



# 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...

On Sunday, we gathered the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade candidates for Confirmation from both parishes, along with their sponsors, and introduced them to a powerful method of prayer we call TAPA. The letters of the acronym TAPA outline four simple steps that anyone can follow if they have a few moments for prayer but are not sure how to use it. First THANK, then ADMIT, then PAUSE, then finally ASK.

- THANK: Let your mind go back over the day and think of all the things God has done for you  
ADMIT: Think of one situation from the day that God knows you know better than to have done.  
PAUSE: Sit in silence & let God speak in your heart, your mind or your gut, however God wants.  
ASK: Go through all the people and things you are worried about and seek God's help.

TAPA works no matter how much time you have to spend. Do you have 10 minutes? Spend 3 minutes thanking God, 1 minute admitting, 3 minutes in a silent pause and 3 minutes asking for help. Have 1 minute before the elevator comes or while your burrito is getting nuked? 15 seconds each of T-A-P-A can work wonders! Try it, you'll see what I mean.

As we begin the month of May, we remember the Catholic tradition of praying with, for and to Mary. This is the month we crown our Mother with flowers and honor all mothers, who receive their inspiration from her. Interestingly, while Catholic devotion to Mary continues to be robust, many have lost the strength of the connection that our people have enjoyed for so long with St. Joseph. Mary's husband is a very powerful role model and intercessor, so much so he has been named the patron saint of the whole Universal Catholic Church as well as the patron of all fathers and of all workers. Staying connected to him is both an inspiration and blessing.

Pope Francis wishes to blow on the embers of our love for St. Joseph by naming 2021 the "Year of Joseph." Our pope is encouraging us to reconnect with our devotion to Jesus' heroically brave and humble foster father. One of the prayer methods we can use to strengthen our connection is to reflect on the Seven Sorrows and the Seven Joys of Joseph. These moments of his life were visceral; not at all sugarcoated, but earthy and familiar, as just as St. Joseph himself is...

### THE SORROWS OF ST. JOSEPH

1. His doubts about Mary.
2. His pain at the lowly poverty of Jesus' birthplace.
3. Watching the circumcision, Jesus' first wound.
4. Listening to the painful prophetic message from Simeon.
5. Having to take the Holy Family into exile.
6. The hard trip back from Egypt.
7. The loss of Jesus for three days.

## THE JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH

1. The angel's message of joy.
2. The Savior's birth.
3. Having the honor of naming Jesus.
4. Knowing the effects of Jesus' redemptive work.
5. The idols of Egypt fell at Jesus' feet.
6. Holy life with Jesus and Mary.
7. Finding Jesus after three days.

Here's one suggested way to turn these Seven Sorrows & Joys into a weekly prayer cycle...

**Day 1:** St. Joseph, great was your sorrow when, in a state of uncertainty, you were inclined to quietly divorce Mary. But great was your joy when the angel revealed to you the mystery of Christ's Incarnation.

By this sorrow and this joy, we ask you to relieve all \_\_\_\_\_'s anxieties and doubts about their future and fill their hearts with confidence in the powerful protection of Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God.

*Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.*

**Day 2:** Glorious St. Joseph, chosen foster father of Jesus, great was your sorrow at seeing the Child Jesus born in such poverty. But great was your joy when you beheld the brightness of that holy night in which the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest..."

By this sorrow and this joy, we ask the grace that the Infant Jesus may again be born in the heart of \_\_\_\_\_ and that, blessed with the sweet peace of God, they may practice their faith with renewed joy.

*Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.*

**Day 3:** Beloved St. Joseph, you faithfully obeyed the law of God, and your heart was pained by the sight of the Precious Blood that was shed by the Infant Savior during His circumcision. But great was your joy when you gave Him the name of Jesus that would bring salvation to sinners. By this sorrow and this joy, obtain for \_\_\_\_\_ the grace to one day die with the Holy Name of Jesus in their hearts and on their lips.

*Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.*

**Day 4:** Most faithful St. Joseph, great was your grief when, at the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, you heard Simeon's prophecy of the future sufferings of Jesus and Mary. But how great was your joy when Simeon foretold that Jesus would be the light for the revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of God's people.

By this sorrow and this joy, we pray that you assist \_\_\_\_\_, that through the light and the power of the Sorrowful Mother, they may see the help God constantly offers them, and praise and thank God for all these graces.

*Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.*

**Day 5:** Most watchful guardian of the Infant Jesus, great was your grief when, obeying the voice of the angel, you fled to Egypt with Mary & the Infant Jesus. But how great was your joy to have God with you on the way and to see the idols of false gods fall prostrate before the God of All.

By this sorrow and this joy, I pray that you help \_\_\_\_\_ to banish addiction from their life so that God alone may reign in them.

*Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.*

**Day 6:** Glorious St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, great was your sorrow when, upon the return from Egypt, you learned that a cruel king was reigning in Judea. But great was your joy when the angel of God directed you to go to Nazareth where you lived peacefully with Jesus and Mary until your happy death.

By this sorrow and this joy, I ask that you assist \_\_\_\_\_ that they may overcome all attacks

of despair and die one day in peace.

*Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.*

**Day 7:** St. Joseph, patron of the seeking, great was your sorrow when you accidentally lost the Child Jesus for three days. But how great was your joy when you found Him in the Temple. By this sorrow and this joy, we ask you to help \_\_\_\_\_ to not lose sight of their Savior in their hurt and anger, but to find Him in the temple of their hearts.

*Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.*

Can you see how beautifully these prayers could connect you to St. Joseph, Mary, Jesus, the Father and our loved ones in pain and struggle? May the humble love and faithful friendship of St. Joseph be with you, inspire you and bless you, during the days of this pandemic and always.

With love and devotion,

Fr. Scott ☺

### Schedule

SUNDAY 5/2	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (for St. Pat's Parishioners A-L) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 6:30 = Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's. (All are welcome, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays!)
MONDAY 5/3	By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages
TUESDAY 5/4	11:00-12:00 = St. Patrick's Women's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's <b>5:30 = Confession (St. Mary's)</b> 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 5/5	
THURSDAY 5/6	1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 5/7	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 5/8	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (for St. Mary's Parishioners M-Z) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
SUNDAY 5/9	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (for St. Pat's Parishioners M-Z) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901)
MONDAY 5/10	By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages

TUESDAY 5/11	11:00-12:00 = St. Patrick's Women's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary (St. Patrick's Church) <b>5:30 = Confession (St. Patrick's)</b> 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 5/12	
THURSDAY 5/13	1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 5/14	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 5/15	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (for St. Mary's Parishioners A-L) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
SUNDAY 5/17	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (for St. Pat's Parishioners A-L) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901)

### Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

**ANNUAL CROP WALK:** **This Sunday, May 2; 2 – 3:30 PM** beginning and ending at the Gospel Community Church. Contact Bob Desrosiers at 518-731-9268 or [stmaryffo@aol.com](mailto:stmaryffo@aol.com)

### GIVE CHRISTIAN COMFORT TO IMMIGRANT FAMILIES CAUGHT “IN LIMBO”

This May, as we remember our mothers and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, let us offer mercy to our brothers and sisters at the border, including the little ones. A Syracuse-area parish is partnering with Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas to bring Christian love and comfort to the countless immigrant children and families at the Southern border.

During May, consider doing one or more of these Corporal Works of Mercy...

- Write a loving note of welcome
- Purchase gift cards from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$20
- Make a check to All Saints Church with “Border Mercy” in the memo

All Saints Church  
1342 Lancaster Ave.  
Syracuse, NY 13210

And here's a simple message in Spanish you could possibly add to your message:

**¡Bienvenidos hermanos!**

**Los queremos**

**y los tenemos en nuestras oraciones.”**

*“Welcome, brothers & sisters!*

*We love you*

*and we have you in our prayers.”*

### RICE BOWL CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES A ROUSING SUCCESS!

Over \$2,500 collected from our parishes for **Catholic Relief Services**. Thank you for your generosity!

**St. Mary's - \$1,424.79**

**St. Patrick's - \$1,136.19**

### ST. MARY'S COLUMBIETTES MEETING

**May 20th at 2:00 PM in Maria Hall.** All members are asked to please attend, as the future of our Organization will be discussed. Masks and distancing will be followed.

This Friday!



**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 Cossackie 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](mailto:parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com)

**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**

It's not too late!

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

**Collections & E-Giving**

E-Mail Dawn Brownson | [parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com](mailto: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	
4/18	4/25	4/18	4/25	4/18	4/25	4/18	4/25
62	82	597	586	\$2,970.00	\$4,373.00	\$1,941.00	\$1,941.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
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
Apr 18	\$4,911
Apr 25	\$6,314

**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	
4/17	4/24	4/17	4/24	4/17	4/24	4/17	4/24
89	80	\$2,837.00	\$1,716.00	\$2,465.00	\$2,465.00	\$1,016.00	\$375.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
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
Apr 17	\$6,318
Apr 24	\$4,556

## Food Pantry at St. Patrick's

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

Food Pantry is Open **Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 AM** and **Wednesdays 6–7 PM**.  
Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your donations!

## Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Marianne McCool | 518-756-9184

Spread the word! We are open once again! Come visit **Saturday mornings from 9:00–Noon**.

## Help Needed

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

A parishioner of St. Patrick's is looking for someone to perform some minor maintenance and repairs around her home. She is willing to pay for the services. Please call the St. Patrick's rectory office with your information if you are interested.

## Faith Formation Update for St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Congratulations to our wonderful 2nd graders as they celebrated their First Communion this morning, May 1. We are excited as they now join us at the Lord's table at weekly Eucharist!

Jackson Bliss	Douglas Hendrie IV	Braden Martin	
Martin Knowles	Raegan Rochler	Daniela Starke	Avery Smith

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** This year's outstanding group have completed their preparation on April 25 along with the Confirmation Group from Ravenna with a teaching Mass presentation followed by Eucharistic Adoration and TAPA Prayer lead by Fr. Scott and Christa Desrosiers. 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.

The St. Mary's Group will participate as a group in the **Annual Ecumenical CROP Walk on Sunday May 2 at 2 PM** beginning and ending at Gospel Church on Mansion St. Candidates have sought sponsors to raise funds to alleviate hunger.

## Connecting with the Parishes

Online | Phone | E-Mail

### 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)**

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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