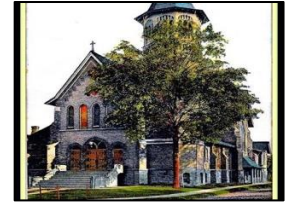




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Welcome Fr. Jay! This weekend, Fr Jay Atherton, our pastor, will preside at Eucharist at St. Mary's in Coxsackie and St. Patrick's in Ravena. Please stop and say hello after Mass.

Thank you to everyone! Thank you to the 30 people who came to our Lenten Reconciliation service at St. Patrick's in Ravena on March 7th. Thank you to the 28 people who came to hear Mary DeTurris Poust speak ('You can't fail Lent!') at St. Patrick's on March 11th.

What's coming up? Conveniently, a summary of Lenten activities across all the parishes of our Pastoral Network is available today at our church entrances. Nearby, Reconciliation is available at St. Patrick's on Monday, March 20th from 5:30-6:30 pm. Deacon Pat Bradley's talk on 'Lamentation and the Psalms for Lenten Prayer' takes place on Wednesday, March 22nd and March 29th at 6:30 pm in Maria Hall at St. Mary's.

The remaining Pastoral Network Lenten Reconciliation services are scheduled for 5-6 pm on Tuesdays: March 21st at Our Lady of Knock Church in East Durham and March 28th at St. Theresa's in Windham.

A special time in Lent The Gospels of the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent invite us to continue to support the journey of our adults who are continuing their journey to celebrating Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. This week's Gospel tells of Jesus' encounter with the Man Born Blind. What do we think of the light of faith? Do we see the light of faith with our own eyes?

Pope Francis told this story in a homily during a daily Mass during Lent: "The first Christians used to say that the community of Christians, (that is, the early Church) is 'the mystery of the Moon' because they gave light to others but they themselves were not the source of that light. The early Church reflected the light they received from Jesus Christ. We, too, can be 'mysteries like the Moon' reflecting and sharing light we've received from the Son, Christ the Lord."

Mark Your Calendars! Here are some dates to remember...

Reconciliation March 20th at St. Patrick's and April 4th at St. Mary's, both from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

April 1st/2nd **Palm Sunday** celebrated in both parishes following our regular Mass schedule

April 6th **Holy Thursday** the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 6 pm

April 7th **Good Friday** Stations of the Cross celebrated in both parishes at noon; the Passion of the Lord Jesus will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 3 pm and at St Mary's at 6 pm

April 8th **Easter Vigil** will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 8 pm

April 9th **Easter** will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 9:30 am (with a livestream and additional seating in the hall) and at St. Mary's at 7:30 and 11:30 am

Blessings! Fr. Joe O'Brien

Bishop Scharfenberger has sent a letter to share with our parishioners.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

Office of the Bishop

March 15, 2023

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you may know by now, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has made the difficult yet necessary decision to file for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese are separately incorporated under New York State's Religious Corporations Law and are not part of the filing.

It is very important for me to point out that the mission and ministries of the Diocese and parishes will continue during the reorganization proceedings.

We maintain global mediation would have provided the most equitable distribution of the Diocese's limited financial resources but as more Child Victims Act (CVA) cases reached large settlements, those limited funds have been depleted. The Chapter 11 filing is the best way, at this point, to ensure that all Victim/Survivors with pending CVA litigation will receive some compensation. The decision to file was not arrived at easily, but we, as a Church, can get through this and grow stronger together.

To date, the Diocese has been named in more than 400 CVA lawsuits which were filed between Aug. 15, 2019, and Aug. 14, 2021. With the assistance of the Court and demonstrating its ongoing good faith commitment to Victim/Survivor claims, the Diocese has separately settled more than 50 CVA cases.

As a result of the Chapter 11 filing, the collection of debts and legal actions against the Diocese will stop, allowing the Diocese to develop a reorganization plan that will determine the available assets, along with the participation of its insurance carriers, that can be used to negotiate reasonable settlements with Victim/Survivors in addition to other creditors.

This filing also puts on hold the lawsuits involving the St. Clare's pensioners. That was not our purpose for filing. While many questions remain regarding the St. Clare's pension fund, the plight of the pensioners is of great concern to me. The St. Clare's pensioners are certainly close to my heart and, as I would do with anyone in a difficult situation, I offer my pastoral care.

I understand this filing causes uncertainty, but as a Church and a community of faith, we must recognize that Victim/Survivors are our sons and daughters, and our brothers and sisters, and all of us, without exception, must work together to find ways to help them. It's a natural thing for us to do, especially for those who have been hurt by an institution we are all called to be a part of. We must reach out to all and journey with them through the healing process.

Yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger

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Lenten Opportunities for Prayer, Worship and Reflection

Special Events	Reconciliation
<p>“Why Me, God?” with Deacon Pat Bradley Wednesdays March 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 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 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s Catskill: First Friday 5-7 pm</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 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 8 am Friday, March 31st - 8 am Saturday, April 1st.</p> <p>St. Mary’s Coxsackie - April 4 & 18 All from 5:30 – 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s Ravena - 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;">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>

Schedule

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)
MONDAY 3-20	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. Patrick’s
TUESDAY 3-21	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 Our Lady of Knock in East Durham

	6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 3-22	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 3-23	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 3-24	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 3-25	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
5 th SUNDAY LENT 3-26	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 3-27	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
TUESDAY 3-28	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. Theresa's Windham 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 3-29	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Combined Choir rehearsal (St. Patrick's and St. Mary's) at St. Mary's 6:30 Deacon Pat Bradley Lenten talk at St. Mary's Maria Hall
THURSDAY 3-30	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 7:00 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany

FRIDAY 3-31	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 4-1	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
PALM SUNDAY 4-2	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

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>



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 continue their preparation. 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. Mary's. St. Mary's reintroduced 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.

St. Patrick's Faith Formation News: We only have 3 more K-6 sessions left for the Faith Formation year - plus a few extras for the 2nd and 10th graders as they prepare to celebrate their Sacraments. Please pray for our First Eucharist candidates: Antoinette, Christian, Jackson, Trey, John, Penny, Sarah, Seth, Thomas, Zachary, Adrianna, Preston, Gavin and Colton. In addition, our Confirmation candidates: Cooper, Mary, Maddie, Katie, Alyssa and Patricia.

GET ON YOUR THINKING CAPS

1. Think of a theme
2. Buy items to match the theme
3. put it in a basket/ wrap in clear plastic

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL OF BASKETS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 1 - 4 PM

LOTS OF FUN - FOR ALL AGES

BAKE SALE 50/50 LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

MORE TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CALL DONNA AT 518-209-2578

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Coxsackie’s Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm, & Saturday 10-11 am. The food pantry is located in the Hamilton Steamer Fire Station. Donations may be left in the basket at St. Mary’s on the 1st Sunday of the month. The Community Food Pantry gratefully accepts all donations. Toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, hand soap, dish detergent, bath and kitchen cleansers are always appreciated.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick’s Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry is in need of: bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, liquid hand-soap, powdered milk, cake mix, brownie mix, frosting, mustard and pickles. *Please make sure all donations are not outdated items. We will only have to throw all outdated items out.* Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations! **Pantry hours:** Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 am & 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.

Mother McAuley Columbiettes Council #3424 is an organization of Catholic women, 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 July, August & December. If you are interested in joining our auxiliary or have any questions, please contact President -Patricia Visconti at 756-9569 or Vice President-Elaine Christopher, Sentinel-Kathy Beers, Secretary-Robin Riordan, Treasurer- Diane McGovern, Financial Secretary-Kim Deragon

The 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! Thank you to all who have already contributed to the campaign. If you haven’t, please consider joining 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

73 gifts so far
Goal \$ 39,813
 Total donations to date = * **\$27,419**
68.87% of goal
 Average Gift \$376

Still to be raised = \$12,394

ST. MARY’S

83 gifts so far
Goal \$ 44,841
 Total donations to date = * **\$24,646.40**
54.96% of goal
 Average Gift \$297

Still to be raised = \$20,194.60

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

Young Adult Gathering Friday, March 31, 2023 St, Mary's, Hudson
Gather in Church at 7:00 PM to pray the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross is a centuries-old form of prayer used traditionally in Lent. Comprising of 14 stations, each depicts moments leading up to Jesus ' crucifixion. By journeying through the stations we walk with Jesus on his way to the cross. This is a powerful way to identify Christ's suffering with our own and with that of the world.

**For those who wish,
the Sacrament of Confession will also be taking place during the 24 Hours of Reconciliation.**

After the Stations of the Cross there will be a time to socialize and relax in the Rectory with light refreshments being served.

All attendees MUST register: <https://forms.gle/1dFHPecdcMHVo4q97>
Or: Email secretary.holytrinityhudson@gmail.com
Or: Call Holy Trinity Parish office at 518-828-1334

Mass Intentions

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 Cocksackie	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 Cocksackie	Christine Trabucco by Roseann Quist Patricia Ann Higgins by Tim and Donna Nelson Sylvia Jean Neddo by Tim and Donna Nelson
Mar 22 8:00 Cocksackie	Christine Trabucco by her parents

Week of March 25, 26, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Mar 25 4:30 Ravena	Marge and Gordon Jones by the family Melissa Saccoccie by Sam and Jill Persico Elizabeth Friday by Nancy and Hal
Mar 26 7:30 Cocksackie	Diane Ringwald by Gina McGrath Wilma Baker by Robert Baker Rosemary Foster Korzon by Nancy Belycia
9:30 Ravena	Hal Oney and John Visconti by Pat and Jim Feuerbach
11:30 Cocksackie	Leonard Finley by Richard and Mary Ann Peters Michael Merchant by Larry and Patty McCarroll

Mar 29 8:00 Coxsackie

“Skip” Veeder by his wife and family

Week of April 1, 2 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Apr 1 4:30 Ravena

No Intentions at this time

Apr 2 7:30 Coxsackie

Georgene Montana by David and Angela Votta

Maria Scutari by Gerald Matterazzo

9:30 Ravena

Jimmy Maki by Dad

11:30 Coxsackie

Michael Merchant by Zantelli family

Gisi German by Alice Gatt

Apr 5 8:00 Coxsackie

Kerry McGrath by Jeanne Cary

Week of April 8, 2023

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Week of April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

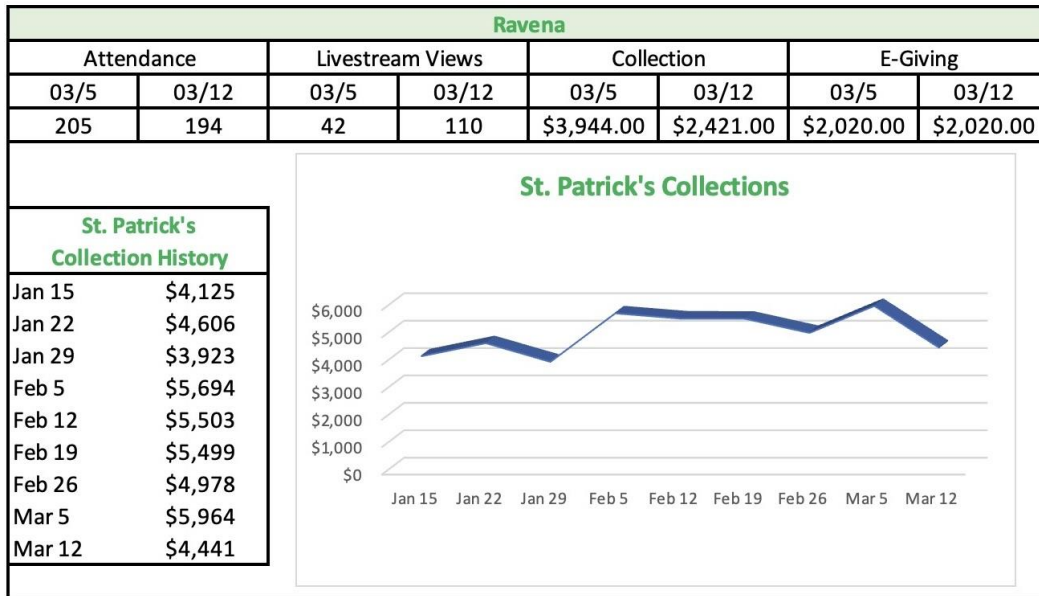
Apr 8

No Intentions

Apr 9

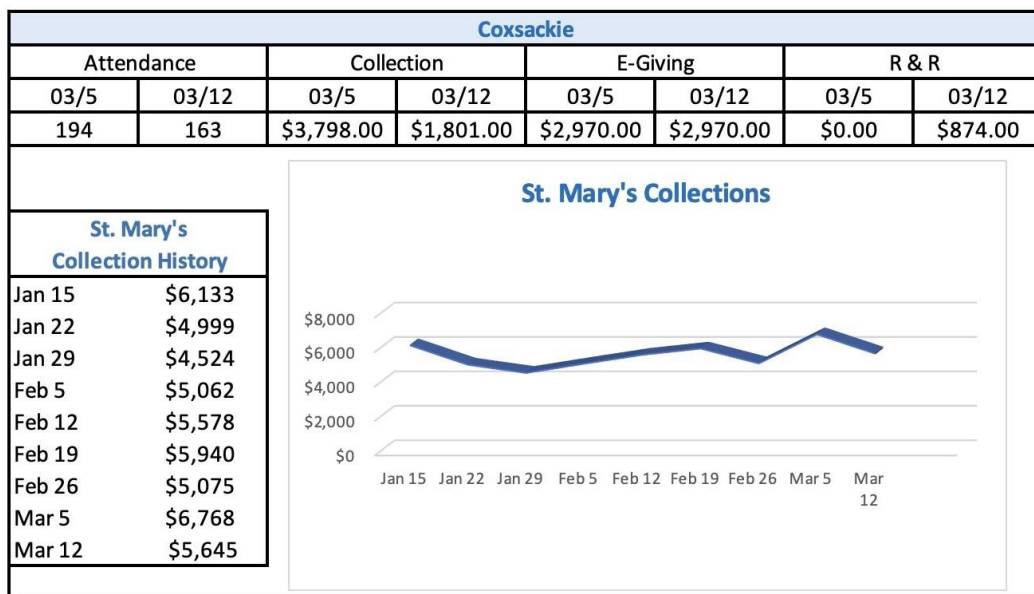
No Intentions

Please continue to bring in your old Palm. There are baskets in the back of both churches to collect the palm. Please place just the palm in the baskets. Do not include any rubber bands, twist ties or plastic bags in the basket.



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

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