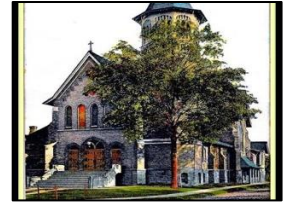




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Have you decided yet what practices to take on for Lent this year?

People participate in prayer, fasting and almsgiving... the three hallmarks of Lent. Often, special attention is placed on fasting. Just what will you fast on this Lent? Many fast from something comfortable. Others prefer not to fast but instead take something new on, introducing a new and positive practices or habit into your daily routine.

Why not do both? Let this item from the writings of William Ward offer guidance:

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling within them.

Fast from emphasizing differences; feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from suspicion; feast on trust.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; feast on nonviolence.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-centeredness; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from today's anxiety; feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken us; feast on all that inspires.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.

For your reference, please check the 'Lenten Activities in Our Pastoral Network' for word on activities at St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and all the other parishes in our region. Make holy this Lenten Season!

Pastoral Network News: Effective immediately, Bishop Scharfenberger has added to Deacon Michael McDonald's ministerial responsibilities. In addition to his ministry at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, Deacon Mike will now provide a ministry of service and liturgy to all the parishes of our Pastoral Network.

Blessings! Fr. Joe O'Brien

Lenten Opportunities for Prayer, Worship and Reflection

Special Events	Reconciliation
<p>“Why Me, God?” with Deacon Pat Bradley Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 6:30 pm in St. Mary’s Maria Hall. (Bring your own Bible). Centered on the Book of Lamentations and the Psalms. God’s Chosen People often felt frustrated and abandoned. How does their prayer enrich our prayer today?</p> <p>A Lenten retreat: “You Can’t Fail Lent”, presented by Mary DeTurris Poust on Saturday, March 11th at St Patrick’s Parish Hall in Ravena from 10 am to noon. Often, we think of ‘things to do for Lent’ putting the focus on us, not God. How can you celebrate Lent? Free retreat with light refreshments. Please call 518-756-3145 or 731-8800 to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Patrick’s Day Mass Friday March 17 1pm at St. John the Baptist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Source Holy Hour with Music (Confessions and light refreshments to follow) Sisters of Life - St. Anthony’s Convent 24 Harrison St. Catskill Saturday March 18 7:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St. Mary’s Coxsackie: Monday & Tuesday at 8 am St Patrick’s Ravena: Wednesday & Thursday at 8:30 am, First Sunday at 6:30pm St. Patrick’s Catskill: First Friday 5-7pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday Mass St. Patrick’s Athens Monday 8:30 am St Patrick’s Ravena Tuesday at 8:30 am St. Mary’s Coxsackie Wednesday at 8:00 am St. Patrick’s Catskill Wednesday 8:30 am Our Lady of Knock Shrine East Durham Friday at 6:30 pm Sisters of Life Convent Catskill Mon.-Tues. & Thurs.-Sat. at Noon Immaculate Conception Haines Falls Monday at Noon, Wednesday and Thursday at 9 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March Parish Network Reconciliation Services Tuesdays from 5 to 6 pm St. Patrick’s in Ravena (March 7), St. Patrick’s in Catskill (March 14), Our Lady of Knock in East Durham (March 21) St. Theresa’s in Windham (March 28)</p> <p>24-hours of Reconciliation - St. Mary’s (Holy Trinity Parish) 429 E. Allen Street Hudson from 8 am Friday, March 31st until 8 am Saturday, April 1st.</p> <p>St. Mary’s Coxsackie - March 13, April 4 & 18 All from 5:30 – 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s Ravena - February 28, March 20, April 11 & 25 All from 5:30 – 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s Catskill & Athens – Saturdays 3:00 – 3:30 pm at the site of the Saturday Mass</p> <p><u>Reconciliation by Request at the following times:</u> St. Theresa’s before the Saturday 5 pm Mass Immaculate Conception after the Sunday 11am Mass Our Lady of Knock after the Friday 6:30 pm Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Friday – March 3, 2023 Our Lady of Knock Shrine, East Durham 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass, Holy Hour with reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stations of the Cross St. Mary’s Coxsackie Fridays at 6:00 pm St. Patrick’s Ravena Fridays at 6:00 pm St. Patrick’s Athens 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:00 pm St. Patrick’s Catskill 2nd & 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm Our Lady of Knock Fridays at 5:30 pm Sacred Heart Palenville Tuesdays at 4:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outside Self-guided Stations of the Cross St. John the Baptist Sacred Heart Cairo Pamphlets can be found in each of the chapels to guide you through the stations. In addition, you can download various apps and YouTube videos.</p>

Schedule

2 nd SUNDAY LENT 3-5	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 at St. Patrick's
MONDAY 3-6	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 3-7	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 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 5:00 – 6:00 Network Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's Ravena 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 3-8	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's 6:30 Deacon Pat Bradley Lenten talk at St. Mary's Maria Hall
THURSDAY 3-9	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 3-10	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
Saturday 3-11	10:00 to Noon Retreat at St. Patrick's Parish Hall 4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
3 rd SUNDAY LENT 3-12	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 3-13	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 7:00 Prayer and Worship at St. Patrick's
TUESDAY 3-14	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 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 5:00 – 6:00 Network Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's Catskill 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's

WEDNESDAY 3-15	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's 6:30 Deacon Pat Bradley Lenten talk at St. Mary's Maria Hall
THURSDAY 3-16	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 3-17	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
Saturday 3-18	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
4 th SUNDAY LENT 3-19	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 (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence? Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday is required for Ages 18-59.

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. 25% of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$320 million. Looking for activities to share with your family? Go to <https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>

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, Ravena. 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 that puts the focus on us rather than on God. Lent is not a pass-fail test! Join 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.



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. 40 Days for Life is a prayer and fasting ministry that 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.

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 at the 11:30 am Mass on March 5th. Facilitators may be teenagers or young adults or adults. To assist in supporting CLOW, please 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 Cub, Brownie, Girl and Boy Scouts; they will serve as ministers at Mass. The celebration will continue in Maria Hall following Mass during Coffee Hour.

St. Patrick's Faith Formation News:

Thanks to all who took a container for SOUPerbowl Sunday of Caring. So far we have counted over \$200 collected, and much more to count! You can continue to return the jars over the next couple of weeks at Mass or just bring them to the office during the weekday. If you didn't get one, we will be collecting again as the CROP walk gets closer in early May. Thank you for helping our sisters and brothers!

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: cookies, crackers, any kind of lunch box snacks. Baked beans, pasta meals, Jello, cake / brownie mixes, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. 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!



The Diocesan Appeal has reached the mid-point! Have you joined your fellow parishioners with your support?

- Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few.
- Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself – rather it is a key mission and logistics partner/resource for our parish allowing us to focus on ministry.
- It is gratifying to know that support of the Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes in the Diocese – that is powerful!

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

ST. PATRICK'S

72 gifts so far

Goal \$ 39,813

Total donations to date = * **\$25,919**

65.1% of goal

Average Gift \$360

Still to be raised = \$13,894

ST. MARY'S

82 gifts so far

Goal \$ 44,841

Total donations to date = * **\$24,561.40**

54.77% of goal

Average Gift \$300

Still to be raised = \$20,279.60

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 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 her family Diane Ringwald by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCarroll Raymond Donovan by Claudia Labuda
9:30 Ravena	Frank and Anna Scalzo by their children
11:30 Coxsackie	Andrea Lambertson by Gina McGrath Klara Kratz, John, Andre and Erik Lavissiere by their family
Mar 8 8:00 Coxsackie	Frank and Hermine Zantelli by Mary and Suzanne Lewis

Week of March 11, 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

Mar 11 4:30 Ravena	John Maglio by Mary Ann Filkins John Visconti by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bush
Mar 12 7:30 Coxsackie	Mary Jane Smith, 10 th Anniversary by her family Timothy McDonald by David and Angela Volta
9:30 Ravena	Rita Gager by her family Michael Merchant by Claudia Labuda
11:30 Coxsackie	Frank Reda by the Reda family Veronica and Alex Hordines by the Reda family Irene and Harold Henry by the Reda family

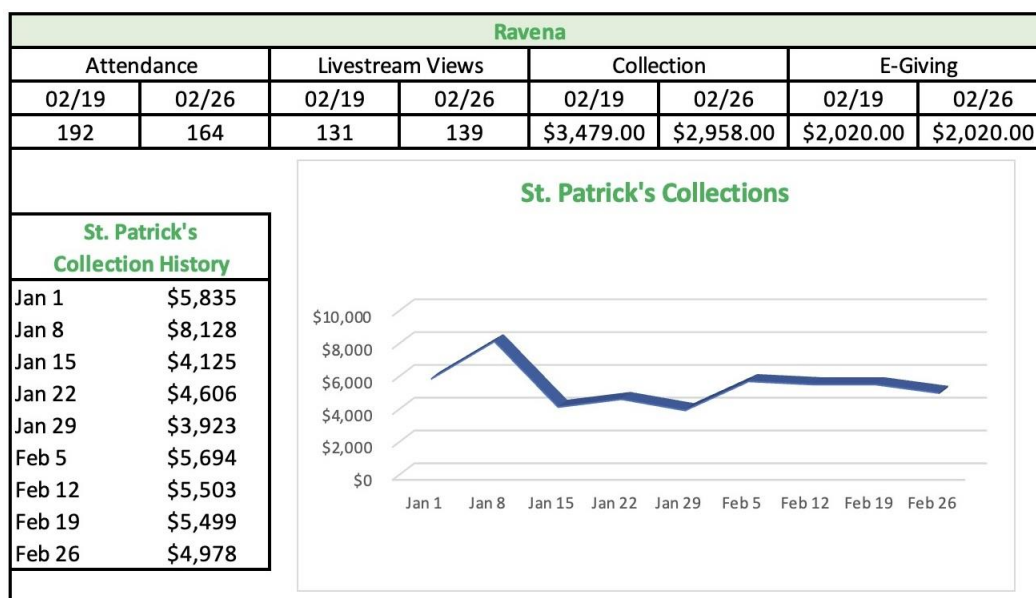
Week of March 18, 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

Mar 18 4:30 Ravena	Mary Ann Jones by Kathy and Bob Jones Nancy Biscone by Joanne and Al Burrill
Mar 19 7:30 Coxsackie	Diane Ringwald by Jeanne Cary Michael Merchant by Marilyn Rausch Gloria Gates by William Gates
9:30 Ravena	Donald Gager by his family Ann Pomellitto by her family Roger Hallenbeck by Pat O'Neil
11:30 Coxsackie	Christine Trabucco by Roseann Quist Patricia Ann Higgins by Tim and Donna Nelson Sylvia Jean Neddo by Tim and Donna Nelson
March 22 8:00 Coxsackie	Christine Trabucco by her parents

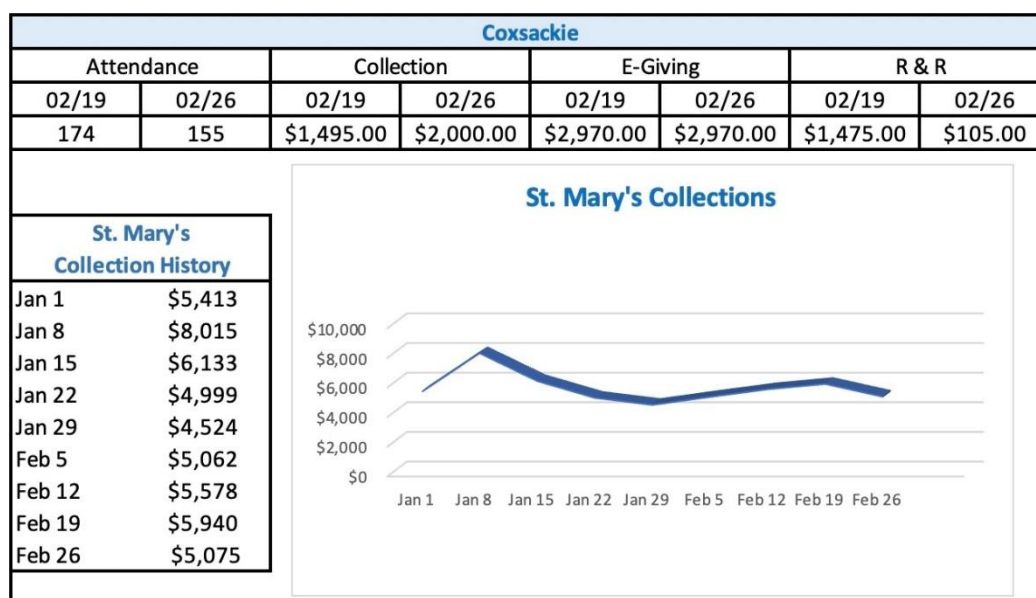
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The Church is just like your family when it comes to managing our finances. We need to know what our income will be in order to budget and plan for on-going operational needs and building maintenance projects. E-giving provides a steady stream of income 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

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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