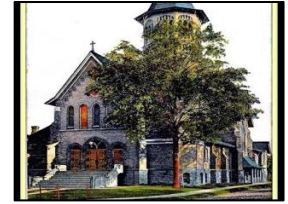




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Day, whether you were celebrating at home hosting family or you were visiting loved ones. Over the river and through the woods!!!

As Catholics, we are a Thanksgiving people as we remember that we are Eucharistic, centered on Word and Sacrament, grounded in love and service, faith, hope and charity. Let's always remember that the Greek word 'eucharistia' means to 'to give thanks.' Let's be Eucharist for others every day!

Happy Advent!

Several Advent activities are scheduled for our two parishes. Everyone's invited to come!

-First, Deacon Pat Bradley, a retired deacon from the Diocese of Cheyenne will lead discussions on how the stories of people from the Bible parallel our life stories. Meet Deacon Pat and his wife, Priscilla, at Maria Hall at St Mary's at 6:30 pm on Thursdays: December 1st, 8th (after the holyday Mass) and 15th.

-Second, Michelle Sisak will join us again to offer an icon painting workshop/retreat at St. Patrick's during Advent. Michelle will be here for a week and a half beginning on Monday, December 5th (a new date, one week later). There is a \$50 fee for materials and instruction. Please call your parish office to let us know that you're coming.

-Third, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Advent Tuesdays from 4:30-6:15 pm... November 29th and December 13th at St. Patrick's... December 6th and 20th at St. Mary's. A second priest will be available for confessions on December 6th at St. Mary's and December 13th at St. Patrick's.

-Fourth, we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception with a 6 pm Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, December 7th and a 6 pm Mass at St. Mary's on Thursday, December 8th.

-Fifth, Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's on Saturday, December 10th and after the 11:30 am Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, December 11th.

-Sixth, a Blue Christmas prayer service will be offered at St. Mary's on Sunday, December 18th at 5 pm for folks who are experiencing great sadness or difficulty as holy days and holidays are approaching.

Year End Planning

As the end of the year approaches, some like to consider charitable giving or do some tax planning. I ask that you please keep St. Mary's and St. Patrick's in mind! Have you thought about your offertory gift for Christmas? Would you like to make a donation to repair or maintain our church buildings? If you are travelling for a few weeks (or months), please consider E-Giving. (On line giving is secure and convenient. Please contact Dawn Brownson or me.) Please remember your gift or pledge to the Diocesan Appeal and help us support our seminarians. (Appeal envelopes are available by our church entrances.) Thank you for your generous stewardship. Your generous support makes everything possible at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's.

The last few years (under COVID) have been challenging for everyone. St. Mary's and St. Patrick's couldn't have gotten through without your support. Thank you! As you know, attendance has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. It's been pretty challenging for your parishes, too. Your support is so important to sustaining all that we do for you in Jesus' name.

Advent Blessings for you and your family, Fr. Joe

Schedule

1 st SUNDAY of Advent 11/27	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 10:30 Adult Faith Sharing in Classroom 5 at St. Patrick's 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 11/28	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 11/29	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 4:30-6:15 Advent Reconciliation, St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 11/30	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 12/1	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's 6:30 Deacon Pat Bradley Scripture discussion, St. Mary's Maria Hall
FRIDAY 12/2	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 12/3	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
2 nd SUNDAY of Advent 12/4	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 10:30 Adult Faith Sharing in Classroom 5 at St. Patrick's 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 1:00 to 4:00 Christmas Open House in the St. Mary's Rectory 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
MONDAY 12/5	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Michelle Sisak begins Icon painting workshop at St. Patrick's Parish Center By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12/6	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:00 Women's Bible Study at St. Patrick's in Classroom 5 4:30 -6:15 Advent Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 12/7	8:00 NO Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:00 Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 12/8	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:00 Mass, Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's

	6:30 Choir rehearsal following Mass at St. Mary's 6:30 Deacon Pat Bradley Scripture discussion, St. Mary's Maria Hall
FRIDAY 12/9	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 12/10	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's, Anointing of the Sick to follow Mass
3 rd SUNDAY of Advent 12/11	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 10:30 Adult Faith Sharing in Classroom 5 at St. Patrick's 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) Anointing of the Sick to follow Mass

The Giving Tree for children of Catholic Charities and our own home bound parishioners will be available beginning November 27th. Please take a tag for children of Catholic Charities, Stewarts GAS cards only and our own home bound parishioners and follow the instructions on the tag.

Please return all gifts by December 13th. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for so many!

Christmas Open House The Community Life Committee of St. Mary's Church will be holding an Open House in the rectory on Sunday December 4 from 1 to 4pm. Come join us for some light refreshments and holiday cheer.

St. Patrick's Annual 'Advent Event'! December 10th (Saturday) Join us immediately following the 4:30 PM Mass for a night of Advent preparation - chances to win an Advent wreath or Nativity Set, activities and book reading/giveaway for our younger parishioners, snacks and of course **The Christmas Play!** Hope to see you there!

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours are Tuesday 1 - 2 pm, Thursday 7 - 8 pm, and Saturday 10 - 11 am. The food pantry is located in the D.M. Hamilton Steamer Fire Station. Donations may be left in the basket at St. Mary's on the first Sunday of the month. The Coxsackie Community Food Pantry gratefully accepts all donations. We're in special need of peanut butter and cold breakfast cereal (Corn Flakes or Cheerios)

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry is in need of: bathroom tissue, bar soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, chicken noodle soup, cookies, snack crackers, peanut butter, beef stew, instant potatoes, cereal and lunch box snacks. Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations! **The Pantry is open:** Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 am and Wednesdays 6–7 pm.

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 Registration at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

Faith Formation is underway. St. Mary's families can contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com or 518-731-9268, ext. 4; St. Patrick's families can contact Christa Desrosiers at derobccr@gmail.com or 518-756-3145. If you'd like to register online, please contact Bob or Christa to receive the online link.

St. Mary's Faith Formation News:

Thanks to our Jesus Festival Team who put on the event for our Second Grade Sacramental Group on Saturday November 19. Fr. Joe spoke to the 9 that are preparing for First Reconciliation about prayer and explained how the Sacrament is celebrated. Desiree Pacuk went over the 10 Commandments with the group. Bob spoke with parents about the priest's role in the Sacrament. Then Therese and Katherine Desrosiers, along with Coral Vizzie, Marisa Rivera and Adrianna Moon (Confirmation candidates) taught the families the song: Turn My Heart, O God. Please pray for our kids as they complete their preparation. The group will celebrate First Reconciliation on Saturday December 3rd from Noon to 2pm in the Church.



Confirmation Christian Service: Thank you to Thomas Gibney, Matthew Kunz and Neil Murphy who did rectory clean-up. They did a nice job raking leaves from the Rectory and Church grounds.

Thanks to Confirmation candidates Leslie Hinrichsen, Adrianna Moon, Hanna Osborn, Lorna Pigott, Ainsley Rausch and Andrew Sager for assisting with the Collection of Shoebox Presents at the Gospel Community Church for "Operation Christmas Child". The Gospel Community Church appreciated the work of our young.

MyParish APP for St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

It's a new Faith Formation year! Do you have trouble keeping the schedules straight while on the run? Try downloading the MyParish App on your device and the schedules will be at your fingertips wherever you are! Once you download the App, choose 'St. Patrick and St. Mary' as your default parish and you will be able to get all kinds of information and updates! Please let Christa or Bob Desrosiers know if you have any questions about the App! <https://myparishapp.com/>

Open to members of both parishes: Want to be a Matthew 25 Catholic? Contact Christa Desrosiers if you are interested in 'Feeding the Hungry' at one of Albany's overflow shelters this season. We are committed to providing dinner for the next 'first Mondays' of the month - Dec-Apr and a couple more dates. Sign up with Christa derobccr@gmail.com and we will figure out the details from there!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Perhaps you are married to a Catholic.....or you have friends who are Catholic.....you are interested in the teachings of the Church. Perhaps you have a desire to experience the sacraments of the Church. Would you want to know Jesus Christ more fully and are seeking God? There are many ways that God calls a person into a relationship with Jesus and we are happy to help you in this journey.

The RCIA is a process through which you gradually deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ and live out your faith in the Catholic community. The RCIA process emphasizes personal conversion and a commitment to the Catholic way of life. You may be wondering.....is the RCIA process for me?

RCIA is for three groups of people: - Those who are not baptized - Those who were baptized in another Christian denomination and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church - Baptized Catholics who have not completed the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

To find out if this is right for you contact Bob Desrosiers at St. Mary's 518-731-8800 or Christa Herting Desrosiers at St. Patrick's.518-756-3145.

Personal Amplifying Devices Available at St. Patrick's Church: Personal amplifying devices are available to assist the hearing impaired to fully participate in our celebrations of the Eucharist. Units can be obtained from and returned to John Vasto. The units are really easy to use...plug your headphones in and then turn the dial on the top up to the desired volume level. It is suggested you bring your own headphones but a limited supply of disposable headsets are available.

The Question Box A wooden box marked "Ask Fr. Joe and the Parish Staff" with a form to use to write your question can be found by the main entrances of both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Churches. We would like to write a response to one question per newsletter. Please include your contact information so we can contact you to be sure we're answering your question. We look forward to hearing from you!

Unleashing Love Women's Retreat Awakening *our hearts to share God's love.*

When: Saturday, December 10, 2022

Time: Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 4 PM

Location: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY

Keynote Speakers: Sisters of Life. Retreat will include: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, and Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

Register Here: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

Note: Credit/debit card users - ignore PayPal and use the black button bar to pay via credit/debit card.

Please contact Tom Cronin with any questions at thomas.cronin@rcda.org

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. Enrollments began November 1, 2022.

Questions regarding the HEAP program can be directed to:

(Cornell Cooperative Extension)

Rt 9W, Faith Plaza Ravena 12143

Phone: 518-756-8650

Greene County Department of Social Services

411 Main Street, Suite 238 Catskill 12414

Phone: 518-719-3700 Fax: 518-719-3748

For more information including eligibility details go to: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

Advent Online Speaker: Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation

This is My Body Given for You: An Advent Reflection on the Eucharist...

Presented by Rev. Richard Fragomeni, priest of the Diocese of Albany
Professor of Liturgy & Preaching, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 2:00 to 3:30 pm. *Virtual Presentation by Zoom*

To register- <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/index.aspx>

Please register by November 28th – There is no cost for the event.

During Advent we prepare our hearts to celebrate the gift of Emmanuel- God with us. Each time we gather for Eucharist, the only repeatable Sacrament of Initiation, we celebrate the gift of Christ's enduring presence with us in his Body and Blood. Please join Fr. Fragomeni as he leads us in a reflection that will nourish our Advent waiting and deepen our participation in the Eucharist.

If you have any questions, please call us at 518-453-6670

Mass Intentions

Week of November 26, 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Nov 26 4:30 Ravana	John Peter Marshall by Jack and MaryAnn Dennis
Nov 27 7:30 Coxsackie	Georgene Alcuri Montana by Marilyn Rausch
	Timmy McDonald by Anita, Ryan and Darin
9:30 Ravana	Joanne Raffiani by Roger and Eileen Hallenbeck
11:30 Coxsackie	Fred Boehlke by Colleen Moon

Week of December 3, 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 3 4:30 Ravana	Eugene and James Winters by Carol and John Bruno
Dec 4 7:30 Coxsackie	Memorial Society
	Georgene Alcuri Montana by the Columbiettes
	Nathan Weidel by Marilyn Rausch
9:30 Ravana	Nancy Biscione by George & Joanne Dardani
11:30 Coxsackie	Emery Vatalaro by his family

Week of December 10, 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 10 4:30 Ravana	Lee Miller by family
	Emily Powell by Rick and Cheryl Powell
	Frances M. Williams by John
Dec 11 7:30 Coxsackie	Georgene Alcuri Montana by the Daoust Cousins
	Peggy Prostler by John and Melody Eldred
9:30 Ravana	Stephanie Ayres by Vicki and Jim
	Daniel Duffy by Rita, Jake and John Ablett
	Kay Kilmer by Sue Battige
11:30 Coxsackie	No intentions at this time

Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
11/13	11/20	11/13	11/20	11/13	11/20	11/13	11/20
173	215	115	89	\$2,825.00	\$2,587.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Sept 25	\$4,755
Oct 2	\$6,809
Oct 9	\$6,535
Oct 16	\$4,031
Oct 23	\$4,445
Oct 30	\$4,702
Nov 6	\$6,781
Nov 13	\$4,845
Nov 20	\$4,607

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	
11/13	11/20	11/13	11/20	11/13	11/20	11/13	11/20
193	168	\$1,800.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$992.00	\$508.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Sept 25	\$6,112
Oct 2	\$6,541
Oct 9	\$5,945
Oct 16	\$4,448
Oct 23	\$5,226
Oct 30	\$5,013
Nov 6	\$6,510
Nov 13	\$5,762
Nov 20	\$5,928

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)

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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St. Mary's Office: 518-731-8800

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Text **APP** to **88202** to subscribe

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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

Summer Break - WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY –*Summer Break*

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