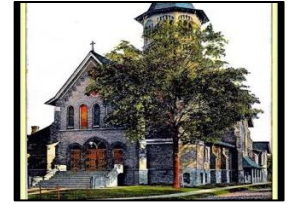




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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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 this week. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd.
Easter Sunday is April 9th.

What to give up and what to take up this Lent

On a certain level, do you feel a little bit of dread knowing Ash Wednesday is just days away?

Growing up, my family always celebrated Lent. It was fish on Friday (but that was every week), giving things up, and more time for family prayer. As I grew older, I began to appreciate the sacredness of this season. It's so easy to get caught up in the idea that Lent is 'spring cleaning', like it's some kind of spiritual improvement plan. The season can so easily become about 'doing Lent well' rather than asking the Holy Spirit to guide me toward where I need to grow and be challenged, to ask Jesus to show me how I'm called to reveal his Word, Way and Kingdom now.

Take up Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving this Lent

From the earliest generations of the Church, we draw upon Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as the pathways to prepare ourselves to remember and celebrate Holy Week and Easter (life, death and new life). You don't have to do this perfectly. Start right where you are and let Jesus and the Holy Spirit guide you.

Prayer is your conversation with God, both speaking and listening. This is your chance to develop a closer relationship with God. There is no right or wrong way to pray, so keep your prayerful conversation going! The way you pray may change over the course of your life. Maintaining a prayer connection with God keeps your lifeline with God open. (John 15: 4-5)

Fasting is an ancient practice among Christians. Believers fasted to avoid temptation, strengthen their will and walk with those who had little or were suffering. An empty stomach can remind you of your hunger for God.

Almsgiving refers to providing for the material needs of the poor. Some people give to their parish to support and sustain a mission to bring Christ to others, including the poor. Almsgiving is an act of justice that pleases God's heart when you care for your neighbor in need whatever the circumstance. You'll learn to be more generous and more dependent on God to meet your needs rather than seeking primarily to provide for yourself while forgetting the needs of others.

Take home a copy of 'Lenten Activities at St. Mary' and St. Patrick's' (near the church entrance) as a source and springboard for your celebration! Make holy this sacred and special season!

Blessings! Fr. Joe O'Brien

Lenten Activities at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

Some Special Events at our Parishes

Michele Sisak is offering her **Icon Prayer and Painting Retreat** weekdays from February 27th thru March 10th from 9 am to 6 pm at St Patrick's Parish Hall. Lenten, Holy Week and Easter images are available for painting. There is a \$60 fee for materials. Please call your parish office to register.

Deacon Pat Bradley will present **"Why Me, God?"**, 4 talks centered on the Book of Lamentations and the Psalms. God's Chosen People often felt frustrated and abandoned. How can their prayer enrich our prayer today? Deacon Pat will host on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's Maria Hall - March 8, 15, 22 & 29. BYOB Bring your own Bible.

A Lenten retreat: **"You Can't Fail Lent"**, presented by **Mary DeTurris Poust** on Saturday, March 11th at St Patrick's Parish Hall in Ravenna from 10 am to noon. Often, we think of 'things do to for Lent' putting the focus on us, not God. How can we celebrate Lent? Free retreat with light refreshments. Please call your parish office to register.

Weekday Prayer

St Mary's: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday & Tuesday at 8 am

Mass on Wednesday at 8 am

St Patrick's: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday & Thursday at 8:30 am

Mass on Tuesday at 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be a change in our Reconciliation schedule during Lent. **During February and April, Reconciliation will continue to be offered on Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm: at St. Mary's (1st & 3rd Tuesdays) and St. Patrick's (2nd & 4th Tuesdays).**

During March, the priests of our Parish Network will host **Reconciliation Services on Tuesdays** at St. Patrick's in **Ravenna** (March 7), St. Patrick's in **Catskill** (March 14), Our Lady of Knock in **East Durham** (March 21) and St. Theresa's in **Windham** (March 28) - **all from 5 to 6 pm**. There will also be a 24-hour reconciliation event at St. Mary's/Holy Trinity in Hudson from 8 am Friday, March 31st until 8 am Saturday, April 1st.

In March, parishioners from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's are encouraged to go to St. Patrick's on Tuesday, March 7th. Fr. O'Brien will be available for Reconciliation on Monday, March 13th at St. Mary's and Monday, March 20th at St. Patrick's.

Schedule

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)
MONDAY 2-20	<i>President's Day – Parish Offices Closed</i> 8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 2-21	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
ASH WEDNESDAY 2-22	7:00 Mass at St. Patrick's 8:00 Communion Service at St. Mary's 12:00 Communion Service at St. Mary's 6:00 Communion Service at St. Patrick's followed by Ash Wednesday supper 6:00 Mass at St. Mary's followed by Ash Wednesday supper
THURSDAY 2-23	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 2-24	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's and at St. Patrick's
Saturday 2-25	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
1 st SUNDAY LENT 2-26	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 2-27	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 2-28	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 3-1	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 3-2	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 3-3	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's and at St. Patrick's
Saturday 3-4	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's

2 nd SUNDAY	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's
LENT	9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
3-5	11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)

You Can't Fail Lent: Learning to see these 40 days as a journey, not a test

Saturday, March 11, 10 am to noon at St. Patrick's Church. Lent is one of those seasons that begins with the best of intentions. We plan to pray more, eat less and find ways to make the season more sacred. But, too often we treat Lent as though it is one more goal to accomplish, a resolution 2.0 that puts the focus on us rather than on God. Lent is not a pass-fail test! During this free morning retreat, we'll look at our Lenten practices through the prism of compassion, humor, and, of course, prayer. And we'll set the course for the second half of this beautiful spiritual season. Join writer and retreat leader Mary DeTurris Poust for conversation, reflection, sharing, and some light refreshments. To register, please call St. Mary's Parish: 518-731-8800 or St. Patrick's Parish: 518-756-3145.

Socks for Soles and Souls: The first January sock ministry was a tremendous success. The following items were delivered to the Interfaith Partnership Center in Albany by Marianne and Julius Mitchell: 612 pairs of socks, a woman's coat, handmade and store-bought hats and scarves, 4 sweaters, a new pair of girl's boots, 6 pairs of men's sweatpants and 2 throw blankets. *Per Marianne, "I am just over the moon and beyond words for this outpouring of our parish generosity."* Thank you to the Coxsackie Seniors Club for spreading the news of our mission. Look for this to become an annual event.



40 Days for Life is conducting its next campaign from February 22nd through April 1st. It begins on Ash Wednesday at 9am with an opening prayer given by Pastor Steve from Rock Solid Church in front of the Planned Parenthood - Hudson Health Center, 804 Columbia St Hudson, NY. 40 Days for Life is a prayer and fasting ministry seeks to end abortion locally through this peaceful vigil. For more information and to sign up for vigil hours go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hudson>.

St. Mary's Faith Formation News:

Confirmation 2023 Mentor Component and Immediate Preparation Process: please pray for our Confirmation Group and their Sponsors as they begin two important components of the Confirmation Process. The candidates and sponsors will be meeting a number of times to discuss important topics of the faith journey. We began on February 5th. We will pray together and participate in discussion on the topics of Baptism, Being Sealed with the Holy Spirit, the Oil of Salvation and Discipleship.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's. St. Patrick's re-introduced CLOW a few weeks ago at the 9:30 am Mass with several volunteers. Thank you for your service. St. Mary's will resume CLOW for kids ages 4-6 during the 11:30 am Mass in March. We currently have two teams and could use at least two more to be able to offer it every week. Facilitators may be teenagers or young adults or adults. Anyone who can assist in supporting this wonderful activity may contact Bob at stmaryffo@aol.com.

Scout Sunday: St. Mary's will host the celebration of Scout Sunday on Sunday March 5th at the 11:30 am Mass. We will celebrate our Scouts: Cub, Brownie, Girls and Boys as they participate as Ministers for the Mass. The celebration will continue in Maria Hall following Mass during Coffee Hour.

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: graham crackers, lunch box snacks, instant potatoes, beef stew, powdered milk, Spaghetti O’s, Ravioli, egg noodles, ziti, dish liquid, 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 to 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

The Mother McAuley Columbiettes will be hosting hospitality on Sunday, March 19th as we celebrate St. Patrick, in St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, following the 9:30 Mass. Come, join in fellowship and enjoy coffee and some treats!



Diocesan Appeal

Fr. Stephen Yusko who was ordained in 2021, expressed his gratitude to Diocesan Appeal donors this way: *“by removing the financial burden, you made it easier for me to discern whether or not God was calling me to be a priest. Thank you - you made it possible for me and my brothers to utter our yes to our Good God, and become priests for you, and for all of the people of God.”*

Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church – support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal goal!

ST. PATRICK’S

71 gifts so far
Goal \$ 39,813
Total donations to date = * \$25,719
64.59% of goal
Average Gift \$362
Still need \$14,094

ST. MARY’S

79 gifts so far
Goal \$ 44,841
Total donations to date = * \$24,236
54.05% of goal
Average Gift \$307
Still need \$20,605

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 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

Week of February 25, 26, 2023

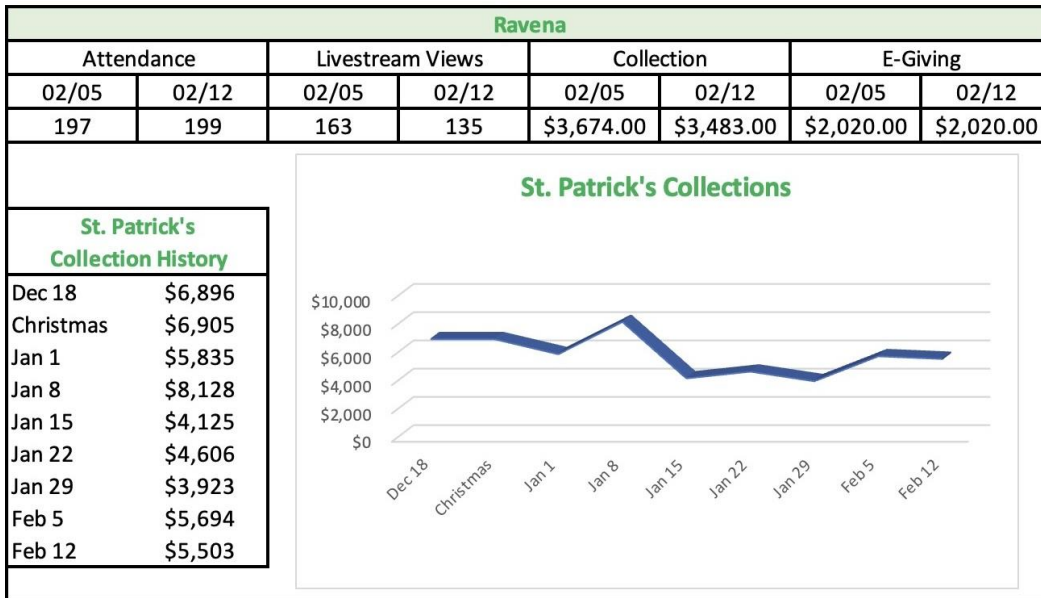
1st Sunday of Lent

Feb 25 4:30 Ravena	Joan Ronan by Tom and Lois Williams
Feb 26 7:30 Coxsackie	Dominic Capparello by his daughter and family Henry Rausch, 5 th Anniversary by Marilyn and family
9:30 Ravena	Monsignor Michael Cantley by Joanne Trotta Diane Ringwald by the Gatt family
11:30 Coxsackie	Timothy Allen Albright by the Reda family John J. Grogan, Jr. by Karen Cole

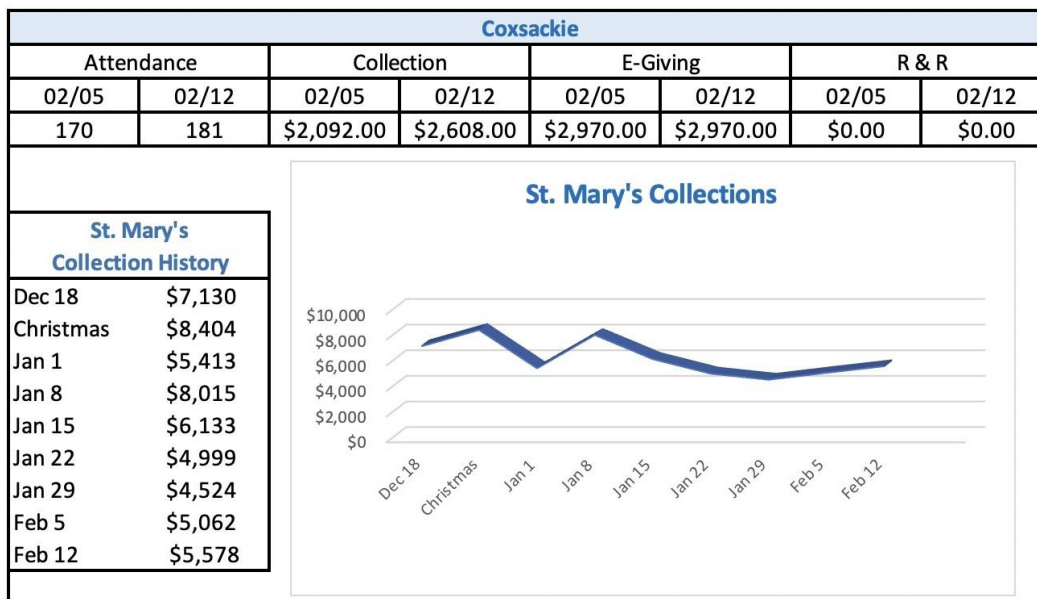
Week of March 4, 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

Mar 4 4:30 Ravena	Nancy Biscone by Bill and Kathy Allen Boleslaus and Anne Bogdan by Mike and Sue Ritty
Mar 5 7:30 Coxsackie	Memorial Society Janice Flegel by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCarroll Raymond Donovan by Claudia Labuda
9:30 Ravena	Frank and Anna Scalzo by their children
11:30 Coxsackie	Lara Kratz, John, Andrea and Eric Lavissiere by the family



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

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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

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