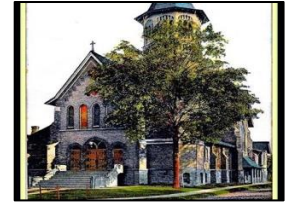




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Our brief celebration of Ordinary Time comes to a close soon as the beginning of Lent is just a few weeks away. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd this year. Easter Sunday is April 9th.

Here's how we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be available at all of our celebrations.

At St. Patrick's

Mass at 7 am

Evening Prayer at 6 pm

At St. Mary's

Morning Prayer at 8 am

Midday prayer at 12 noon

Mass at 6 pm

After the 6 pm celebrations in both parishes, there will be an Ash Wednesday supper with soup and bread. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a simple meal on this day of fast and abstinence to begin our Lenten journey. (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Lenten Fridays are days of abstinence.)

Our local schools will be closed the week of Monday, February 20th. Parents and grandparents, please give some thought to bringing your children and grandchildren to church on Ash Wednesday. You can help them begin their Lenten celebration and help them form lifelong habits of faith.

A full schedule of Lenten activities in both of our parishes will appear in our next newsletter.

To assist with preregistration for one of our first Lenten events, please know that Michele Sisak will be returning to offer her Icon Retreat on the week of Monday, February 27th thru Friday, March 3rd at St. Patrick's. Come pray, paint and learn the ways of icons with Michele in a room filled with natural light that is just right for painting. She will be available from 9 am to 6 pm. She needs to order materials in advance, so please contact us through the parish offices if you're interested. The cost: \$60 for all materials needed to create your icon.

Three Faith Formation notes: First, please pray for our First Eucharist candidates at St. Patrick's who will be celebrating First Reconciliation on February 12th. Second, please watch for Souper Bowl of Giving canisters which will be distributed at weekend Masses by our young people. Your change will support local food pantries. Third, if any of our young people are interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this November, please contact Bob Desrosier at St. Mary's or Christa Desrosier at St. Patrick's. If you are a participant in Faith Formation and will be a high school student in the fall, you're eligible.

The St. Blaise blessing will take place during our Masses this weekend. Anointing of the Sick will be offered at St. Patrick's on Saturday, February 18th after the 4:30 Mass and at St. Mary's on Sunday, February 19th after the 11:30 Mass.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

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) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
MONDAY 2-6	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 2-7	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 2-8	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 2-9	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 2-10	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 2-11	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
6 th SUNDAY Ordinary Time 2-12	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 2-13	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 2-14	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 2-15	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 2-16	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 2-17	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 2-18	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's, with Anointing of the Sick
7 th SUNDAY Ordinary Time 2-19	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, with Anointing of the Sick (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)



Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 22. We invite parishioners to bring in palms to be converted into ashes. Loose palm can be left in receptacles in the back of the churches up until February 18th. **Please do NOT place plastic bags, rubber bands, twist ties or other similar items in the receptacles.**

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!**

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:

Confirmation 2023 Mentor Component and Immediate Preparation Process: please pray for our Confirmation candidates and their sponsors as they begin two components of the Confirmation Process. The candidates and sponsors will be meeting one on one to discuss important topics of the faith journey. Beginning February 5th, candidates and sponsors will meet on Sunday evenings and participate together in the Immediate Preparation Component. They will pray together, participate in discussion on topics such as Baptism, Being Sealed With the Holy Spirit, the Oil of Salvation, and Discipleship.

Scout Sunday: St. Mary's will resume the celebration of Scout Sunday on Sunday March 5 at the 11:30 am Mass. We will celebrate our Scouts: Cub, Brownie, Girl and Boy as they serve as Ministers for the Mass. The celebration will continue in Maria Hall following Mass during Coffee Hour. Please Join Us!

St. Patrick's Faith Formation News:

Please pray for our First Reconciliation students as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament for the first time on Feb 14th, during the regularly scheduled Reconciliation time. To read a story of St. Valentine helping a blind girl see, check this link, https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159. Just as our students' eyes will be opened as they realize they can come to Jesus for forgiveness.

SOUPER BOWL Sunday at St. Patrick's. As we feast on snacks while watching the Super Bowl, it's good to remember there are those who will go hungry. Our youth will have some 'Catholic Soup' jars for parishioners to take home on February 12th. Simply fill these jars with your spare change for the week - or give up a cup of coffee one day and throw the money into the jar. Bring the jar back on February 18/19 or drop at the office and we will combine our 'little ladles' into one 'large pot' to contribute to our yearly CROP Walk to fight hunger.

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: chicken noodle soup, beef stew, baked beans, crackers, cookies, lunch box snacks, bar soap, dish liquid, 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.

The Mother McAuley Columbiettes Council #3424 is an organization of Catholic women, at least 18 years of age and older. There are many benefits of becoming a member which include spiritual, moral, charitable, educational and social. Our meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month except December, July and August. If you might be interested in joining our auxiliary or have any further questions, please contact President -Patricia Visconti at 756-9569 or any officer of our group: Vice President-Elaine Christopher, Sentinel-Kathy Beers, Secretary-Robin Riordan, Treasurer- Diane McGovern, Financial Secretary-Kim Deragon



It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. 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

67 gifts so far
Goal \$ 39,813
Total donations to date = * \$21,769
54.67% of goal
Average Gift \$325

Still to be raised = \$18,050

ST. MARY'S

75 gifts so far
Goal \$ 44,841
Total donations to date = * \$23,756
52.98% of goal
Average Gift \$317

Still to be raised = \$21,085

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Feb 1 8:00 Coxsackie Rose Capparello by daughter and family

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

Week of February 11, 12, 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 11 4:30 Ravena Patricia Britton by Bernie and Linda McCall
Hausler family by family

Feb 12 7:30 Coxsackie Diane Ringwald by Mike and Joan Anatriello
Peter Hynes by his wife

9:30 Ravena Hal Oney by Jim and Pat Feuerbach
John Visconti by Jim and Pat Feuerbach

11:30 Coxsackie Linda Bradley by the Reda family
Special intention of Tom Van Schaick

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Feb 15 8:00 Coxsackie Albert Ollisio by his niece and family

Week of February 18, 19, 2023

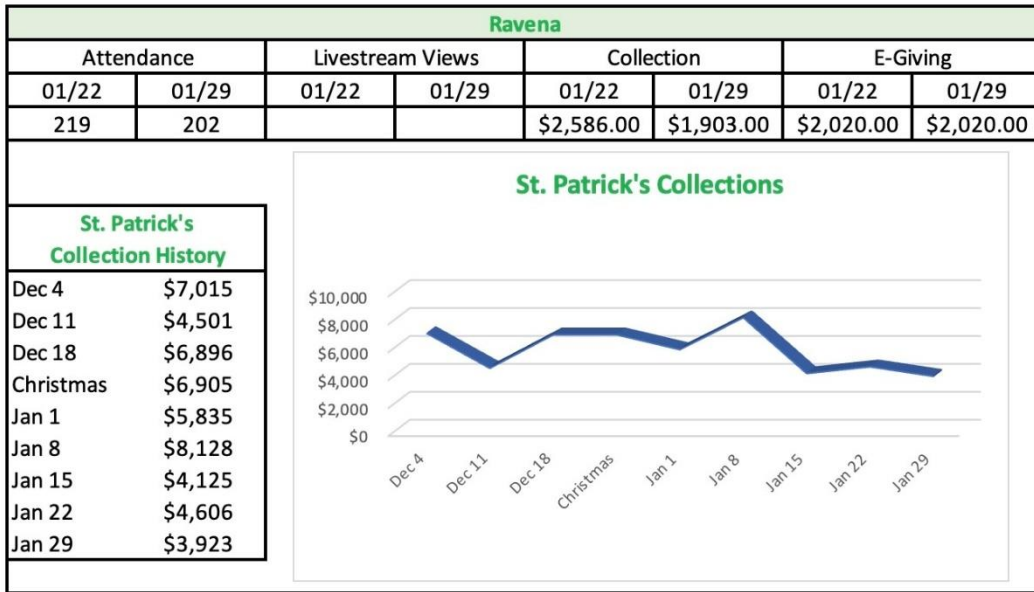
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 18 4:30 Ravena Jeffrey Helm by family
John Visconti by Jim and Pat Feuerbach

Feb 19 7:30 Coxsackie Diane Ringwald by Marilyn Rausch
9:30 Ravena William and Josie BeBartha by family
Melissa Saccoccie by Brian and Jan Auclair

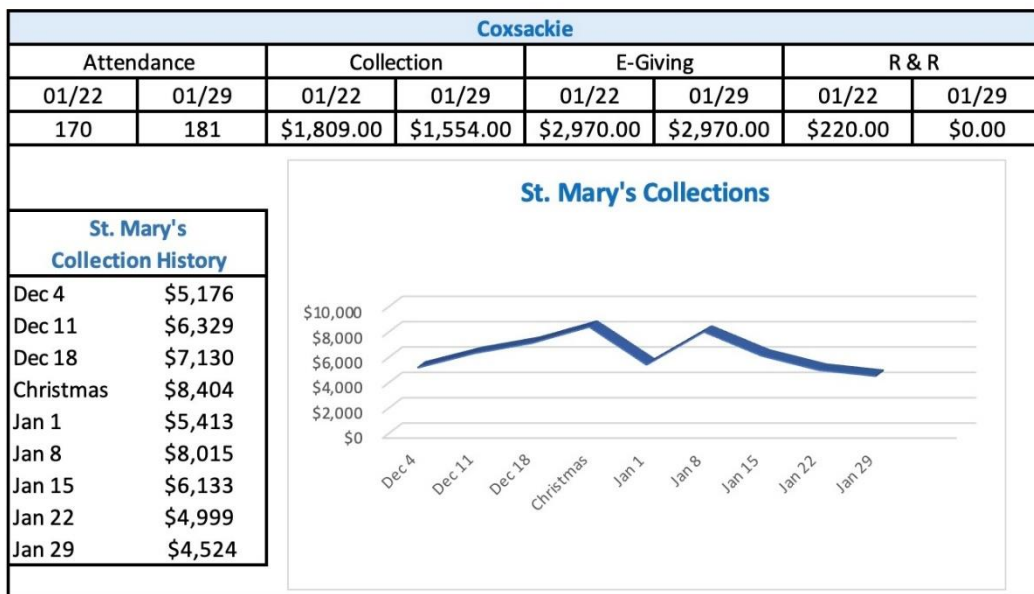
11:30 Coxsackie Patricia Ann Higgins by the Reda family
Georgene Alcuri Montana by Lawrence and Patricia McCarroll
Alfred Blanchard by Ethan and Raven Blanchard

We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick on the weekend of February 18th and 19th. Please bring family members and neighbors who would like to receive the sacrament after the 4:30 and 11:30 Masses.



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](#)



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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)

St. Patrick's Tuesday 8:30 am

St. Mary's Wednesday 8 am

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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