



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

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Dear Parish Family and Friends, both near and far,

The End of Advent and the Beginning of the Christmas Season

Waiting gives way to joyous welcome! We celebrate the coming of the Savior and welcome Him into our lives! Mary welcomes Gabriel's message. Joseph welcomes the angel's counsel to accept Mary as his wife. Together, they welcome their Son who is destined to change the world for all time. Shepherds and Kings welcome the Newborn King. How will you welcome Jesus?

Welcome everyone this Christmas! Please remember to welcome...

all who are returning to church, perhaps for the first time in months or years;
all college students, home from their studies and members of the armed services on leave;
all who care for the elderly, the sick or the homebound;
all who must work at several jobs or at odd hours in order to sustain their families in dignity;
all who feel unwelcome at church or in the community.

Always remember that you are welcoming your sisters and brothers into your home. Welcome them as you would welcome the Christ.

Worship Schedules

Christmas Eve: St. Patrick's - 3 pm and 9 pm (with lessons and carols at 8 pm)

St. Mary's - 5 pm (with children's pageant at 4:45 pm) and Christmas Day at 9:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family: Saturday/Sunday (December 28/29) - our regular weekend schedule

Mary, the Mother of God: St. Mary's - Wednesday (January 1st) at 9:30 am.

Other Schedules to Keep in Mind

--Network and parish offices will be closed from December 25th thru January 1st.

--Weekday Masses and Reconciliation will resume after January 1st; weekday Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be relocated to the St. Mary's sacristy and the St. Patrick's rectory in January, February and March.

--All Faith Formation will resume at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's on Sunday, January 5th. Please consult the Faith Formation website for details. <https://hvvwff.org/>

Care for the Sick

Is a neighbor or family member hospitalized or homebound? Please contact us to arrange for a visit. This can be a graced moment for prayers, communion and anointing.

Year End Planning

As December 31st approaches, would you please keep St. Mary's and St. Patrick's in mind as you consider charitable giving and plan your taxes? Have you considered a gift to your parish or your support of the Diocesan Appeal? Thanks for your generous stewardship through the year!

Christmas Blessings for you and your family,

Fr. Joe, Deacon Mike, Deacon Steve and the staff and volunteers at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

**Network and Parish Offices will be closed
December 25, 2024 through January 1, 2025.**

SUNDAY 12-22	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 12-23	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 12-24	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 11:00 Women's Bible Study at room 5 of St. Patrick's Parish Hall 3:00 Christmas Eve at St. Patrick's 5:00 Christmas Eve at St. Mary's (4:45 pm children's pageant) 9:00 Christmas Eve at St. Patrick's (8:00 Lessons / carols) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
WEDNESDAY 12-25	9:30 Christmas Mass at St. Mary's
THURSDAY 12-26	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting
FRIDAY 12-27	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 12-28	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 12-29	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 12-30	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 12-31	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 11:00 Women's Bible Study at room 5 of St. Patrick's Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY 1-1	9:30 Mary, the Mother of God at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 1-2	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting
FRIDAY 1-3	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 1-4	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 1-5	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)

Our snow policy: Our Network and Parish offices follow the local school districts. If the district has a two hour delay, we open two hours later. If there is a school closure, we are closed. If there is either a delay or closure, weekday morning Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are cancelled.



Sock Collection During January St. Mary's will collect socks (yes, we will take hats, mittens, and even scarves) for men, women and children served by the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany. Socks are the most requested item for those arriving at shelters. Socks may be placed in the basket in the back of the Church. Close to 1,500 pair of socks were collected last year. Thank you in advance for your generosity. ☺

Feed the Hungry! Prepare a Shelter Meal to feed 25 men who reside in an Albany shelter. The dates are: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th and April 16th. If you would like to help others, or just make the meal in your home for delivery, please contact Christa at derobccr@gmail.com or 860-874-1481. It's rewarding to know that 25 men will be fed. Thanks for supporting this mission!



Diocesan Appeal

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal Campaign Results
As you consider your year-end giving, please consider supporting your parish by making a donation to the Diocesan Appeal. Payments can be made on-line by going to <https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

ST. PATRICK'S

54 gifts so far
Goal \$41,506
Total donations = **\$17,036.17**
41.05% of goal
Average Gift \$315.48
Remaining goal = **\$24,469.83**

ST. MARY'S

48 gifts so far
Goal \$40,775
Total donations = **\$23,622**
30.96% of goal
Average Gift \$262.96
Remaining goal = **\$28,153**

Mass Intentions

Week of December 21, 22, 2024

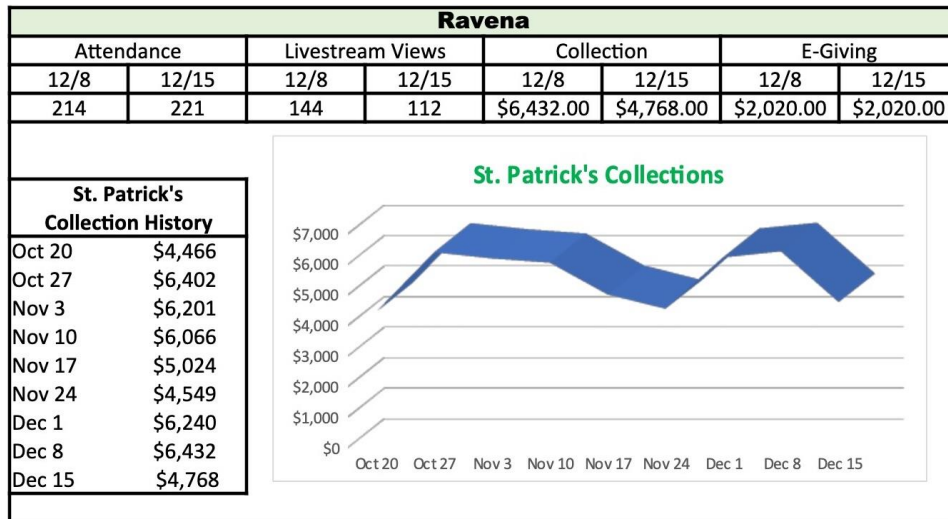
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 21	4:30 Ravenna	Guy Anatriello by Rose Justin Bonafide by Grammy KC Vosburgh by Carmin and Janet Vasto
Dec 22	7:30 Coxsackie	The Heim Family by Anne Heim Leo Synakowski by his wife Bob Alfeld (31 st Anniversary) by his wife, Ellie
	9:30 Ravenna	Krista Visconti by family Frances Zanetti by Cretia
	11:30 Coxsackie	John and Paula Grogan by Karen Cole Rose Voudry by her niece

Week of December 28, 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec 28	4:30 Ravenna	KC Vosburgh by Steve and Lois Young Alphonso Mancini by Linda and Bernie McCall
Dec 29	7:30 Coxsackie	Peter Willis by his family Leo Burmeister by Robert A. Baker
	9:30 Ravenna	None at this time
	1:30 Coxsackie	Jackie Kennedy by Jeannene Albright

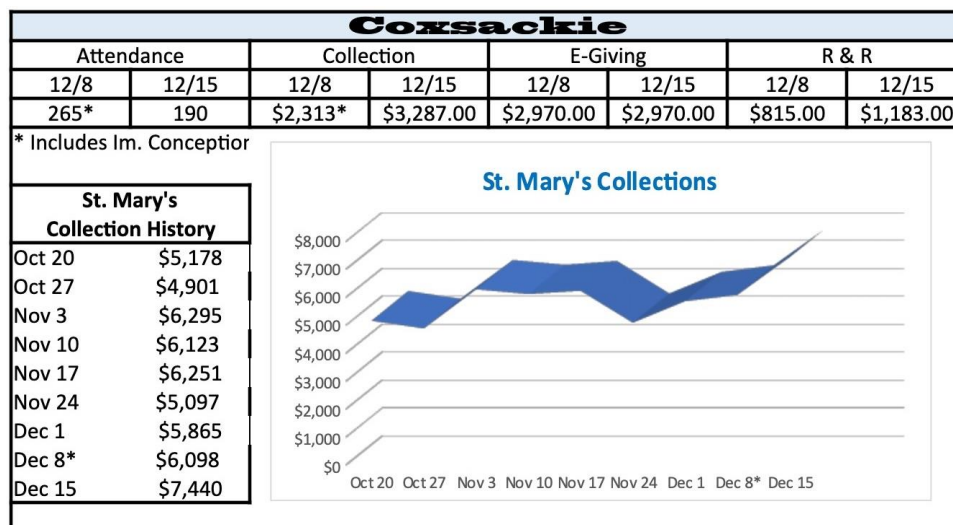


Collections & E-Giving

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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**

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

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Parish Facebook Pages (updated daily)

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INSTAGRAM (Two Parishes, One Instagram): [stmary's.stpatrick's](https://www.instagram.com/stmarys.stpatrick/s)



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Sunday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Patrick's

Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Mary's

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am 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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