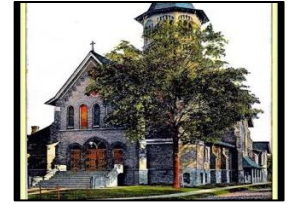




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Our Parish Network... Taking another step

You may recall Fr. Jay Atherton's announcement in mid-December that our Parish Network was looking to organize administrative services to support our eight parishes (and all ten worship sites), that is, to centralize business office activities our parishes share in common by the end of January. Just a few days ago, Dawn Brownson, who will now serve as our Parish Network Business and Operations Director, began supervising four network employees who will be working, at least for now, in offices at St. Patrick's in Catskill.

Our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's churches and our parish offices will remain open. We will continue to keep our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's offices open using volunteers, following current schedules. Our parishes will introduce the Mission Central program we have at St. Mary's so parishioners can 'get things done/have questions answered' after weekend Masses. (I've heard some people call it 'one-stop Church.')

Dawn and her team will still serve our administrative needs. Congratulations to Dawn in her new role! I know she will continue to serve us well.

As is true in all transitions, I know there will be moments when new methods and new ways of doing things won't be as smooth as the way they were done before. This new approach looks to serve our needs in a more efficient way with less duplication of effort and roles. This approach promises to be a better use of your donations, your stewardship support of our communities.

Please pray for us and be patient with us at this time. Also, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's will need of more volunteers to help serve our communities. I will have more information (and some requests) in the coming weeks. Please look into your hearts to discern how you might use your gifts to serve your parish and your neighbors.

Your warm welcome

Thank you for greeting Fr. Jay Atherton after the 4:30 Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's and the 11:30 am Mass at St. Mary's. He will be with us from time to time for our weekend Masses; his next visit will be in March. He hopes to have some time to say hello and respond to your questions, time permitting.

Life in our Parishes

With holiday festivities and traveling over, we get back to our roots. Back to the regular routines and rhythms of life. Thank you for being a part of our community when we celebrate the Eucharist. Some join us for our streaming online, out of medical necessity. But we know there is something very special about hearing the Word, sharing the Body of Christ, praying and praising God together with family, neighbors and friends. Have you been coming? Please bring someone with you next week. Are you watching at home? Let me offer a personal invitation: Come, participate more fully – in person – at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. Let's be a part of something bigger and more heartfelt, something to remind us that we are rooted in God.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

3 rd SUNDAY Ordinary Time 1-22	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 1-23	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 1-24	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. Patrick's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 1-25	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 1-26	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 1-27	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 1-28	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
4 th SUNDAY Ordinary Time 1-29	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 1-30	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 1-31	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 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 2-1	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 2-2	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 2-3	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 2-4	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
5 th SUNDAY Ordinary Time 2-5	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)

Coxsackie – Athens Ecumenical Winterfest 2023: the Coxsackie-Athens Ecumenical Clergy Association is sponsoring its annual Ecumenical Winterfest on Sunday, February 19 at the Gospel Community Church. Folks gather around 4 pm to get seats and place their covered dish on the community table. Supper begins at 4:30 pm followed by presentations of music, scripture, poetry etc., by each church community. It is always a great, heartwarming celebration of Christian fellowship and unity in the middle of a cold winter. Please mark your calendars for Sunday February 19 at 4pm at the Gospel Church for **Winterfest 2023!**

Giving Tree: Many thanks to all who contributed, packaged and delivered gifts to both the children of Catholic Charities and our own home bound. Over 220 gifts were delivered along with over \$800 in Stewart's gas cards.

Our snow policy: *The offices follow the local school district. If the district has a two hour delay the office opens two hours later. If there is a school closure, the office is closed. If there is either a delay or closure, weekday morning Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are cancelled.*

St. Mary's Faith Formation News:

Monthly Youth Mass: Sunday, January 22nd is our Monthly Youth Mass and for the first time our Faith Formation Grade 5 and 6 Youth will serve as the Ministers for the Mass. Please come and support them and worship our Awesome God together!



During January St. Mary's Church will be collecting socks for men, women and children to be donated to the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany. Socks are the most requested item for those arriving at shelters. Socks may be placed in the basket in the back of the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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. Toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo, hand soap, dish detergent, bath and kitchen cleansers, etc. are always appreciated.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry is in need of: beef stew, kidney beans, instant potatoes, chicken noodle soup, egg noodles, paper towels, and bathroom tissue. Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations! **Pantry hours:** 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.



It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice our faith. How do we love our neighbor? If not us, who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life. Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church – support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal goal!

ST. PATRICK'S

66 gifts so far
Goal \$ 39,813
 Total donations to date = * **\$21,669**
54.4% of goal
 Average Gift \$328

Still to be raised = \$18,150

ST. MARY'S

75 gifts so far
Goal \$ 44,841
 Total donations to date = * **\$23,581**
52.6% of goal
 Average Gift \$314

Still to be raised = \$21,260

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

Mass Intentions

Week of January 21, 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 21	4:30 Ravena	Nancy Biscone by Pat and Fran Farrell
Jan 22	7:30 Coxsackie	Mary "Peggy" Prostler by Columbiettes
		Janet Watson by Helen O'Brien
	9:30 Ravena	Alfred Dempsey by Suzanne Porter
		Tracy Bullock by Mom
	11:30 Coxsackie	Georgine Montana by Gina McGrath
		Bertha Hummel by Peggy Yungandreas
		Klara Kratz, John, Andre & Erik Lavissiere by their family

Week of January 28, 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 28	4:30 Ravena	Ralph and Anna Bruno by Carol and John
Jan 29	7:30 Coxsackie	Peggy Prostler by Gina McGrath
	9:30 Ravena	Tracy Mevoli by Ablett family
	11:30 Coxsackie	Kerry McGrath by Staff at Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home
		Marian Kovacs by Helen O'Brien
		James Moran by Peggy Yungandreas
		Special Intention of Tom Van Schaick

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Feb 1	8:00 Coxsackie	Rose Capparello by daughter and family
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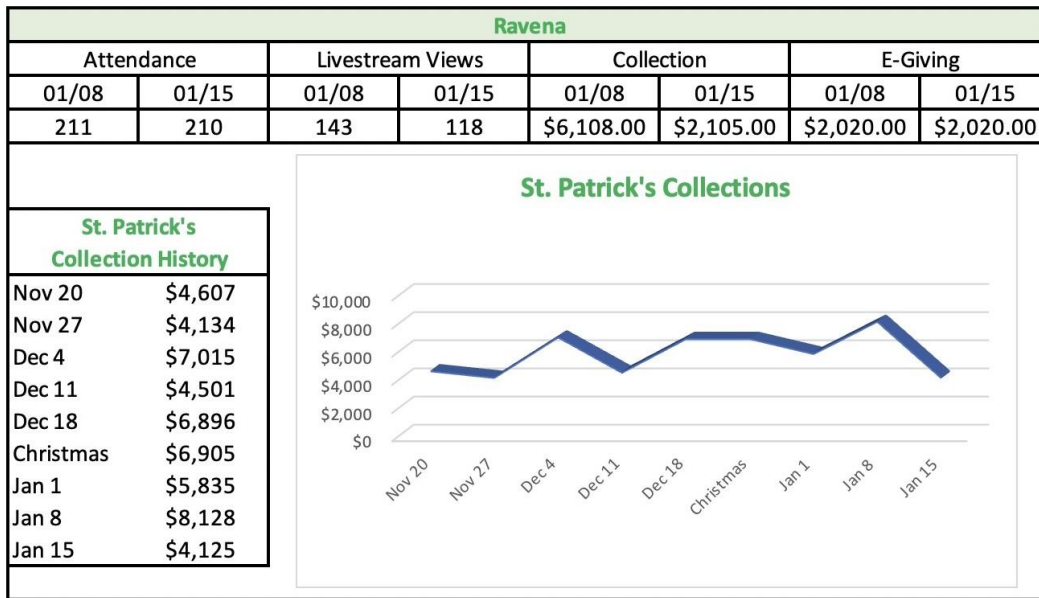
Week of February 4, 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 4	4:30 Ravena	Nancy Biscone by Midge DeBarthe
Feb 5	7:30 Coxsackie	St. Mary's Memorial Society
		Mary Jo Roberts by her family
		Lionel "Frenchy" Alix by Jeannene Albright
	9:30 Ravena	Monsignor Michael Cantley by Suzanne Porter
		Richard Cofer by Diane Hoffman
	11:30 Coxsackie	Jeff Yungandreas by Peggy Yungandreas
		Kerry McGrath by Dottie and Warren Roberts

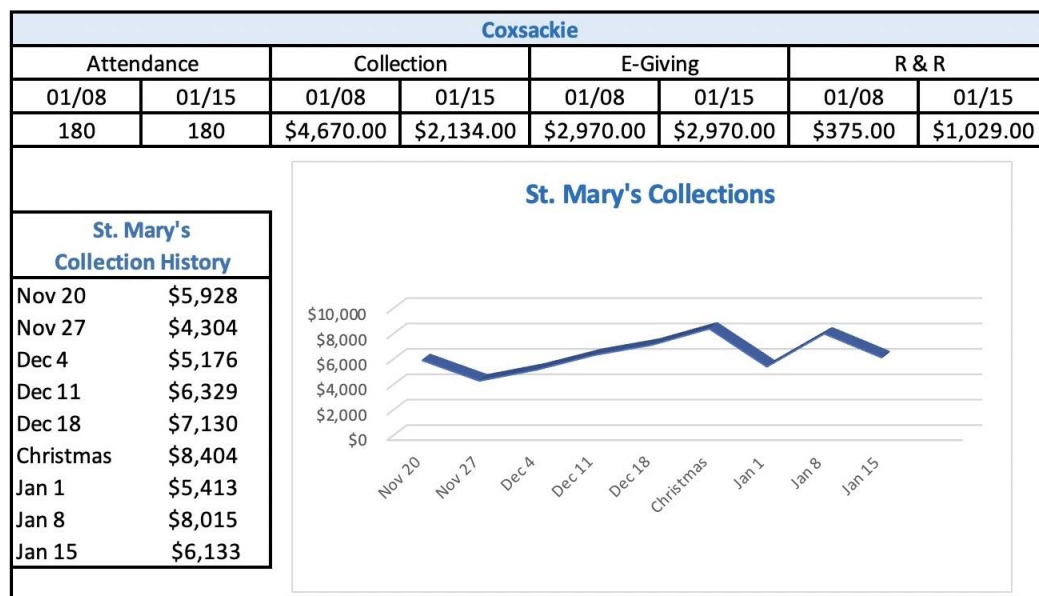
Collections & E-Giving

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)

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