



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

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Dear Parish Family and Friends, both near and far,

Often, people wonder how faith can inform living in the world today. Here's a link to Pope Francis' letter to the U.S. Bishops United States on immigration and mass deportation. <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2025/documents/20250210-lettera-vescovi-usa.html> And here is a link to a letter from Bishop Scharfenberger on this topic: <https://www.evangelist.org/news/2025/jan/24/remain-firm-in-our-catholic-faith/>

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Here's what happening closer to home:

--At St. Patrick's: Mass at 7 am Mass and a Liturgy of the Word Service at 6 pm

--At St. Mary's: Liturgy of the Word services at 8 am, 12 noon and 6 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Liturgy of the Word Services at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. Communion will be available at the Liturgy of the Word Services.

--Also, please bring your old palm to church on the weekends of February 22-23 and March 1-2. Your old palm will be burned to provide ashes we'll distribute on Ash Wednesday.

Please watch for more information on Lenten activities in our next newsletter.

Building and Grounds News Fr. Jay Atherton has appointed Deacon Mike McDonald to be the contact person for Building and Grounds across our Network. There will be a monthly meeting for representatives from all 8 Network parishes to attend. Mark Gerrain from St. Mary's and Greg Darlington from St. Patrick's will chair our Building and Grounds Committees.

Anointing of the Sick will be offered at St. Patrick's on Saturday, March 1st after the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass and at St. Mary's on Sunday, March 2nd after the 11:30 am Mass.

What's going on?

---**WinterFest**, an ecumenical gathering featuring food and music, will take place this Sunday, at 4:30 pm (covered dish supper) with music at 5:30 pm at the Gospel Church in Cossackie.

---St. Patrick's is hosting a **Mardi Gras** celebration on Saturday, March 1st in the Parish Center after the 4:30 pm vigil Mass. Please register by calling St. Patrick's at 518-756-3145 and bring a covered dish item to feed 8-10 people. It's free and open to the people of our parishes.

---St. Mary's is hosting **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** at Pegasus Restaurant on Sunday, March 16th from 1 - 4 pm. Tickets are \$22 and are available after all Masses at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's beginning February 22nd. It's open to the people of our parishes.

---St. Patrick's is hosting their annual **Festival of Baskets** on Sunday afternoon, April 6th. Save the date for a fun afternoon! It's open to the people of our parishes.

Blessings, Fr. Joe O'Brien

Schedule

SUNDAY 2-16	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 2-17	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's President's Day: Offices are closed
TUESDAY 2-18	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 room 5 of St. Patrick's Parish Hall 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 2-19	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 2-20	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 2-21	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 2-22	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 2-23	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 2-24	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 2-25	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 room 5 of St. Patrick's Parish Hall 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 2-26	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 2-27	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 2-28	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 3-1	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 3-2	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

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.

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 collected socks (they also received hats, mittens, and even scarves) for men, women and children served by the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany. 1,771 pair of socks were collected this year as well as hats, scarves. Thank you for your generosity.

Feed the Hungry! Prepare a Shelter Meal to feed 25 men who reside in an Albany shelter. The dates are: 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!

Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Mary Ann McCool | 518-756-9184

Come visit Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm or Saturday from 9 am – Noon. We are closed on holidays.

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Please remember the Coxsackie Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month. As we all know food costs are soaring and those with limited resources are struggling more than ever. There are baskets in the back of the church for your donations including personal care items and pet food. Thank you for your generosity. Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm, & Saturday 10-11 am. *Monetary donations are always welcome as your gift has much greater purchasing power at the regional food bank.*

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

After providing meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas to more than 100 families, the cupboards are bare. Please help replenish our stock by providing the following items:

- Lunch box snacks Muffin Mix Toothpaste Bar Soap Paper Towels
- Spaghetti sauce Cake Mix Deodorant Shampoo Dish Liquid

Mother McAuley Columbiettes will meet 2/25, 6:30 pm in room 4 of St. Patrick's Parish Center. We will be hosting St. Patrick's Day hospitality on Sunday, March 16th, after the 9:30 Mass. Please join us for some "green treats", and some socialization with other parishioners.

Save the date! The Annual St. Patrick's Dinner will be Sunday, March 16th 1-4 pm at Pegasus Restaurant. We all love the raffle baskets! The committee needs items for the baskets! Any items suitable for donations are greatly appreciated. There will be a basket in the back of St. Mary's Church or call Gina@ 518-731-2678 for pickup or questions.

Los Angeles Wildfire Relief Wildfires are currently ravaging Los Angeles and other areas of California. Please help families recover after the fires pass. Make an emergency donation to CCUSA today to help provide lifesaving resources. 100% of your gift supports wildfire relief efforts.



Go to: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

to Donate by Mail: Catholic Charities USA 2050 Ballenger Ave., #400 Alexandria, VA 22314



Ash Wednesday 2025

Ashes will be available at all gatherings

7am St. Patrick's Ravena Mass

8am St. Mary's Cossackie Liturgy of the Word

8:30am St. Patrick's Catskill Mass

9am Immaculate Conception Haines Falls Liturgy of the Word

12pm St. Mary's Cossackie Liturgy of the Word

12pm Sacred Heart Palenville Liturgy of the Word

12pm Our Lady of Knock Shrine East Durham Mass

6pm St. Patrick's Athens Liturgy of the Word with soup supper to follow

6pm St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Windham Liturgy of the Word

6pm St. Mary's Cossackie Liturgy of the Word with soup supper to follow

6pm St. Patrick's Ravena Liturgy of the Word with soup supper to follow

6pm Our Lady of Knock Shrine East Durham Liturgy of the Word

Time to bring in your Palm: The season of Lent begins in a few weeks on Wednesday, March 5th. In anticipation of the day, please bring in your old palm for burning. They will become our ashes. Loose palm may be left in the receptacles in the back of the church until Sunday, March 2nd. *Please do not place plastic bags, rubber bands, twist ties, etc. in the receptacles.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH ANNUAL

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Sunday, March 16, 2025 1-4 pm

PEGASUS RESTAURANT

TICKET -- \$22.

(APPETIZERS, CORNED BEEF, ALL THE TRIMMINGS, DESSERT & TIP)

MUSIC, RAFFLES, IRISH DANCERS

GREAT COMPANY, LOTS OF FUN !!

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses beginning February 22



Mass Intentions

Week of February 15, 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Feb 15 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria
John Visconti by his family
- Feb 16 7:30 Coxsackie The Hynes family by Anita Hynes
11:30 Coxsackie Albert Ollisio by his niece

Week of February 22, 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Feb 22 4:30 Ravena Mr. and Mrs. William Debarthe by their family
Gerald and Beatrice McCreedy by their family
- Feb 23 7:30 Coxsackie Charles Meyer by Mary Vadney
Elizabeth Caputo by Ann Marie Caputo
11:30 Coxsackie Dominic Capparello by his Daughter

Week of March 1, 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Mar 1 4:30 Ravena Ida and Henry Mormile by Rosemary
Thomas Piccolo by the Viscontis
- Mar 2 7:30 Coxsackie Memorial Society
The Heim family by Anne Heim

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 6

FESTIVAL OF BASKETS ST. PATRICK'S - RAVENA LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL



**Diocesan
Appeal**

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal Campaign

There are things God does for us as well as things that God calls us to do...getting back to Mass, participating actively in our parish community, living as a joyful disciple, being constant in prayer, investing in our parishes & diocese...if not each of us, then who? Please don't wait! Making your gift or pledge today to the Diocesan Appeal shows you have stepped forward by personally committing and participating in Christ bringing about His Kingdom here on earth. Thank you – with patience and your support, a brighter future is near!

Payments can be made on-line by going to <https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

ST. PATRICK'S

66 gifts so far
Goal \$ 41,506
Total donations = \$ 25,137.48
60.51% of goal
Average Gift \$ 380.87
Shortfall = \$ 16,368.52

ST. MARY'S

66 gifts so far
Goal \$ 40,775
Total donations = \$ 18,710
45.89% of goal
Average Gift \$ 283.48
Shortfall = \$ 22,065

All funds raised for the Diocesan Appeal are applied immediately to underwrite the current Diocesan programs, services and ministries for parishes as well as vocations, not for the settlement of legal cases.

Ravenna							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
2/2	2/9	2/2	2/9	2/2	2/9	2/2	2/9
187	141	136	119	\$4,042.00	\$4,450.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00
* Includes Christmas							
St. Patrick's Collection History							
Dec 15	\$4,768						
Dec 22	\$5,315						
Dec 29*	\$9,824						
Jan 5	\$7,030						
Jan 12	\$6,152						
Jan 19	\$4,862						
Jan 26	\$4,700						
Feb 2	\$6,062						
Feb 9	\$5,926						

Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

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](#)*

Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
2/2	2/9(snow)	2/2	2/9	2/2	2/9	2/2	2/9
186	88	\$1,976.00	\$1,480.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
** Includes Christmas							
St. Mary's Collection History							
Dec 15	\$7,440						
Dec 22	\$4,460						
Dec 29**	\$8,300						
Jan 1 & 5	\$9,187						
Jan 12	\$6,083						
Jan 19	\$5,604						
Jan 26	\$5,129						
Feb 2	\$4,966						
Feb 9	\$4,450						

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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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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