



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



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Keeping us connected during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Fr. Scott's Sharing Spot

Dear Parish Family...

There is an undeniable feeling of hope around us these days as more than a quarter of New Yorkers are now vaccinated from COVID-19. Plus, we have survived a winter of lockdown, one that we all dreaded, and have now come to the other side of that bleak time. The road ahead for us is still challenging, and there are many indications that this pandemic is far from over, but hope is alive, and spring is our daily reminder of that.

Another joy that is just around the corner for us is the ordination of five new priests for the Diocese of Albany! Kyle Gorenski, Nathan Resila and Stephen Yusko will all be ordained on Saturday, June 19 at 11:00 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany by Bishop Ed. In addition to those three names, which you may or may not recognize, are two we know well: **Matt Duclos and Dan McHale!**



Matt, 30, from Clifton Park, spent the summer of 2017 as a seminarian intern with us right before he shipped off to Rome for four years of study and preparation for this day. Dan, 40, from Stuyvesant (2 miles across the Hudson River from Coxsackie) came to speak about vocations in January 2017 and then spent much of the past four years with us as he's been attending seminary in Boston, when he often took up residence at the St. Patrick's rectory during his breaks and long weekends. Both of them are outstanding candidates and will be splendid parish priests.

Dan's father is a Greene County native, his mother is from Hudson and his Aunt Carol is a member of our parish, so to honor these roots, and his connection to us here in Ravena and Coxsackie, Dan will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving the day after he is ordained a priest on – *how perfect is this?* – **Father's Day, June 20 at 4 PM at St. Mary's in Coxsackie.** Along with his family & friends, Dan will invite his priest mentors, parishioners from Windham, Haines Falls & Palenville where he spent his first summer internship in 2017... and you!





Because of social distance regulations, we are not yet sure how many spots will be available to each parish, but we know it will be a significant amount, so please stay tuned for announcements and instructions on how you can possibly join us that day. If you've ever been to a Mass like this, you know it's not to be missed. We can't promise Father-to-be Dan won't be nervous, but we can promise he will be filled with grace and joy – and so will we.

It is your donations to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (formerly known as the Bishop's Appeal) that have funded Matt and Dan's tuition and room and board over the past four years of study... and that will now be used to fund those costs for the ordination class of 2022 and beyond. We can't thank you enough for all you have done to make this joyful time possible!

It's been a long, hard 13 months, and we certainly have suffered – which makes the infusion of hope we now get to feel an even bigger reason to celebrate and share our joy.

Your grateful pastor,

Fr. Scott ☺

P.S. Did you know that St. Mary's now has an official Livestream channel! [Click here](#) and then please hit . St. Patrick's Livestream channel now has 1,750 subscribers! If you're not one already, [click here](#) and hit  today!



Schedule

SUNDAY 4/18	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (for St. Pat's Parishioners A-L) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)
MONDAY 4/19	By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages
TUESDAY 4/20	11:00-12:00 = St. Patrick's Women's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's 5:30 = Confession (St. Mary's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 4/21	
THURSDAY 4/22	1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 4/23	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 4/24	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (for St. Mary's Parishioners M-Z) (also St. Mary's *new* YouTube channel)
SUNDAY 4/25	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (for St. Pat's Parishioners M-Z) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)

MONDAY 4/26	By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages
TUESDAY 4/27	11:00-12:00 = St. Patrick's Women's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary (St. Patrick's Church) 5:30 = Confession (St. Patrick's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 4/28	
THURSDAY 4/29	1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 4/30	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 5/1	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (for St. Mary's Parishioners A-L) (also St. Mary's *new* YouTube channel)
SUNDAY 5/2	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (for St. Pat's Parishioners A-L) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901)

Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

ANNUAL CROP WALK: Our local Christian Churches will once again sponsor the CROP Walk in just a couple of weeks. The Annual Walk raises awareness of and money to remedy local and world-wide hunger. CROP stands for “Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.” 25% of the money raised is kept here at our local Food Pantries.

RAVENA WALK:

Friday, April 30; 6:30- 8 PM beginning and ending at the plaza in front of St. Patrick's. Contact Eileen Vosburgh for more information at keltoneov@aol.com

COXSACKIE WALK:

Sunday, May 2; 2 – 3:30 PM beginning and ending at the Gospel Community Church. Contact Bob Desrosiers for more information at 518-731-9268 or stmaryfo@aol.com

Each year our parishes have 20-30 participants that join the other churches in the effort. There are walker packets and/or a sign up table at the entrance to both churches. If you don't wish to walk but wish to contribute, you may sponsor Bob Desrosiers or another walker with a donation (Bob's walker packet is also at the entrance to St. Mary's).



SAINT MARY'S CHURCH
DRIVE THRU
BAKED ZITI DINNER

Friday, May 7, 2021
 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Catered by Frese's Catering
 at
Village of Coxsackie Building
119 Mansion Street

Advanced Sales only - \$12
 Call for Tickets:
 518-731-2678
 Or purchase
 After all Masses at
 St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

To benefit the Repair & Renovations Fund

Annual Diocesan Appeal E-Mail Dawn Brownson | parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

If you haven't yet had a chance, it's not too late!

[Click here: donation made easy!](#)

ST. PATRICK'S

163 gifts so far
86% of donor goal (out of 190 gift goal)
 Total donations to date = * **\$50,446**
 * **104% of dollar goal**

ST. MARY'S

154 gifts so far
88% of donor goal (out of 175 gift goal)
 Total donations to date = * **\$42,194**
 * **94% of dollar goal**

Collections & E-Giving E-Mail Dawn Brownson | parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

IF YOU HAD A FUNERAL FOR A LOVED ONE WHO DIED OF COVID-19, YOU CAN BE REIMBURSED
 The Federal Government's Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is reimbursing up to \$7,000 for COVID-19 funerals. Please [click here](#) for more information and pass on to any family member who paid for a funeral.

Ravena							
9:30 Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
4/4	4/11	4/4	4/11	4/4	4/11	4/4	4/11
204	70	844	593	\$4,884.00	\$2,278.00	\$1,941.00	\$1,941.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Feb 14	\$3,721
Feb 21	\$4,651
Feb 28	\$4,608
Mar 7	\$6,326
Mar 14	\$3,446
Mar 21	\$5,808
Mar 28	\$5,671
Easter Svces	\$6,825
Apr 11	\$4,219

ENVELOPES, CHECKS & CASH GIFTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, BUT E-GIVING DOES WORK BEST

Might you like to give e-giving a try, knowing how much it helps the parish budget for the future and be assured of support, regardless of the weather, COVID restrictions or other unforeseen challenges? If so, [Click Here](#). Know that you can give it a try and later change your mind at any time.


Coxsackie							
4:30 Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10	4/3	4/10
238	61	\$6,143.00	\$1,343.00	\$2,465.00	\$2,465.00	\$1,875.00	\$170.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Feb 13	\$5,284
Feb 20	\$5,270
Feb 27	\$15,858
Mar 6	\$7,757
Mar 13	\$5,410
Mar 20	\$7,009
Mar 27	\$6,691
Easter Svces	\$10,483
Apr 10	\$3,978

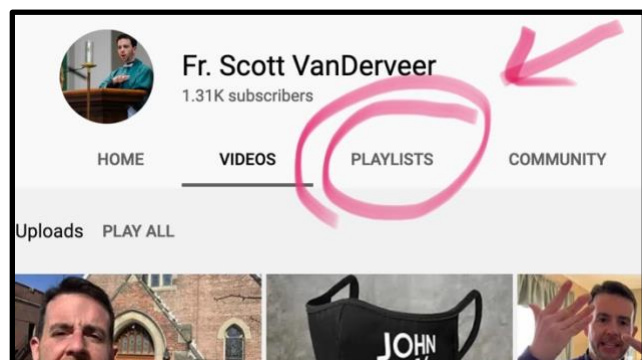
Our Food Pantry will contribute to a Mass Food Distribution Open to the Public:
Thursday, April 29; 12:30 to 5 PM at Mosher Park in Ravena... All are welcome!

YouTube Topic Playlists

FR. SCOTT'S VIDEO MESSAGES ARE NOW IN PLAYLISTS BY TOPIC!

Are you one of the 1,335 subscribers to Fr. Scott's YouTube Channel where every week he posts a new message about faith and life? If not, please check it out by [Clicking here](#) and then please hit .

Once you do that you can go to the **PLAYLISTS** tab and watch messages about topics like prayer, depression, relationships, healing, the Sacraments, Podcast interviews with local parishioners and much, much more.



High schoolers in Faith Formation are now using Fr. Scott's YouTube channel to access messages and homilies that connect to the topics they are exploring in the Faith Formation sessions. The feedback so far has been excellent.

Faith Formation Update for St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-444-8184

FIRST EUCHARIST

Our wonderful group of First Communicants completed their preparation for this amazing Sacrament by participating in the Jesus Festival on **Sat. April 17 at 10 AM**. They will then fully share in the Celebration of the Eucharist for the first time on **Sat. May 1 at 11 AM**.

CONFIRMATION 2021

This year's outstanding group of teens will complete their preparation with Immediate Preparation Sessions on **April 18 and 25 at 6 PM** in the Church. The St. Patrick's Ravena Confirmation Group will participate with us in the April 25 session will showcase a Teaching Mass Seminar by Fr. Scott followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and introduction to the "TAPA" Prayer lead by Christa Desrosiers.

The St. Mary's Group will participate as a group in the Annual Ecumenical CROP Walk on **Sunday, May 2 at 2 PM** and you can join them too!

We will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Scharfenberger on **Saturday, May 8 at 11 AM** here at St. Mary's along with the St. Patrick's Confirmation Group.

WEEKEND MASSES:

4:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's (by weekly invitation)

4:30 PM on **St. Mary's YouTube channel** (also on-demand)

[Click here](#) and then please subscribe

9:30 AM Sunday at St. Patrick's (by weekly invitation)

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)

FR. SCOTT'S HOMILIES AND VIDEO MESSAGES (New postings multiple times each week):

[Click here](#) and then please hit 

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

PROFILES OF ENDURANCE (Fr. Scott's Podcast)

Interviews with parishioners about facing life's challenges

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Sunday of the month 6:30-7:30 PM at St. Patrick's

MORNING PRAYER (Following the LITURGY OF THE HOURS)

Friday mornings at 8:00 at St. Mary's

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Tuesdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school

MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

1:00 - 2:00 PM on Thursdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school