



ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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Looking for
Answers

Your Questions Addressed

March 14 & 15

What are the Scrutinies?

Answered by: Father Jay

In our network, we have three adults who will be baptized this Easter. These catechumens – the elect – are celebrating the three Scrutinies with us at Mass. The first was last weekend. Another is this weekend. The third and final will be next weekend. Celebrating the Scrutinies on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent is traditional for those who receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) at the Easter Vigil.

The Scrutinies are rites for the elect, in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation. They are a chance for self-reflection, intended to purify the heart and strengthen the spirit. The Scrutinies take place as part of Mass, so that the whole community might also participate in self-reflection and pray for the elect on their journey toward Easter.

Some of you may be aware that there are three cycles of readings that we go through at Mass. These cycles are labeled A, B, and C. We started cycle A at the beginning of Advent last year. The Mass of the Scrutinies will always use the Gospel readings from cycle A, even when taking place in a different year. These Gospels are the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus. The elect grow their awareness of sin and their desire for salvation through these Gospels. We share our sense of Christ as the living water, the light, resurrection, and life.

During a Mass of the Scrutinies, the priest invites the elect to come forward after the homily. We will all pray for them together. We pray that they are freed from sin and that they come to an intimate relationship with God and the Church. I ask that you recognize, celebrate, and pray for our elect as new members of your Church family.

The elect are “dismissed” after the Scrutiny. They will not participate fully in the Liturgy of the Eucharist until after their Initiation. But that does not mean we forget them at that point. We continue to pray for them, and hold them in our hearts for the rest of Mass. And we examine our own souls, and ask ourselves how well we, too, have been walking the path of discipleship.

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Sunday 3-15 4 th Week of Lent	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 3-16	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
Tuesday 3-17	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Tame Your Thoughts... 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 3-18	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 3-19	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 5:30 Reconciliation (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 3-20	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's and at St. Patrick's
Saturday 3-21	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 3-22 5 th Week of Lent	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 3-23	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 7:00 Pastoral Council meeting in room 5 of St. Patrick's School
Tuesday 3-24	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's) 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory. Book: Tame Your Thoughts... 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 3-25	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 3-26	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 5:30 Reconciliation (1 st & 3 rd at St. Mary's; 2 nd & 4 th at St. Patrick's)
Friday 3-27	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 6:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's and at St. Patrick's
Saturday 3-28	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 3-29 Palm Sunday	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.

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Year End 2025 Giving Statements Due to changes in tax laws many people are no longer able to receive deductions for charitable contributions. Therefore we will only send letters to parishioners who call the office to request a summary of their 2025 giving. St. Patrick's Ravena → 518-756-3145 St. Mary's Coxsackie → 518-731-8800

Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Mary Ann McCool | 518-756-9184

In 2025 the Thrift Shop took in \$4,049.00. 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

The Coxsackie Food Pantry gratefully accepts all donations. The basket for your donations will be in the back of the church all month. The Coxsackie Food Pantry is especially in need of: **Tea bags, bar soap**. Thank you for your generosity.

Coxsackie Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm & Saturday 10-11 am.

Cash donations are always welcome. Your gift has greater purchasing power at the regional food bank.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry, Ravena

St. Patrick's Office | 518-756-3145

Hours of Operation: Tuesday and Friday 10 to 11 am and Wednesday 6 to 7 pm. Reminder, there is a food pantry basket in the vestibule. Please help replenish our stock by providing the following items: **Snacks**

For the month of February The Food Pantry served 41 families/122 people. Of those 41 were between the ages of 0-17, 60 were between the ages of 18-59 and 21 were 60 years or older.

Faith Formation K-4 Spring Schedule:

- St. Mary's – every Sunday during 11:30 Mass
- St. Patrick's- during 9:30 Mass on the following Sundays: March 22, April 26 and May 10.

The Parish Community Life Committee needs volunteers. Right now, our numbers are shrinking as members have been aging out. The annual Parish Picnic in September had to be cancelled due to a lack of committee members. Please don't let this happen again! Come join us! Committee members help organize events like the St. Patrick's Day dinner, the annual picnic, and the Christmas Giving Tree. Even though it is work, it's not like "going to work". We are friendly, we laugh a lot and always manage to enjoy what we do. **Interested? Please call Gina McGrath at [518]-708-4689**

Free Network Pizza Party Thursday, March 19 @ 5:30pm at St. Mary's Coxsackie. Join us for a faith-filled evening of delicious homemade pizza & dessert, great company, and plenty of fun!

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast The Ravena Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29th, immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's. All are welcome. Tickets are \$5 and will be available after Mass and at the door.

St. Mary's Giving Envelopes The giving envelopes mailing for St. Mary's was delayed due to technical issues at the printer. If you have not yet received giving envelopes, they should arrive soon.

Volunteer Needed: Coffee Hour Coordinator

- Make coffee hour schedule
- Order supplies when needed
- Make sure kitchen is kept in order

Contact: Justin Lauria vwposted@gmail.com

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Greeting Card Collection Completed Thank you for the lovely donations. The Parish effort is much appreciated. Cards can no longer be accepted.

Mother McAuley

We will hold our next meeting, Tuesday March 24th, at 6:30 pm, in Room 5 of the Parish Hall.

Please join us as we will host a delicious hospitality on Sunday, March 15th after the 9:30 mass. Take a chance on winning a basket of "Green" items!

We would also like to thank those who donated blood and helped out at our Blood Drive on February 11th. We look forward to seeing you again next year.



Diocesan Appeal

2025-2026 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

52 gifts so far
Goal \$ 37,373
Total donations = * \$ 19,295
51.63 % of goal
Average Gift \$ 371.06
Shortfall = \$ 18,078

ST. MARY'S

59 gifts so far
Goal \$ 33,755
Total donations = * \$ 14,696
43.54% of goal
Average Gift \$ 249.08
Shortfall = \$ 19,059

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.

Stations of the Cross Versions

Mary's Way of the Cross

A presentation from Mary's viewpoint to ask her assistance in deepening our faith.

- St. Mary's in Cocksackie – Friday, March 20 @ 6pm by Women of St. Mary's

The Way of the Cross for Teens

Led by the teens in our Faith Formation program, this presentation helps us reflect on how the Stations relate to our world today. •St. Patrick's in Ravena – Friday, March 20 @ 6pm

The Knights of Columbus will lead their presentation of the Stations from Jesus' viewpoint.

- St. Mary's in Cocksackie – Friday, March 27 @ 6pm

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Weekly Justice Challenges!

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March 15, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday's Gospel addresses the story of the man born blind. The Jews blamed his parents and their sins for his condition, but Jesus taught a different message – that God doesn't punish people for things which aren't their fault. Your challenge this week is to look at how you judge others and yourself. Do you look at people's actions through the lens of a loving God? Do you give others the benefit of the doubt? And are you gentle with yourself? Do you forgive yourself when you mess up, trusting in a God who forgives infinitely? God is the arbiter of justice, and we are called to trust in God's judgement, which ultimately is so much more merciful than human judgement. Place the world in God's hands this week, and stop yourself from judging.

March 22, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Lent

The Gospel Sunday recounts the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It is eloquent to read that Jesus wept when he saw how devastated Lazarus' friends and relatives were about his friend's death. Jesus showed such compassion and human emotion. The word compassion is from the Latin words *com* (meaning with) and *pati* (to suffer). Compassion, then, is suffering with others who are hurting. You might donate money to CRS or another organization helping hurting people. Or you might give a sandwich to a homeless person in your community. Whatever you do, remember that compassion means entering into that person's human condition, not with condescension, but with a genuine sense of walking with them in their experience.

Festival of Baskets
Put on Your THINKING CAPS !!!
COME UP WITH A THEME --
BUY ITEMS THAT GO WITH THE THEME --
WRAP IN CLEAR WRAP --
NAME YOUR BASKET --
LIST ITEMS IN BASKET
SUNDAY, APRIL 19
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - RAVENA
LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES

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Mass Intentions

Week of March 14, 15, 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

- Mar 14 4:30 Ravena Kathleen Byrne by family
- Mar 15 7:30 Coxsackie Coniglio and Hynes families by Anita Hynes
9:30 Ravena Michael Gager by family
11:30 Coxsackie Vincent Giordano by Joe Schmidt

Week of March 21, 22, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

- Mar 21 4:30 Ravena Donald Gager by family
- Mar 22 7:30 Coxsackie Henry Rausch by his family
9:30 Ravena KC Vosburgh by Eileen and Olivia
Jean Manning by Cathy and Tony Ricciardi
11:30 Coxsackie Christine Trabucco by Robert and Sharon Navarra

Week of March 28, 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

- Mar 28 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria
Frances Miller by Judy Miller
- Mar 29 7:30 Coxsackie Peter Planco by Tom and Joan Burke
Patrick Quigley by Tom and Joan Burke
9:30 Ravena Santo Costanza by family
11:30 Coxsackie Russell "Skip" Veeder by his wife

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday Mass – 6pm at St. Mary's
Celebration of the Lord's Passion -Good Friday 6pm at St. Mary's
Easter Vigil Mass – 8pm at St. Patrick's

Good Friday Stations of the Cross @ noon

- St. Mary's led by Deacon Mike
- St. Patrick's led by Deacon Steve

Easter Sunday Masses

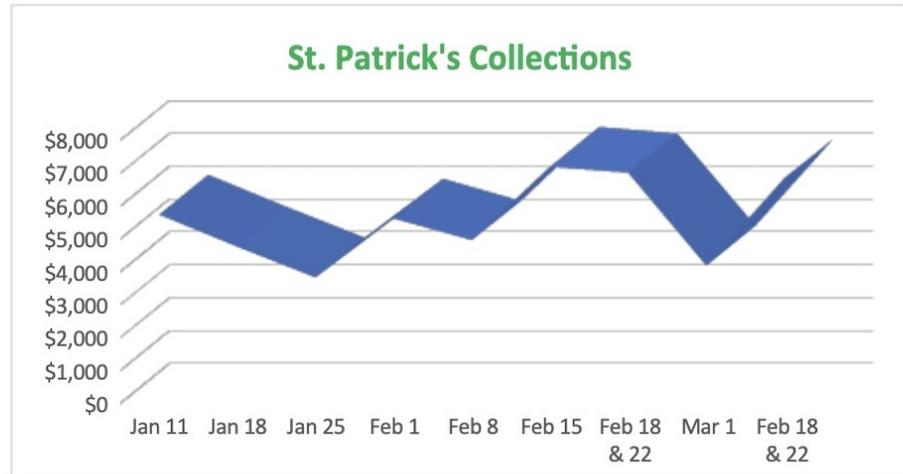
9:30am – St. Patrick's 11:30am – St. Mary's

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Collections & E-Giving

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
3/01	3/08	3/01	3/08	3/01	3/08	3/01	3/08
219	175	243	158	\$2,170.00	\$4,833.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

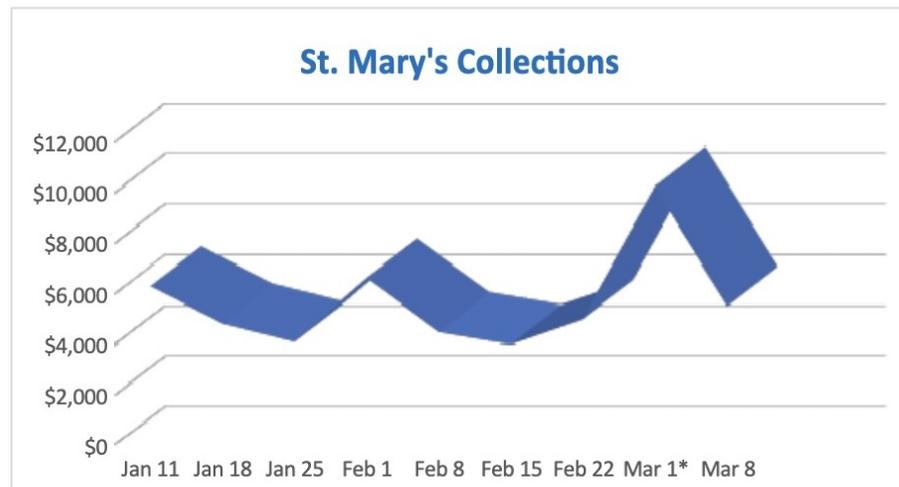
St. Patrick's Collection History	
Jan 11	\$5,742
Jan 18	\$4,768
Jan 25	\$3,832
Feb 1	\$5,634
Feb 8	\$4,962
Feb 15	\$7,207
Feb 18 & 22	\$7,011
Mar 1	\$4,190
Feb 18 & 22	\$6,853



Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
3/01	3/08	3/01	3/08	3/01	3/08	3/01	3/08
206	117	\$7,299*	\$2,415.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$148.00

* includes \$5k donation

St. Mary's Collection History	
Jan 11	\$6,335
Jan 18	\$4,855
Jan 25	\$4,128
Feb 1	\$6,659
Feb 8	\$4,512
Feb 15	\$4,025
Feb 22	\$5,022
Mar 1*	\$10,269
Mar 8	\$5,533



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Connecting with the Parishes

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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 & days of funeral at a parish):

St. Mary's 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:00 am

St. Patrick's 2nd and 4th Tuesday 9:00 am

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FR. JAY'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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NETWORK FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/hvww.network/>

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

Monday 8:00 am at St. Mary's

Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Mary's except on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays when there is Mass

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 – Rectory

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

Reconciliation,

1st and 3rd Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30pm St. Mary's in Coxsackie

2nd and 4th Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30pm St. Patrick's in Ravena

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