



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

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Dear Parish Family and Friends, both near and far,

Wow, things happen fast! I shared the news with you at last weekend's Masses that I was receiving a new assignment and being transferred to St. Michael's in Troy and St. Jude's in Wynantskill in early July. I will be celebrating Eucharist in the Valley parishes on June 21-22nd, the Mountain parishes on June 28-29th and here in Cossackie and Ravena on July 5-6th. I've enjoyed our time together and the ways you let me into your lives. I look forward seeing you on the first weekend in July.

Keep working toward building our Network community! It's your (and our!) Network community – and it's the surest path to sustaining our communities and keeping our Catholic tradition of faith, sacrament, mission, love, hope and service going strong in our hearts, souls and towns.

Michele Sisak is hosting a 'Praying an Icon Retreat' from July 7-11th at either St. Patrick's Athens or St. Patrick's in Catskill. Workshops will run from 9 am - 5 pm at a cost of \$60. The cost covers all materials needed to create an 11 x 14 inch icon. She has several icon patterns from which to choose. Participants can request a specific icon if they can provide her with a photo by email so she can prepare the line drawing. (Michele's email address: mtsisak@ourfathersmercy.com. Please list Icon Retreat in the subject line.) Sign-up sheets are available at Mission Central in your church. Registration is restricted to 20 participants so she can provide individual assistance to each participant.

The Diocesan Appeal closes on June 30th. Many thanks to everyone who has made a gift! St. Mary's has received gifts and pledges of \$33,871 (81% of our goal) and St. Patrick's has received gifts and pledges of \$36,035 (87% of our goal). If you haven't made a gift or pledge yet, would you please make yours this week? Your gift matters. If our parishes do not reach their goals, the shortfalls will be made up from parish funds.

Eucharistic Ministers at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's will be blessed and commissioned at Masses this weekend on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Anointing of the Sick will be available at St. Patrick's on June 28th after the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass and at St. Mary's on June 29th after the 11:30 am Mass.

Blessings, Fr. Joe O'Brien

Schedule

SUNDAY 6-22	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 6-23	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 6-24	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's 6:30 Columbiettes meeting room 4 of school 7:00 Pastoral Council meeting room 5 of school
WEDNESDAY 6-25	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's FESTA Committee meeting at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 6-26	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting
FRIDAY 6-27	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 6-28	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's Sacrament of the Sick immediately after St. Patrick's Mass
SUNDAY 6-29	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) Sacrament of the Sick immediately after St. Mary's Mass
MONDAY 6-30	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
TUESDAY 7-1	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
WEDNESDAY 7-2	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 7-3	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting
FRIDAY 7-4	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
SATURDAY 7-5	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 7-6	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)

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.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: This will happen at both Masses at both parishes on June 21st and 22nd, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Anointing of the Sick will be held June 28th at St. Patrick's after the 4:30 Mass and June 29th at St. Mary's after the 11:30 Mass. Please invite your friends.

Faith Formation St. Patrick's: K-4 Faith Formation will be in session until the end of June. We will then take a break for the months of July, August and early September.

Fall 2025 Confirmation: Students from Ravena and Cossackie who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation in fall 2025 will have a Sponsor/Candidate meeting on June 22nd, in the St Patrick's Parish Center (the school) starting at 6 pm. All students must attend with either their sponsor, or another adult. Please contact Christa or Bob Desrosiers with questions.

St. Patrick's, Ravena and St. Mary's, Cossackie will be hosting **farewell celebrations for Fr. Joe O'Brien** after 4:30 Mass on Saturday, July 5th and after 11:30 Mass on Sunday, July 6th. Light refreshments available. All parishioners are invited to each celebration!

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, Cossackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Please remember the Cossackie Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month. 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. Cossackie 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.*

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

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:

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| •Peas | Spaghetti sauce Chili | Carrots | Pork n beans |
| •Cookies | Lunch box snacks | Nutri Grain bars | |

Deacon Mike is pleased to announce that our Network will be offering Part 2 of the Adult Bible Study Program: *"God's Plan For Salvation."* It will be held, like last year, in the Catskill Office each Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8pm until September 3rd. It is open to everyone in the Network age 18 and over. You needn't have attended last year. Please bring your Bible.

Mother McAuley Columbiettes Our last meeting of the year will be held June 24, 6:30 pm in room 4 of St. Patrick's Parish Center. We will take a break for the Summer and resume meetings on September 23rd.

Mass Intentions

Week of June 21, 22, 2025

Body and Blood of Christ

June 21 4:30 Ravena Joseph Campoli by Gloria
Michael Lozano by Bill and Diane Fisher
June 22 7:30 Cocksackie Peter Hynes by his wife, Anita
Ida Hussey by Kathleen Hussey
9:30 Ravena Jackie Lynch by Mary Jane Persico
11:30 Cocksackie Wilma Baker by Robert A. Baker
Paul and Claire Kelly by the Gatt family

Week of June 28, 29 2025

Sts. Peter and Paul

June 28 4:30 Ravena Maureen Heane and Rita Hynes by Barbara Burrows
Marge and Gordon Jones by Kathy and Bob
June 29 7:30 Cocksackie Elizabeth Caputo by Ann Marie Caputo
9:30 Ravena Lee Miller by family
11:30 Cocksackie Rocco A. Cole by Karen Cole

Week of July 5, 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5 4:30 Ravena None at this time
July 6 7:30 Cocksackie Heim family by Anne Heim
9:30 Ravena Frank Femminella by Connie
11:30 Cocksackie None at this time

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.



Diocesan Appeal 2024-2025 Campaign

Make Your Payment Now! Campaign Ends June 30, 2025

Payments can be made on-line by going to www.thediocesanappeal.org

ST. PATRICK'S

109 gifts so far
Goal \$ 41,506
Total donations = **\$ 36,034.72**
87% of goal
Average Gift \$ 330.59
Shortfall = **\$ 5,471.28**

ST. MARY'S

121 gifts so far
Goal \$ 40,775
Total donations = **\$ 33,871**
81% of goal
Average Gift \$ 279.93
Shortfall = **\$ 7,904**

The Diocesan Appeal has reached the last few weeks! Have you joined your fellow parishioners with your support?

- Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few. Yet the reality is, even for our parish, supporters are not reflective of our parish population. Such a small percentage of the parish families are funding the parish and the Diocese. If we ALL share the costs, the individual burden is less AND we are more likely to be able to fund the Church beyond its needs and toward our wants – imagine the possibilities!
- The professional service departments of the Diocese really are part of our day-to-day work here at the parish. Your support of the Diocesan Appeal quite simply underwrites the services they provide to us, just as your offertory gifts underwrite our parish staff and operating expenses. As an impact of less funding of the diocesan operating budget, the immediate result is a reduction in staffing which trickles down to delays in support of parishes.
- Your gift to the Appeal *is used immediately* to provide funding for the services of the Diocese currently underway. Visit www.rcda.org to learn more about the Diocese!
- You can apportion your gift to one or more areas of focus: 1) Parish Mission Support, 2) Parish Operational Support, 3) Vocations or 4) All three! Simply provide a note with your gift about your preference(s).

Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church – please support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal!

TO MAKE YOUR GIFT (note: mailed gifts must arrive at The Diocese of Albany, 40 N. Main Ave, Albany NY no later than Monday, June 30, 2025 in order to be credited to the 2024-25 Appeal):

- Please reply to the Appeal using the mailing you received at home;
- Make your gift online at www.thediocesanappeal.org by Monday, June 30, 2025 by 11:59pm **{write in 'comments' if you want to direct to an area(s) of focus}**;
- Or mail a check payable to "Diocesan Appeal" to 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.



Feast of the Assumption Festival

FOOD, CRAFTS, & FAMILY FUN!

Presented by:

St. Patrick's Church

Events and Parish Life Committee

Sunday August 17, 2025

1:00pm to 7:00pm

Event will be rain or shine - If bad weather is forecasted, we will
be in the school building

Children's Games and activities

Craft and Food Vendors

Italian food offerings by the Parish

Live Music! (Playin' with Fire Band)

Pet Therapy Animals

and MUCH MORE!

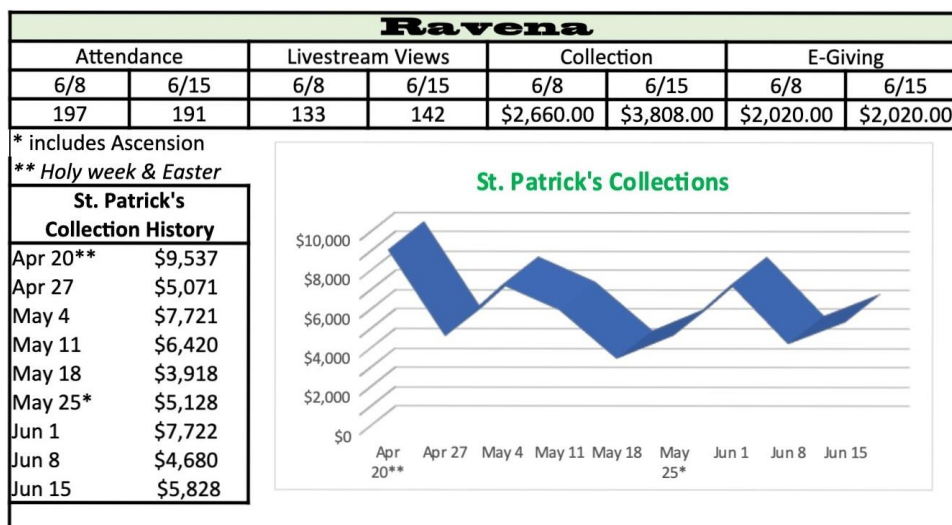
Submit homemade meatballs for the meatball contest!

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

21 Main Street | Ravena, NY 12143

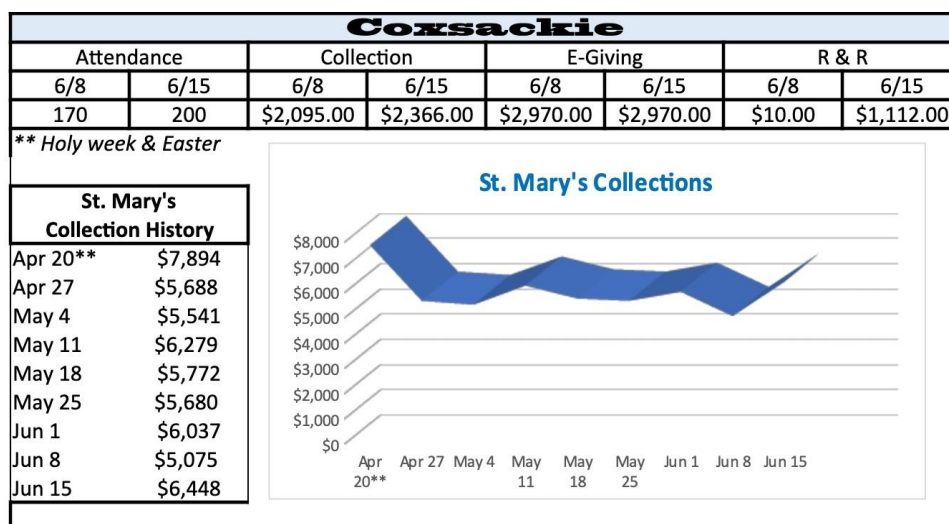
Collections & E-Giving

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](#)



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)

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

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 *will resume in the Fall*

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