



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,

**Happy Easter!** Easter, like Christmas, is not a day but a season! The Easter Season begins at sunset on Easter Vigil and lasts until Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season (50 days) is longer than Lent (40 days). We have much to celebrate with Jesus' Resurrection and what this means for the promise of new life for each of us who believes.

Let's focus on three symbols of grace that are front and center during the Easter Season: ***The Pascal Candle*** towers over the people at Mass. The candle will burn at every Easter Season Mass, every Baptism and Confirmation and every funeral until Easter 2025. This pillar of Christ is lowered into the baptismal font three times at the Easter Vigil as a sign that we "may rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit." ***The Renewal of Baptismal Promises*** replaces the Creed at Masses on Easter. We renew our pledge to renounce sin and follow Jesus. This renewal challenges both the newly baptized and the whole assembly to witness to Jesus' message and way-of-life more faithfully. ***Alleluia Returns*** The absence during Lent marks a kind of spiritual fast but with Christ risen we once again feast on songs of alleluia and praise! With alleluia on our lips and in our hearts, may we go forth witnessing to be the peace of the Risen Christ to our world!

Sometimes as you consider the state of the world you might wonder if it's possible to bring about change. Jesus overcame sin and death. By his rising, Jesus lifts us up. The stone is rolled away from the tomb. He fills us with hope and shows us how to overcome. Because of Jesus, your life will be different. Jesus, who makes all things new, invites you to share in his saving word.

**Many thanks to everyone** who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations such prayerful and joyous celebrations! Thank you to our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Prayer and Worship Committees and to our many ministers: Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors and Musicians and all who cleaned and prepared our churches and prepared our newsletters.

**Thank you for your stewardship** So many parishioners and visitors make a generous gift to their parish at Easter. Thank you for your generous stewardship! Please remember to support the Diocesan Appeal. Your gift matters! Your gift helps support our seminarians, the work of Catholic Schools and Catholic Charities and our retired priests, to name a few things.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

### Schedule

EASTER SUNDAY 3-31	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
MONDAY 4-1	<i>Parish Offices closed at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's</i> 8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 4-2	<i>Parish Offices closed at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's</i> 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 4-3	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 <i>NO</i> Choir Rehearsal at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 4-4	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 <i>NO</i> Choir Rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 4-5	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 4-6	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 4-7	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) Hospitality by Knights of Columbus immediately following Mass at St. Patrick's 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> ) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
MONDAY 4-8	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 4-9	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
WEDNESDAY 4-10	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 4-11	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 4-12	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 4-13	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 4-14	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** Thank you to all who supported our annual dinner. Over 90 people enjoyed an afternoon of delicious food, wonderful music, entertaining dancers and great fellowship. Many thanks to the committee from both churches, Pegasus Restaurant, Bill Halstead and the An Clar dancers for making it happen. Hope to see you next year!

**Mother McAuley Columbiettes** Future meetings are April 23, May 28 and June 25 at 7 pm. Please contact Patricia Visconti or any of our members if you would like to join.

**Network-wide Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration:** On April 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church on 24 North Washington St. in Athens. Reconciliation at 2:00. 3:00 Prayer, including chaplet, homily, and communion service. Potluck dinner to follow, please bring dish to share. All are invited.

**Have you ever been hungry?** We overlook the hungry people right here in our area. You can help. Our parishes will be providing meals for the residents of one of Albany's shelters on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please email Christa Desrosiers at [derobccr@gmail.com](mailto:derobccr@gmail.com) or leave a message for her at the St. Patrick's Rectory 518-756-3145.

**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.

**Food Pantry, Coxsackie**

**Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300**

Just a 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. The pantry is especially in need of canned tuna fish and coffee.

**Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena**

**Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789**

The Pantry needs: bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, bathroom tissue, paper towels, chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, graham crackers, beef stew, lunch box snacks, cookies and egg noodles. *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.

**Operation Rice Bowl** Please return your Rice Bowls.



**2023-2024 Campaign** It is by serving you, our family of faith, that our parishes have hope and light for the future. Ministry is the most significant role of your parish, but necessity dictates administrative responsibilities as well and that is where the parish leans on the Diocese via 30 specialty departments with 57 full-time and 23 part-time staff ([www.rcda.org/offices](http://www.rcda.org/offices)). Your gift to the Diocesan Appeal underwrites the cost of these shared parish services relieving that expense from the parish!

*Your gift also funds seminarian education, administrative support of our 19 Diocesan Catholic schools, and the programs of Catholic Charities that support those who face food insecurity & hunger*

### ST. PATRICK'S

59 gifts so far  
Goal \$ 41,029  
Total donations to date = \$24,011  
59% of goal  
Average Gift \$406.97  
Still to be raised = \$ 17,018

### ST. MARY'S

72 gifts so far  
Goal \$ 41,015  
Total donations to date = \$18,828.40  
46 % of goal  
Average Gift \$261.51  
Still to be raised = \$ 22,186.60

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

**Please be generous in supporting this campaign. If the Parish does not meet our goal the shortfall will need to be made up with parish funds. The campaign ends June 30, 2024.**

## 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

**FOR ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL**

## FESTIVAL OF BASKETS

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

1 - 4 PM

**LOTS OF FUN - FOR ALL AGES**

**BAKE SALE 50/50  
LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CALL DONNA  
AT 518-209-2578**

## Mass Intentions

**Week of March 30, 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

No Intentions Easter Sunday

**Week of April 6, 7, 2024**

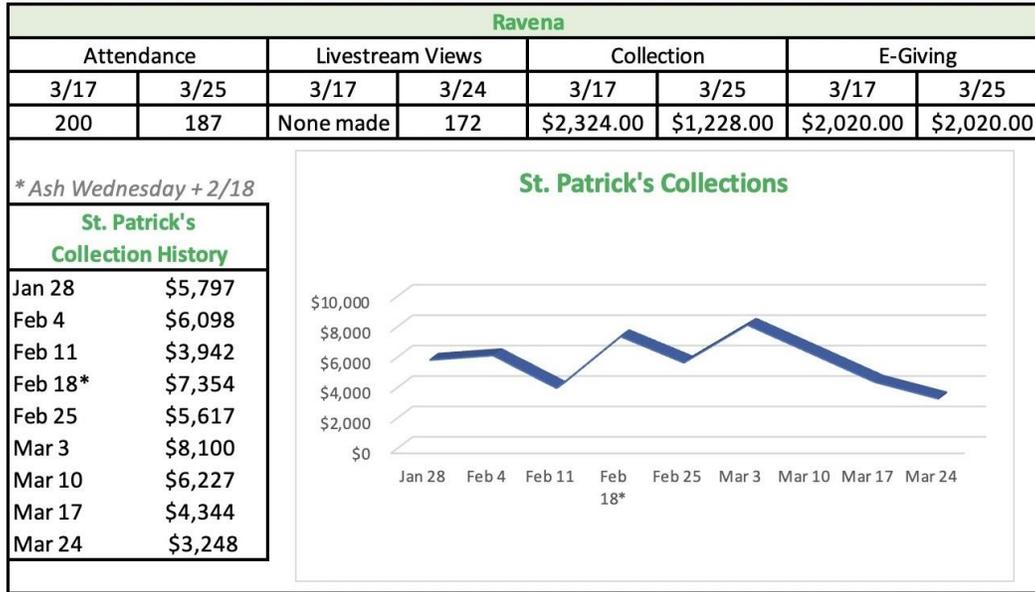
**Second Sunday of Easter**

April 6	4:30	Ravena	Jan Mormile by Cathy Teplitzky Marge Sumer by Al and Trish Visconti
April 7	7:30	Coxsackie	Memorial Society Anthony Gatt by Jeannene Albright Mona Reamer by Anita Hynes
	9:30	Ravena	Steenburn/Miller families by Kathy Beers Jimmy Maki by dad
	11:30	Coxsackie	Renee Cavanaugh by Bill Cavanaugh Jack McGrath 29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by family Kerry McGrath 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by family
April 10	8:00	Coxsackie	Avaleta Veeder by her family

**Week of April 13, 14, 2024**

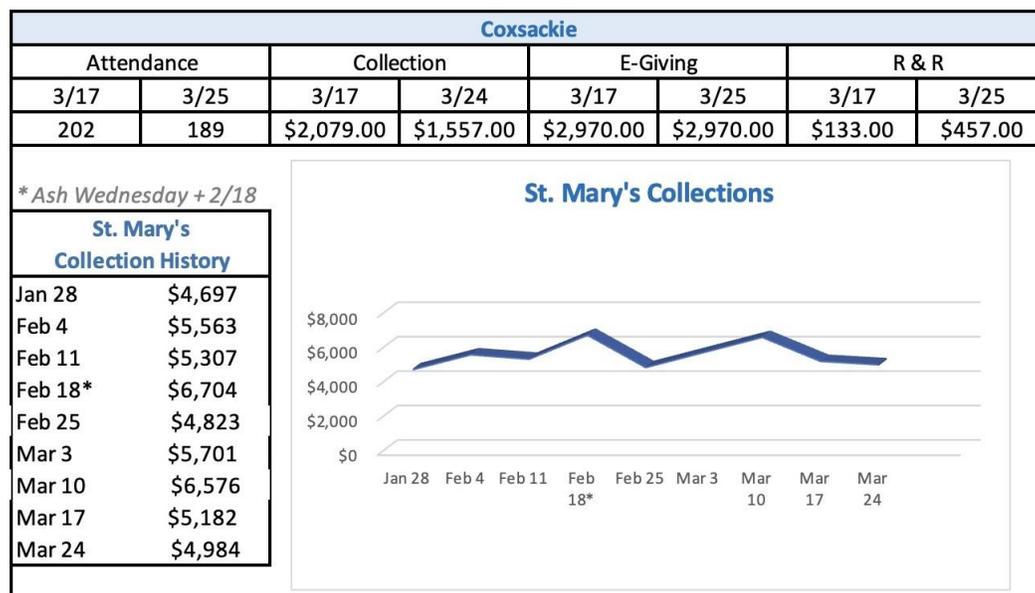
**Third Sunday of Easter**

April 13	4:30	Ravena	Marge Sumner by K of C #3424 Dolores Boehlke by Diane and Dave Lapinski
April 14	7:30	Coxsackie	Denise Schmidt by Jeannene Albright Dolores Boehlke by Jeannene Albright Mona Reamer by Rosemary Martin
	9:30	Ravena	Fran and Sandy Zanetti by their daughter Jean Rando by Steve and Lois Young
	11:30	Coxsackie	Anthony Gatt by Kathleen Maher John Stanzione by Greene County DA's office staff Dolly Mansfield by Tammy Hathaway
April 17	8:00	Coxsackie	Charles Jochun by Susan Jochun



**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](http://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**

**FIND US ONLINE:** [Click here](#) for St. Patrick's Parish Homepage [Click here](#) for St. Mary's Parish Homepage  
Parish Facebook Pages (updated daily)

**CONTACT US BY PHONE:** St. Patrick's Office: 518-756 -3145 St. Mary's Office: 518-731-8800

**MY PARISH APP (Two Parishes, One App):** Text **APP** to **88202** to subscribe

**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

**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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