



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



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*Keeping us connected during the Coronavirus Pandemic*

## **! 9:30 Mass Notice:**

We are aware that the sound is not loud enough on your TV and we regret that. This problem is with Mid-Hudson Cable and not the church.

We are working with Mid-Hudson Cable to resolve it, but because it is out of our hands, whenever this occurs, instead of watching on TV, please watch the Mass on the St. Patrick's Livestream Channel on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIRr4Mwue0TdsuS3HtWm4DA>

The sound on YouTube is consistently good. Thank you!

## **Fr. Scott's Sharing Spot**

Dear Friends...

Pope Francis has been looking for ways to strengthen all of us for the challenges of Coronavirus. Recently, he recommended that we all use the month of May, which has always been devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to reinvigorate our love for the Rosary. This powerful prayer has the might to make a big difference in our ability to endure this trial with grace.

Many of our parishioners pray the Rosary and get great strength from it. For years there has been a Tuesday evening Rosary group that prays together at St. Mary's. You could also often find a group of parishioners praying the Rosary together after weekday Mass at St. Patrick's or before the 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's. Many others remembering learning the Rosary as a child but have long since forgotten how to pray it. For a variety of reasons, others never learned it.

If you'd like to learn the Rosary or refresh your memory after a time away from the prayer, you can [click here](#) for an easy guide.

Pope Francis has also written two new concluding prayers for the Rosary to help us through this time of viral fear and uncertainty. [Click here](#) to access the full text of those prayers.

Some of my most powerful experiences with the Rosary have been when I have applied my own struggles to the prayers and the mysteries<sup>‡</sup>. I once sat by the bedside of my dying grandmother, and unsure of what day of the week it was because of my grief, I replaced the mysteries for each decade<sup>§</sup> of the Rosary with an era of her life. The first was her childhood, as one of 11, a daughter of Polish immigrants; the second, her meeting my grandfather and deciding to share her life with him; the third was motherhood; the fourth, her friendships with the key people who blessed her life; and finally her relationship with her grandchildren,

<sup>‡</sup> *Mystery* = an event from the life of Jesus that helps us to focus and direct our prayer

<sup>§</sup> *Decade* = set of 10 Hail Mary prayers

including me. It made the Rosary so meaningful in that moment and we prayed it holding hands, with her sometimes looking into my eyes, sometimes drifting off to sleep.

A friend of mine has done something similar with the Rosary during this time of pandemic. He recommends offering each of the mysteries for groups of people suffering from the challenges of these times in particular ways. Here are his beautiful suggestions below...

### **Joyful Mysteries** (traditionally prayed on Mondays and Saturdays)

- 1) The Annunciation  
*...pray for pregnant women*
- 2) The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth  
*...pray for the elderly*
- 3) The Nativity of Jesus  
*...pray for babies born during the Pandemic*
- 4) The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple  
*...pray for families, tested by the stresses of lockdown*
- 5) The Finding of Jesus in the Temple at Age 12  
*...pray that leaders of faith, science and government will work together for the good of all*

### **Luminous Mysteries** (traditionally prayed on Thursdays)

- 1) The Baptism of Jesus  
*...pray for Willow, Jackie, Dahlia, Ernesto, Jim, Lisa  
and all whose full communion with the Church has been delayed by the Pandemic*
- 2) The Wedding at Cana  
*...pray for all whose weddings, graduations and other celebrations have been cancelled*
- 3) The Proclamation of the Kingdom  
*...pray for doctors, nurses and health care workers*
- 4) The Transfiguration  
*...pray for essential employees and first responders*
- 5) The Institution of the Eucharist  
*...pray for sisters, priests, deacons, bishops, monks, brothers and those in formation*

### **Sorrowful Mysteries** (traditionally prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays)


- 1) The Agony in the Garden  
*...pray for the unemployed and small business owners*
- 2) The Scourging at the Pillar  
*...pray for all those with ongoing illnesses that can't get treatment because of the Pandemic*
- 3) The Crowning with Thorns  
*...pray for those already suffering from poverty, hunger, war and homelessness  
who now have this struggle on top of it*
- 4) The Carrying of the Cross  
*...pray for those sick with COVID-19*
- 5) The Crucifixion  
*...pray for all those who couldn't be with their loved ones as they died or have a funeral*

Perhaps as you pray this way...

- During the Our Father prayer at the start of each decade, you could hold before Mary the names of people you know who fit the intention for that decade.
- Then you could pray the 10 Hail Marys of the decade for people in the entire world who fit that intention.
- Devote the “Hail Holy Queen” prayer for every person in our world who has been forgotten, marginalized, pushed aside, judged or condemned – that mercy and love might be shown to all.
- End with one of Pope Francis’ [brand-new Rosary prayers for the Pandemic](#).

May Mary, Mother of God and our mother, embrace all her children in distress and pray to free us from our suffering. We all know that the love of a mother can do miracles.

Happy Mother’s Day...

Fr. Scott 

**Service to the Community**

**Call Bob Desrosiers | 518-444-8184**

### **FACE MASKS – A TRUE COMMUNITY EFFORT!**

Thanks to faith, hope, love and a remarkable dose of teamwork, we are truly making a difference in providing protection to limit the spread of this virus. There are many sewers who have contributed to this project who I’m sure we don’t know by name, but here are some people we truly wish to honor and thank on behalf of us all...

Coxsackie Sewers: Maria Mintz, Bonnie Persico, Melody Eldred,  
Missy Fitzpatrick, Sharen Neverra, Judy Cimino, Terry Baker,  
Lisa Gerrain, Joyce Picault, Susan Jones

Ravena Sewers: Diane Hoffman, Mary Anne Dennis, Jen Frick,  
Jeanne Biernacki, Darlene Biscone, Eileen Vosburgh, Catherine Amodeo

Because our total parish area population is over 25,000 people, the need for masks continues. **Could you please sew some masks for our efforts? If not, could you donate some fabric or elastic?**

There is a labeled box at the church entrances for your completed face masks. You can leave fabric donations on the tables next to the boxes. For assistance, please call **Maria Mintz** who began this ministry (and whose hands are surely aching from sewing) at **518-731-6704**.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SERVICE:**

If you wish to volunteer for any task that could be helpful, please contact Bob at [stmaryffo@aol.com](mailto:stmaryffo@aol.com) or 518-444-8184 to match your skills and abilities with people’s needs.

More than 20 Small Prayer groups are meeting on Zoom or over the phone across both parishes! Please contact Christa today and get connected to one... or form your own.

[Click here](#) to get a taste of how it works!

We post fresh prayer services every Monday by Noon on the St. Patrick’s Parish Homepage under the tab “Small Prayer Groups.” There are brief audio instructions there as well that guide you through the process of praying as a group. We’ve made it easy! So if you don’t want to join a formal group, go on our Homepage, get the materials, and do it yourself with family and friends.

**Online Schedule**

SUNDAY	9:30 = Mass (St. Patrick’s YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 3:00 = Praying in your home
MONDAY	By Noon = Prayer Service #6 for small groups posted on St. Patrick’s Homepage 3:00 = Praying in your home
TUESDAY	3:00 = Praying in your home
WEDNESDAY	3:00 = Praying in your home 4:00 = <b>Hymn sing led by Lisa &amp; Bob (Facebook Live)</b>
THURSDAY	3:00 = Praying in your home 7:00 = <b>Family/Youth Prayer Service (Facebook Live)</b> 7:00 = <b>Adult Education Group led by Deacon Mike (Zoom)</b> → <i>Interested in the Group? E-mail Deacon Mike at <a href="mailto:dcnmcd@aol.com">dcnmcd@aol.com</a></i>
FRIDAY	3:00 = Praying in your home
SATURDAY	3:00 = Praying in your home 4:30 = <b>Hymn sing led by John Vasto (Facebook)</b> 6:00 = <b>A Few Minutes in the Church: The Mass (Facebook Live)</b>
SUNDAY	9:30 = Sunday Mass (St. Patrick’s YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 3:00 = Praying in your home

We are here to serve – Home deliveries are available! New clients are always welcome!

Donations can be picked up by a volunteer... please call us if you can donate:

**Pancake Mix, Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, Mayonnaise, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Chicken Noodle Soup, Juice (Fruit Punch or Apple), Canned Tuna and/or Chicken Breast.**

Free food is available to residents of Coxsackie, Climax, Earlton, Medway & New Baltimore. Anyone who needs food can get it — there are no low-income requirements.

The Pantry is at **117 Mansion Street**, next to McQuade Park.

Come, park and stay in your car. A volunteer comes to fill out your shopping list, then fills your order. If you are new, bring a piece of mail addressed to you.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1-2 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7-8 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10-11 am</b>

Anyone who is quarantined or homebound can request home delivery, please call the Coxsackie Village Clerk Office at **518-731-2718**. You do not have to live in the Village of Coxsackie.

**ONE MINUTE IN CHURCH: THE MASS.**

Find us on FB live (and maybe IG live at the same time) as we chat for a few minutes each week about something interesting to look for when you watch Mass on Sunday. Join us live **Saturday evenings at 6 PM**. Watch for details on our social media platforms.

**CHECKING-IN WITH OTHER YOUTH**

We would love to form some youth 'check-in' groups similar to our adult Small Prayer Groups. Please connect with Christa or Bob if your youth is willing to join us - We will create the fellowship platform - you can bring the FUN! We are all in this together, let's make some memories - virtually!

Here's what some of your fellow parishioners have written in notes along with their donations and explanations about why they are increasing their giving....

- *“Here is a little something extra for all the on-line services, thank you for all you are doing!”*
- *“We have sent 3 months worth of giving now, we know you'll need the cash!”*
- *“I can't wait until we are able to come back to church!”*
- *“Enclosed please find my stimulus check, God bless!”*

**This generosity and spirit of sacrifice has touched us all deeply.  
Thank you all for your incredible love and support for our beloved parish communities.**

If you know someone who is infected with COVID-19, please let us know so we may all pray for them and reach out to their family, when appropriate.

**ELDERLY & HOMEBOUND CONNECTIONS**

Please volunteer to make phone calls to the elderly of our parish (those ill seniors on our Pastoral Care List and others who are not on the list but still would enjoy some conversation). Please contact Bob at [stmaryffo@aol.com](mailto:stmaryffo@aol.com) or 518-444-8184.

**ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN**

Requests may be forwarded to Michelle Fralick via email [chelli1126@aol.com](mailto:chelli1126@aol.com) or by phone at 518-756-9779. Michelle will share names and telephone numbers of the homebound to all the Pastoral Care ministers (normally who make visits on 1st Wednesdays of the month) so they can send cards or make occasional phone calls. Come get the name and address of a homebound parishioner from the back of the church and send someone an Easter card that will mean the world.

**ST. MARY'S PRAYER CHAIN**

Requests may be forwarded to Bob Desrosiers via e-mail at [stmaryffo@aol.com](mailto:stmaryffo@aol.com) or by phone at 518-444-8184. If anyone wishes to become a prayer chain team member, please contact Bob. There are lists of addresses of our homebound parishioners on a table as you enter church and it's updated weekly so you can pray for them and send them cards.

**Connecting with the Parishes****Online | Phone | E-Mail****SUNDAY MASS:**

9:30 AM on **St. Patrick's YouTube** channel (also on-demand)  
[Click here](#) and then subscribe  
and on **Mid-Hudson Cable channel 901** (live at 9:30 only)

**WEEKDAY MASS (On Facebook Live from Our Lady of Victory Parish, Troy)**

[Click here](#) to watch live at 8:30 AM Monday - Friday  
or on demand later in the day

**FR. SCOTT'S HOMILIES AND VIDEO MESSAGES:**

[Click here](#) and then subscribe

**FIND US ONLINE:**

Parish Websites (updated regularly)  
Facebook (updated daily)

**MY PARISH APP (Two Parishes, One App):**

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**INSTAGRAM (Two Parishes, One Instagram):**

[stmary's.stpatrick's](https://www.instagram.com/stmary's.stpatrick's)



**CHURCH BUILDINGS:**

Open daily from around dawn until around dusk

**PHONE** (voicemails checked daily):

St. Mary's Office = 518-731-8800

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

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Business Manager (Both Parishes): [parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com](mailto:parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com)