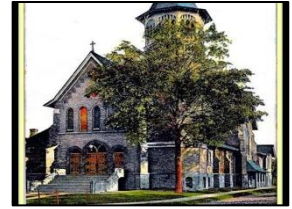




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Advent Rejoicing! Be ready to receive the Savior! Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

With great anticipation and joy, we hear John the Baptist proclaim the Messiah is near! We hear Mary say "Yes, may it be done to me according to your Word." Looking for a special Advent reflection? Please Google 'The O Antiphons' which are based on seven titles for the coming Messiah drawn from the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament.

This is such a busy time of the year! It may seem to run counter to what everyone's doing but the best way to get the most out of your Advent is to slow down. Do not be afraid, there are two weeks of Advent left to celebrate. Are you looking for some ideas? Pick up a revised copy of our list of Advent Activities by the entrance to our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's churches. (Look for the lavender sheet.)

Lately, many things have been 'returning to normal.' This year, please extend a personal invitation to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers to come to Christmas Mass. Invite them home. We miss them. We long to gather as family and community to sing, pray and share in the Word and the Body of Christ.

Soon we will be mailing out postcards with Christmas Mass information. Suitable for hanging on your home bulletin board or your refrigerator door. An updated Advent Activity sheet is available at our church entrances today. Please feel free to take one home.

Advent Blessings for you and your family, Fr. Joe

Christmas Mass Schedule

	Saturday, 12/24	Sunday, 12/25
St. Mary's Coxsackie	4 pm and 7:30 pm (4 pm pageant)	8:30 am
St. Patrick's Ravena	2:30 pm and 9 pm	10:30 am

We will celebrate Mary, the Mother of God (Dec. 31/Jan. 1) and Epiphany (Jan. 7/8) following our year round weekend schedule (St. Patrick's: Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 9:30 am; St. Mary's: Sunday 7:30 & 11:30 am)

Schedule

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
MONDAY 12/12	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12/13	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 12/14	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 12/15	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 12/16	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 12/17	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
4 th SUNDAY of Advent 12/18	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) 5:00 Blue Christmas Prayer Service at St. Mary's 6:00 Singing carols at Bethany Village with St. Mary's Faith Formation and choir members
MONDAY 12/19	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12/20	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 12/21	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 12/22	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 12/23	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 12/24	2:30 Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's. 4:00 Vigil Mass and Christmas Pageant at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 7:30 Vigil Mass at St. Mary's 9:00 Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's (St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 12/25	8:30 Christmas Mass at St. Mary's 10:30 Christmas Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
MONDAY 12-26	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 12-27	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 NO Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 5:30 NO Reconciliation, St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 12-28	8:00 NO 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 12-29	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 12-30	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 12-31	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Solemnity of Mary SUNDAY 1-1	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) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
MONDAY 1-2	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 1-3	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 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's

WEDNESDAY 1-4	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 1-5	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 1-6	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 1-7	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
The Epiphany of the Lord SUNDAY 1-8	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)

The Giving Tree for children of Catholic Charities and our own home bound parishioners is accepting gifts. 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!

Gifts for home bound parishioners: The bags for our home bound parishioners will be available for pick up in the sacristy on Sunday, December 17th. You are invited to pick up and deliver one to a home bound parishioners who will be so happy to remembered by our St. Mary's Parish Family.

St. Mary's Christmas Pageant: *It's the greatest story ever told.* We need singers for the choir....any age K-12 will do!...there will be rehearsals for both role players (in Maria Hall) and choir on Saturday December 10 and 17 at 10 am. There is a dress rehearsal at 3 pm in the church prior to Mass. The Pageant takes place at the start of the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24.

Christmas Flowers: Envelopes are included in the envelope packets and are available at the back of the churches for parishioners who wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one. We will be accepting donations up until Christmas. The list will be published in the newsletter right after the first of the new year. **E-givers** - some individuals who contribute via e-giving allocate funds to Christmas Flowers. Don't forget to gives us your names as well.

Baby Bottle Coin Drive for the Aight Center - During Advent both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parishes will once again be conducting a baby bottle coin drive to support the ongoing work of the Aight Center in Hudson. The bottles can be found in the back of the Church and we encourage parishioners to take a bottle home, and over the next few weeks place their loose change in them. Bottles are to be returned by the end of December. Be on the lookout for these bottles and support the work of the Aight Center in providing young moms and dads with the help and encouragement they need.

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

Regular pantry distribution (November 1 to November 19, 2022):

families 40; # children served 67; # adults served 61; # seniors served 21.

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution (November 21, 2022):

Served: 104 families, 121 children, 176 adults, 45 seniors. We had 6 no shows and 3 walk-ins.

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:

Our Second graders celebrated First Reconciliation on Saturday December 3rd at noon with Fr. Joe.

Busy Day December 18th: Our Youth Ministry level FF youth (Grades 7-9) will serve as ministers for the Mass at 11:30. Please come and celebrate and worship the 4th Sunday in Advent with our youth!

Following Mass on December 8th, 11 of our Confirmation Group will assist other parishioners in decorating the Church for the Christmas Season.

Finally our Youth in grades 7-10 will be singing Christmas Carols & bringing Christmas Cheer (along with the choir and all parishioners are invited) to the residents at Bethany Village at 6 pm. All are welcome.

MyParish APP for both parishes:

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/>

For 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!

Altar Servers Needed for Funerals St. Mary's is looking for one or two retired adults who have flexible availability in the mornings to serve as altar servers at funerals. The commitment is approximately 90 minutes about once a week. Unfortunately, we do not always have the luxury of a great deal of notice when funerals are scheduled and you must be available with just a few days notice. Training will be provided and you will have the opportunity to shadow an altar server during the training period. Be a part of the bereavement ministry at St. Mary's. For more information please call the office at 518-731-8800.

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!

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/>

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

Mass Intentions

Week of December 10, 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Week of December 17, 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 17 4:30 Ravena	Guy Anatriello by Rose Krista Visconti by Visconti family Justin Bonafide by Grammy
Dec 18 7:30 Cocksackie	Peter Willis by his family Leo Synakowski by his wife Mary Hallenbeck by the family
9:30 Ravena	Lee Miller by family Rose Robilotti by Marilyn Mangino Deceased members of Amedio and Biscione families by Tina & Buddy Irwin
11:30 Cocksackie	John and Paula Grogan by Karen Cole Helen Watson by Church Office Staff S. Dennis Davidson by his wife

Week of December 24, 25, 2022

Christmas Sunday

Dec 24 4:30 Ravena	No intentions at this time
Dec 25 7:30 Cocksackie	No intentions at this time
9:30 Ravena	No intentions at this time
11:30 Cocksackie	No intentions at this time

Year End Financial Planning

As the end of the year approaches, some like to consider charitable giving or do some tax planning. 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? Also, this might be a good time to make 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 all throughout the year.

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
11/27	12/04	11/27	12/04	11/27	12/04	11/27	12/04
221	180	122	89	\$2,114.00	\$4,995.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
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
Nov 27	\$4,134
Dec 4(+ heat)	\$7,015

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	
11/27	12/04	11/27	12/04	11/27	12/04	11/27	12/04
169	165	\$1,279.00	\$2,206.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$55.00	\$0.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
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
Nov 27	\$4,304
Dec 4	\$5,176

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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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

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[stmarys.stpatrick's](https://www.instagram.com/stmarys.stpatrick's)



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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