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The Diocesan Appeal – An Invitation



Dear Friends,

Could I ask for your help with something important?

As you know, every year our parishes are asked to contribute to the **Diocesan Appeal**, which supports the wider mission of the Church throughout the Diocese of Albany. At present, our four parishes have raised between 20% and 35% of their respective targets. We still have some way to go.

What you may not realise is that **if a parish does not reach its target, the shortfall has to be made up from ordinary parish funds**. That means money which would otherwise be available for our own parish needs.

As your new pastor, I want us to be ambitious for the future of our four parishes. Over the coming months, we will need to look carefully at our finances, strengthen our giving, and ensure that we have the resources to support our mission and the renewal of our parish communities.

But I would much rather **complete the Bishop's Appeal now, so that when we turn our attention to our own financial needs, there is no confusion between the two**. So could I ask everyone who is able to help us reach our targets as quickly as possible?

Many of you will already have received a letter directly from the Bishop's Appeal office, with instructions for making your contribution online. **The easiest and preferred way to give is simply to respond to that letter**. Alternatively, you can use the QR code provided in our bulletin. If you have already given, thank you very much indeed. If you haven't, please consider making a gift according to your means.

My hope is that, with your help, we can bring this appeal to a successful conclusion very soon, fulfil our responsibility to the wider Church, and then devote our energies to building a strong and flourishing future for our own four parishes.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Fr Stephen



***New Reconciliation Schedule**

St. Patrick's in Ravena

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday after 9 AM Mass

St. Patrick's in Catskill

Tuesday & Wednesday after 8:30 AM Mass

2nd, 4th & 5th Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM

St. Mary's in Cossackie

Thursday & Friday after 9 AM Mass

St. Patrick's in Athens

Thursday & Friday after 8:30 AM Mass

1st & 3rd Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM

Church	Weekend Mass Times	Weekday Mass Times
St. Patrick's 66 Williams Street Catskill, NY 12414	Sunday 8:45 AM 2 nd 4 th & 5 th Saturday 4 PM	Tuesday 8:30 AM Wednesday 8:30 AM
St. Patrick's 24 N. Washington Street Athens, NY 12015	Sunday 10:45 AM 1 st & 3 rd Saturday 4 PM	Thursday 8:30 AM Friday 8:30 AM
St. Mary's 80 Mansion Street Cossackie, NY 12051	Sunday 7:30 AM Sunday 11:30 AM	Thursday 9:00 AM Friday 9:00 AM
St. Patrick's 21 Main Street Ravena, NY 12143	Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM	Monday 9:00 AM Tuesday 9:00 AM Wednesday 9:00 AM

In Love They Are Remembered

During November, we are called in a special way **“to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest.”**

Athens/Catskill

We continue our custom and invite you to bring framed pictures of your deceased loved ones, which will be placed in each church sanctuary throughout the month of November. Photos may be brought to the office or the church **by October 25**. Put the name of the person and the date of his/her death on a small card or label in one of the corners on the front of the picture.

Cossackie/Ravena

All are invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones to be placed on the Table of Remembrance for the month of November. Please include your name on the back so it doesn't get lost.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17

Athens 4:00 pm

Jaergen & Anna Wangberg by the family.
John Pulice by Mr. & Mrs. Labuff
Mildred Hynes (25th Anniversary in Heaven)
by James Hynes

Ravena 4:30 pm

Pat & Bill Fitzgerald by Barbara Burrows
Rita Hynes by Barbara Burrows
Mary Ann Jones by Kathy & Bob Jones

Sunday, October 18

Coxsackie 7:30 am

Rita Cole by Lorraine Tremmel

Athens 10:45 am

Chester Van Zandt by Darlene & Al Ramm
Peter Coons by Parish Families of Athens &
Catskill
Allen Hale by Parish Families of Athens & Catskill

Catskill 8:45 am

Stella Hokula by Angel & Maryellen Hernandez
Marie Reilly by Marion Overbaugh
For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's
Graduating Class of 1976

Coxsackie 11:30 am

Frances Kelly by the Gatt family

Ravena 9:30 am

Dianne Ringwald by her sister Claudia

Saturday, October 24

Catskill 4:00 pm

Deceased members of the DeLuca & Cornelius
families by William DeLuca Jr.
Mary Byrne & Mary Carpenter by family

Ravena 4:30 pm

Angelina & Frank Visconti by family
Marge Sumner by family

Sunday, October 25

Coxsackie 7:30 am

Uncle Carl by Anita Hynes
Rita Cole by Tom & Joan Burke

Athens 10:45 am

George Baker by Theresa Baker

Catskill 8:45 am

Angela & Joseph Pelegriano by Anthony Luvera
& family
Maureen Kelly by Maggie Rafferty
Evelyn & Francis Lubera by family

Coxsackie 11:30 am

Tony Gatt by the Gatt Family
Lavissiere Family by Christine and Michelle

Ravena 9:30 am

Deceased members of our parish

Remember In Your Prayers

Joanne Blasewitz ~ Lawrence Cox ~ Dave Darling ~ Bishop Pierre Dumas ~ The Residents of the Elliot ~ Patrick Emery
~ MaryAnn Gabriele ~ Ron Gabriele ~ Mitsy Gonzalez ~ The Residents of Greene Meadows ~ Mary Harchick ~ Cathy
Jessup ~ MaryAnn Kordich ~ Carleen Lewis ~ Michael McNeany ~ Peter Monteleone ~ Anthony Multari ~ Domenica
Multari ~ Frank A. Multari ~ Joan Pepia ~ The Residents of The Pines of Catskill ~ Tammy Proper ~ Tom Reischer ~ Wendy
Rex ~ Nicholas Scalera ~ Fr. Rick Shaw ~ Cecelia Sydlo ~ Nancy Turek ~ Laura Van Valkenburg ~ Linda Yannone

Finances

Weekend of September 26/27

Location	Attendance	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Catskill	147	\$2,260	\$353.17	\$2,613.17
Athens	71	\$1,707	\$389.45	\$2,096.45
Coxsackie	191	\$1,715	\$2,970	\$4,685
Ravena	191	\$4,735	\$2,020	\$6,755

Weekend of October 3/4

Location	Attendance	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Catskill	104	\$2,393	\$353.17	\$2,746.17
Athens	126	\$1,738	\$389.45	\$2,127.45
Coxsackie	155	\$2,147	\$1,853.43	\$4,000.43
Ravena	202	\$3,224	\$2,020	\$5,244

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday.

To set up eGiving, use the QR code or text **Assist** to the GivePlus Number

Athens



GivePlus:
(833) 612-6907

Catskill



GivePlus:
(833) 977-2609

Diocesan Appeal

The Holy Spirit inspires each of us to find a deeper sense of our individual missions and then to help one another to discover them to serve each other. Our diocesan family lifts us together in these responsibilities, aided through ministries funded through the Diocesan Appeal.

Be an active investor – join your fellow Catholics around the Diocese through generous support of your parish offertory AND the Diocesan Appeal at a level reflective of the role your faith has in your lives and your legacies!

The 2026/2027 Assessment for Athens is **\$10,747**

The 2026/2027 Assessment for Catskill is **\$7,753**

The 2026/2027 Assessment for Coxsackie is **\$32,553**

The 2026/2027 Assessment for Ravena is **\$34,724**



Thank you – with patience and your support, a brighter future is near!

Payments can be made online by going to thediocesanappeal.org

Today We Celebrate 100 Years of World Mission Sunday!

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment and is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal. Last year, Pope Leo asked: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision. Thank you for responding to the call!



Islam 101: Understanding Our Neighbors

Monday, October 19 @ 6:00pm at 66 William Street

Please call office to RSVP: 518-943-3150

Learn more about a faith understood by few, yet prominently featured in the media. Fr. Jim Kane, Interfaith Affairs Director for the Diocese, will offer an overview of Islam. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II during a 2001 visit to Syria: "Together we must proclaim to the world that the name of the one God is a name of peace and a summons to peace."

Confirmation Mass

Please come out to support our young people! All are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany on Sunday, October 25 at 2pm, where the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on our 2025-2026 class.

Spaghetti Dinner – Drive Thru Take Out

St. Patrick's Ravena's annual spaghetti dinner will be October 25, from 1-5pm, at Frese's Bakery (11 Clifford Street, Ravena). Proceeds will be used for building repairs.

Call 518-756-3145 for tickets.

\$15 Adults • \$7 Ages 5-12 • 4 & under free

Cornhole Coming to St. Patrick's Athens

Join St. Patrick's Athens on Wednesday nights starting October 28 for an evening of cornhole, laughs, and a little friendly competition.

==> Never played before?

No problem! Come from 5–6pm and we'll teach you everything you need to know. Learn the basics, practice your toss, and have some fun! All equipment is provided and lessons are FREE!

==> Already a cornhole player?

Come at 6pm and put your skills to the test! Enjoy some friendly, light competition against other players. **There is a \$10 entry fee.** Everyone is welcome!

For more information: robmuenkel@gmail.com

All Hallows Eve Party & Potluck Dinner

Our next community dinner will be Friday, October 30 at St. Mary's Cossackie. All are welcome – bring a friend! Party starts at 6pm. Kids are encouraged to come in family-friendly costumes. Face painting available for free.

Everyone who wishes to contribute may bring an appetizer or party food to share. Please call or text Nadine (518-610-0691) or Rachael (518-929-0136) to RSVP by October 24.



Board of Directors Seeking New Members

A great way to serve your community is by joining the Catholic Charities Board of Directors. Meetings are quarterly with materials provided ahead of time to maximize time spent in discussion. Meetings are four times a year with opportunities to be engaged as little or as much in other projects. For a no commitment conversation, contact Theresa in the Hudson office at 518-828-8660.

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation programs provide a fun, engaging faith education for children and youth in Pre-K through 12th grade.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Grades PreK-1 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass. Visitors welcome!

- 9:30am St. Patrick's (Ravena)
- 11:30am St. Mary's (Coxsackie)

Faith Formation Classes:

- PreK-8th grade at St. Mary's meets Sundays 10:30-11:15 AM
- PreK-6th grade at St. Patrick's Ravena meets after 9:30 AM Sunday Mass
- 7th - 8th grade at St. Patrick's Ravena meets Sundays at 7 PM
- 9th - 12th grade for all parishes meets at St. Mary's Sundays at 6 PM

Questions/Registration

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