



ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S
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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Day, whether you were celebrating at home or visiting family and friends.

As Catholics, we are a Thanksgiving people! We are a Eucharistic people, centered on Word and Sacrament, grounded in love and service, faith, hope and charity. Always remember that the Greek word 'eucharistia' means 'to give thanks.' Let's be Eucharist for others every day!

Happy Advent! Preparing for Christmas? Please mark your calendars for several activities in the next few weeks. Here's what's coming up soon. Everyone's invited!

--The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th at 6 pm at St. Patrick's and on Friday, December 8th at 6 pm at St. Mary's.

--Here is our Advent Reconciliation schedule. There will be one service scheduled for Cocksackie and Ravena and three additional services in other network parishes.

St. Mary's on Tuesday, December 5th from 5-6:30 pm

St. Patrick's on Tuesday, December 19th from 5-6:30 pm

St. Theresa's in Windham on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30-6:30 pm

Our Lady of Knock in East Durham on Tuesday, December 12th from 3-4 pm

St. Patrick's in Athens on Thursday, December 21st from 5:30 -6:30 pm

-- Caroling opportunities open to everyone:

Sunday, December 10th hosted by St. Patrick's 2-5 pm caroling in the village

Sunday, December 17th hosted by St. Mary's 5:30-7:30 pm caroling at Bethany Village

--A Blue Christmas prayer service will be offered at St. Mary's Church on Monday, December 18th at 6 pm for anyone who is experiencing loss or sadness as holy days and holidays are approaching.

Here is a copy of the Christmas Season schedule at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

Fourth Sunday of Advent Saturday, December 23rd - St. Patrick's Saturday at 4:30 pm
and Sunday, December 24th - St. Mary's: Sunday at 9:30 am

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th - St. Patrick's: 3 pm and 9 pm (lessons/carols 8 pm)
St. Mary's: 5 pm (children's pageant)

Christmas Day Monday, December 25th - St. Mary's: 9:30 am

The Holy Family Saturday, December 30th and Sunday, December 31st -

Our regular weekend Mass schedule is in effect at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

Mary, the Mother of God Monday, January 1st - St. Mary's: 9:30 am

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Giving Tuesday is November 28th

Remember St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Churches When Making Your Giving Decision on This National Day of Philanthropy

As you count your many blessings this Thanksgiving, I hope St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parish families are included among those blessings. Our parishes are beacons of grace, hope and guidance. Your involvement (your time, talent and treasure) helps to maintain our ministries and make all things possible!

On November 28th, Giving Tuesday will provide an opportunity for you to support your favorite local charities, groups and community organizations. You and I will hear from many charities on Giving Tuesday, each with compelling reasons why we should give. Please take a moment to reflect on what your parish means to you and your family.

Your parish is still recovering from the pandemic. Our parishes have always come together to witness to Jesus and walk his path sharing his grace, love and charity. Your Giving Tuesday donation will also go towards better altar lighting at St. Mary's and repairing the St. Patrick's Parish Center roof. Your donation to your parish will stay here.

To make a gift for Giving Tuesday, special envelopes are available at church or simply send a check with 'Giving Tuesday' written on the memo line.

Thank you for your support of the many things we do in Jesus' name!

Fr. Joseph O'Brien
Parochial Vicar

GI  ING TUESDAY

Schedule

SUNDAY 11-26	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 11-27	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 11-28	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:30 St. Patrick's Women's Bible Study 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's 7:00 Pastoral Council at St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 11-29	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
THURSDAY 11-30	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Choir Rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 12-1	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 12-2	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 12-3	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 12-4	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 12-5	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:30 St. Patrick's Women's Bible Study 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 12-6	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
THURSDAY 12-7	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:00 Immaculate Conception at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 12-8	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's
Saturday 12-9	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 12-10	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)

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Just a quick reminder of the first Sunday of the month collection for the Coxsackie Food Pantry. There are baskets in the back of the church for your donations. Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm, & Saturday 10-11 am. Monetary donations are always welcome as one dollar has much more than one dollar of buying power at the regional food bank. Please consider making a donation as the need is great. 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

Special thanks for everyone who helped with our Thanksgiving food baskets. In particular thank you to Holcim employees for their donation and for delivering food from Hannaford. Thank you to Kyle from Ravena Shop N Save for donating the bread.

The Pantry will be closed beginning Tuesday, November 21st thru November 30th. The Pantry will be open on Friday, December 1st. The Pantry needs: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Pork and Beans, Kidney beans, canned beef stew, canned chili, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes, Saltines, applesauce, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce (jars), rice, tomato soup. *Please make sure all donations are **not** outdated items. We will 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 need your help.

Have you ever been hungry? I mean, *truly hungry*? We overlook that we have hungry people right here in our area. *You can help.* Our parishes will be providing meals for the residents of one of Albany's overflow shelters on eight Wednesdays for the season (Nov 15 and 29, Dec 20, Jan 17 and 31, Feb 21, Mar 20, Apr 17). If you want more information, please email Christa at derobccr@gmail.com or leave a message for her at the St. Patrick's Rectory 518-756-3145.

The Giving Tree at St. Mary's will be available beginning Sunday, Nov. 26th. Please pick a tag or two or three for Catholic Charities children, Stewart's gas cards for Catholic Charities clients for medical/job related travel and our own homebound. Directions are included. For over 30 years, the generosity of St. Mary's parishioners has truly embodied the spirit of Christmas for so many!

Christmas Cookie Sale at St. Patrick's by Mother McAuley Columbiettes on the weekend of **December 16 and 17**. Enjoy some homemade cookies! You will have the opportunity to pre order cookies after Masses, the weekends of November 24/25, December 2/ 3, and 9/10. Plates of cookies may be pre ordered **one dozen for \$10.00, two dozen for \$15.00**. Cookies can be picked up after Masses December 16/17 in rm 5 of the Parish Center. (Checks payable to *Mother McAuley Columbiettes* or cash). Any questions please contact Claudine at 518 491 4976 or cpotvingiordano@gmail.com.

Hard to believe, but the holidays will be here before we know it. So that all of our homebound parishioners are remembered at Christmas, if you take Communion to someone, please call the rectory with the person's name and address. Thank you!

In order to reduce energy costs, beginning the first weekend in December (Dec. 2 & 3) the Sunday Masses at St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart, Cairo will move to the Our Lady of Knock Shrine. From December 2 through March 24, the Mass schedule at the Our Lady of Knock Shrine will be:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am Sunday 11:00 am

Network Liturgy Schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

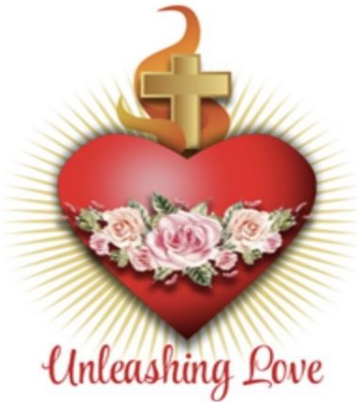
Thursday December 7 Vigil Masses

St. Patrick’s, Athens 4:30 pm
 St. Theresa Child of Jesus, Windham 6:00 pm
 St. Patrick’s, Ravena 6:00 pm
 Our Lady of Knock Shrine, East Durham 6:30 pm

Friday December 8

Our Lady of Knock Shrine, E. Durham 12:00 pm
 St. Patrick’s, Catskill 12:15 pm
 St. Mary’s, Coxsackie 6:00 pm
 Immaculate Conception, Haines Falls 6:00 pm

Save the date Saturday, December 9, 2023:



Unleashing Love Women’s Conference

Awakening our hearts to share God’s love.

Where: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY

- When: Saturday, December 9, 2023
- Time: Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am; Event runs from 9 am to 4 pm
- Keynote Speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mrs. Anne Costa
- Event will include: Presentations, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

Conference Information and Registration Link: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

- Early Registration: \$40. Now until November 30
- Registration: \$45. From December 1 to December 8
- On-site “Day of Registration”: \$50. on December 9

Note: Credit/Debit card users - ignore PayPal and use the black button bar to pay via credit/debit card.

If you have news of interest for either of our parishes and would like it to appear in our newsletter, please email your suggested article directly to Bill Halstead at weh058@mac.com The deadline for sending all news articles is the Monday, 6:00 pm, before the publishing of the newsletter. Thank you.



Christmas Caroling

with St. Patrick's Church

Come sing Christmas carols with St. Patrick's Church and enjoy the festive spirit with your family and friends. This event is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and spread some cheer. We will gather at the parish center and then carol throughout the Village, ending at Rail to River for a singalong, hot chocolate, and baked goods!

10 December 2023

2:00pm - 5:00pm

21 Main Street | Ravena, NY - St. Patrick's Church

109 Main Street | Ravena - Rail to River

**hosted by Events/Parish Life Committee
in partnership with Rail to River Brewing Company**

Visit our website for more information!

stpatricks-ravena.org



Mass Intentions

Week of November 25, 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov 25	4:30	Ravena	Dianne Ringwald by Claudia LaBuda
Nov 26	7:30	Coxsackie	Ronald Daoust by Catherine Frank and family Mary Ellen McDermott by her husband
	9:30	Ravena	Violet Lydon by Janet and Carmin Vasto
	11:30	Coxsackie	William Tremmel by his family Peter Kennedy by anonymous Francis McGrath by the McGrath/Boehm family
Nov 29	8:00	Coxsackie	Frenchie and Doris Alix, 76 th Anniversary by their daughter Jeannene

Week of December 2, 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Dec 2	4:30	Ravena	Mary Wolfe by friends Edward Bassotti by Ginny Morrow Marge Sumner by Prayer Group
Dec 3	7:30	Coxsackie	Memorial Society Ronald Daoust by Jeannene Albright Raymond Donovan by Gina Donovan
	9:30	Ravena	Phyllis Shove by Dominic and Jean Bruno Mary Ann Jones by Sharon and Bill Miller
	11:30	Coxsackie	Erika Lavissiere by Gina McGrath Maria Leis by Anne Heim

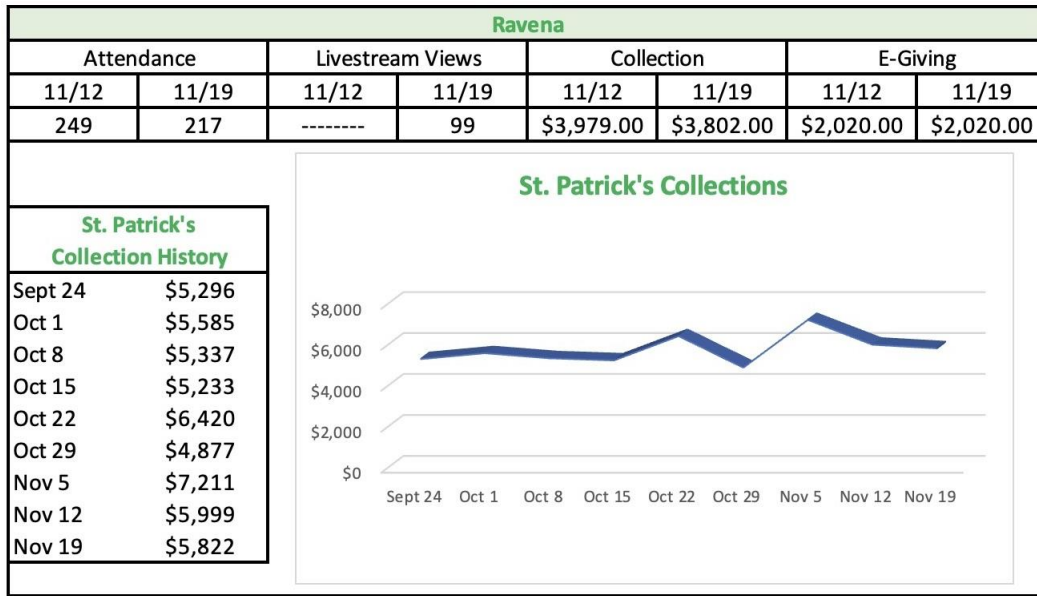
Week of December 9, 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 9	4:30	Ravena	Jan Mormile by Carmin and Janet Vasto Violet Lydon by Debra Sottoiano
Dec 10	7:30	Coxsackie	Ronald Daoust by Mother McCauley Columbiettes Mary Ellen McDermott by her husband
	9:30	Ravena	Frances M. Williams by John
	11:30	Coxsackie	Eva Feistheimel by Gina McGrath Ronald Daoust by the Boehm family

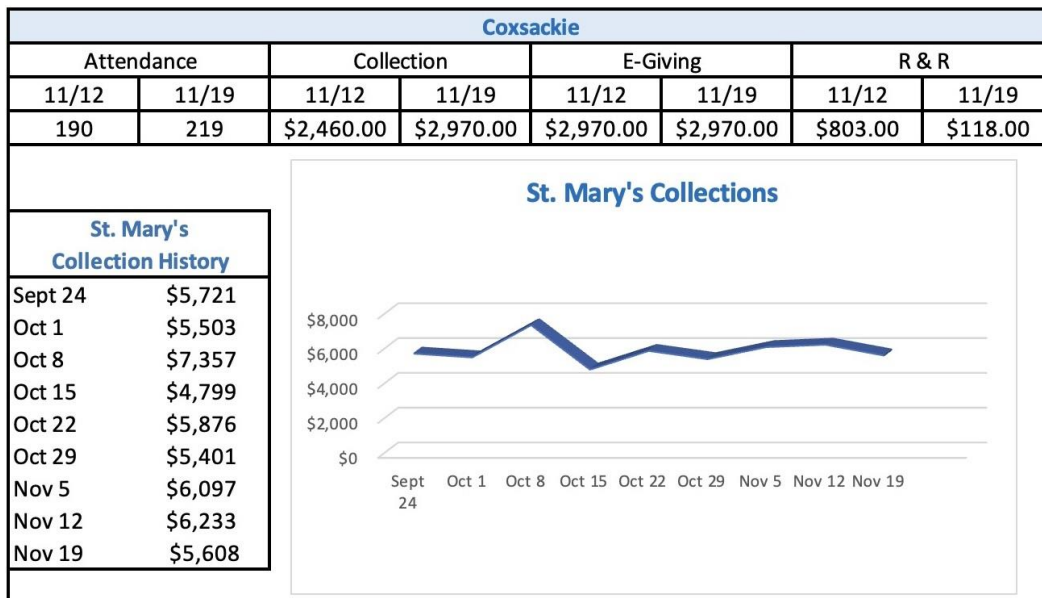
Collections & E-Giving

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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 & days of funeral at a parish): St. Patrick's Tuesday 8:30 am

St. Mary's Wednesday 8 am

HUDSON VALLEY VICARIATE WEST FAITH FORMATION Online hvwwff.org

FR. JAY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES: [Click here](#) and then please **SUBSCRIBE**

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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 format) Friday mornings at 8:00 at St. Mary's

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 11 am - 12 pm on Tuesdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING 1 – 2 pm on Thursdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

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