,020	\$16.86	
May 31	\$4,666	05/31/26	236	\$2,646	\$2,020	\$17.22	

Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
5/24	5/31	5/24	5/31	5/24	5/31	5/24	5/31
210	233	\$1,892.00	\$1,790.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
St. Mary's							
Collection History		Breakdown by Mass for St. Mary's					
			Attendance	Collection	65 E-Giving	Average Contribution	
Triduum	\$4,855	Easter Vigil	na	na	na	na	
Easter	\$6,144	Easter	242	\$3,174	\$2,970	\$20.01	
Apr 12	\$5,846	04/12/26	220	\$2,876	\$2,970	\$20.51	
Apr 19	\$6,304	04/19/26	208	\$2,272	\$2,970	\$19.20	
Apr 26	\$6,304	04/26/26	195	\$1,859	\$2,970	\$18.57	
May 3	\$6,850	05/03/26	336	\$3,880	\$2,970	\$17.08	
May 10	\$5,986	05/10/26	193	\$2,378	\$2,970	\$20.73	
May 17	\$4,566	05/17/26	179	\$1,596	\$2,970	\$18.71	
May 24	\$4,862	05/24/26	210	\$1,892	\$2,970	\$17.68	
May 31	\$4,770	05/31/26	233	\$1,790	\$2,970	\$15.97	

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Connecting with the Parishes

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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. Mary's 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:00 am

St. Patrick's 2nd and 4th Tuesday 9:00 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**

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

NETWORK FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/hvww.network/>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Sunday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Patrick's

Monday 8:00 am at St. Mary's

Tuesday 5:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's followed by Rosary

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 – Rectory

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING 1 – 2 pm on Thursdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

Reconciliation, *** Note: No Reconciliation until further notice ***

1st and 3rd Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30pm St. Mary's in Coxsackie

2nd and 4th Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30pm St. Patrick's in Ravena

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