



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

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family both near and far away,

This weekend, I will speak at our Masses on the rollout of the annual Diocesan Appeal. It's our opportunity to consider how we, as parishioners and parish families, support a share in the many ministries that serve people in need all across our 14 county Diocese of Albany. For our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's communities, perhaps the most personal ministerial connection we enjoy with our Diocese is with the seminarians we've hosted for summer assignments in the last few years. We support the education of future priests of our Diocese who will serve you in the decades to come. Please watch your mailboxes next week for more news.

Two of my favorite days on the liturgical calendar are coming soon... All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day... November 1st and 2nd. This year, it's a little different. When November 1st falls on a Saturday or a Monday that means the Church does not consider All Saints Day to be a holy day of obligation. Still for many of us, All Saints Day is a day we want to gather and pray.

There will be an All Saints' Day Mass at St. Mary's on Monday, November 1st at 6 pm. All are welcome to come and pray. On Tuesday, November 2nd, there will be an All Souls' Day Mass at St. Patrick's at 6 pm. Again, all are welcome to come and pray for our loved ones, our sacred dead.

A special note for All Souls' Day: with the pandemic, there are many families who have suffered the loss of a loved one but were unable to attend a funeral Mass or a burial. If you would like to remember the death of a loved one at our All Souls' Day Mass on the 2nd, please call our St. Patrick's parish office and share the name of your loved one. We will remember them on All Souls' Day and you are invited to come to Mass that night.

Let me express my personal thanks to the people of our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's communities. In the weeks before I arrived, Fr. Scott had asked you to continue wearing masks at Mass out of consideration of our parishioners who cannot be vaccinated (our children and those with immuno-related health challenges). I have asked you to do this too, for the people we love. Thank you for your positive response.

Each week, I have met parishioners who are returning to Mass, some for the first time since the pandemic began. For some, there is anxiousness about being close to one another in public settings for the first time in a long time. I think we can understand that feeling. Our schools are operating with three foot distancing and masks. As we sit in our pews, please be conscious of providing a few feet of space between us. Providing some space can help our returning folks feel more at home at Mass. Please help us welcome our friends back.

Together we seek the Lord!
Fr Joe

Schedule

SUNDAY 10/17	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 10/18	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 10/19	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's 11:00 = Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 5:30 = Reconciliation (St. Mary's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 10/20	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 10/21	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 10/22	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 10/23	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 10/24	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 10/25	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 10/26	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's 11:00 = Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's Church (All are welcome!) 5:30 = Reconciliation (St. Patrick's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 7:00 = Pastoral Council Meeting (St. Patrick's)
WEDNESDAY 10/27	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's

THURSDAY 10/28	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 10/29	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 10/30	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 10/31	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)

Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

MORNING PRAYER WITH EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition is held Monday and Tuesday mornings at 8am at St. Mary's and Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9am at St. Patrick's.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during its Exposition on the Altar is a form of meditative or contemplative prayer practiced in the Catholic Faith. We believe that the consecrated Host, although retaining the appearance and form of bread, is in reality the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, in physical reality before us. Its origins go back to the Middle Ages. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.

Join us one morning to learn more.

ALL SAINTS DAY and ALL SOULS DAY

November is a special month in the Catholic Church; it is known as the month of remembrance. We begin the month by celebrating All Saints, a feast that honors the saints in Heaven – those who have been canonized and those that have not. The next day, we celebrate the All Souls. The doctrine of the communion of saints tells us that the sacrifices and prayers of each Christian are able to help all, so the Church on earth joins the saints in heaven in praying for all those who have died, especially through the Mass. (The custom of praying for the deceased is actually found in the Old Testament [2 Maccabees 12:38-46].)

In our parishes, we honor our deceased loved ones and parishioners in a very special way. During the entire month of November in the sanctuaries of both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's, you will see an 'Altar of Remembrance.' We invite you to bring in framed photos of your deceased family members or friends whom you wish to pray for during the month of November. The Altar will be ready near the end of October to receive your photos, but you may drop them off early at the Rectory, and we will place them on the Altar of Remembrance. The one thing we ask, please put a piece of masking tape on the back of the frame with your name so that we know who the picture belongs to, should you not be around when we remove the Altar at the end of the month.

St. Mary's and St. Patrick's churches will have Masses available for All Saints and All Souls, and though the Church tells us that the Feast of All Saints is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we invite you to attend both Masses as you are able to pray with all the Saints of Heaven and for all who have died.

All Saints Day will be celebrated at St. Mary's, Coxsackie at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 1

All Souls Day will be celebrated at St. Patrick's, Ravena at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 2

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”



Both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes are in need of volunteers to fill various roles at Mass on the weekend. Some roles may require you to arrive at church 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass. We are particularly looking for lectors for the 11:30 Mass, but need altar servers, greeters, and ushers for all four Masses. If you have an interest in learning more please call either of the offices. Training will be provided. We would like to have enough people to fill these roles so that you will only be called upon once every 6-8 weeks.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

We would like to resume this fellowship activity. Before COVID, we had 5 Coffee Hour Teams which we need in order to resume. A team for the weekend consists of a set-up person and two (2) persons teams (per Mass) to facilitate serving after each Mass (5 total). At the 11:30 Mass the servers also clean-up (which is minimal). Right now we have one full team and Patty McCarroll as a Set-up person for a second team. In order to resume, we need an overall coordinator, 3 volunteers to be the set-up person for 3 more teams and volunteers to be servers. **We won't resume Coffee Hour until all 5 teams are intact.** If you feel called to serve our church in this ministry, please contact Bob Desrosiers at 518 731-9268 or stmaryffo@aol.com.



Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 7, 2021**, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, clocks are set back one hour.

St. Patrick's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 1:00 - 5:00 PM DRIVE THRU - TAKE OUT ONLY

ADULTS - \$13 AGE 5-10 - \$6 4 AND UNDER - FREE

50/50 RAFFLE

\$500 HEATING FUEL - PERSICO OIL 58" TV \$100 & HANDMADE AFGHAN
90 DAY FULL SERVE GIFT CARD GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL RESTAURANTS

TICKETS: ON SALE IN THE ST. PATRICK'S RECTORY AND AFTER MASS.
TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AT ST. MARY'S AFTER SUNDAY MASSES.

MONTHLY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE – 2nd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

(Except December) November 10, 2021. All are welcome at 7:00 PM for prayer & praise followed by a 7:30 liturgy at Christ Our Light Roman Catholic Church (1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211).

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Cleaning at St. Patrick's

Danielle Parks | 518-756-3230

Volunteers are needed to clean the church every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Contact Danielle Parks at 518-756-3230.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations!
We are in need of the following non-perishable food items:

Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta Meals, Chicken Noodle, Cream of Mushroom and Vegetable Soups, Pancake Syrup, Lunch Box Snacks, Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Peas, Green Beans, Apple Juice and Cookies, Instant Potatoes and Pasta. Personal Care Item: Toothpaste

Food Pantry is Open: Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 AM and Wednesdays 6–7 PM.

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 518-582-3300

Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours are Tuesday afternoons 1 - 2 PM, Thursday nights, 7 - 8 PM and Saturday mornings 10 - 11 AM. The food pantry is located behind the DHL Fire Department.

Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Marianne McCool | 518-756-9184

Come visit **Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 PM** or **Saturday mornings from 9:00 – Noon.**

(Could you volunteer on Saturdays from 9:00 – Noon? We could use your help.)

REVERENCE FOR ALL SOULS From Albany Diocesan Cemeteries

All Souls Committal Memorial Service
Scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 2:00pm
St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Ave. Menands, NY 12204

Albany Diocesan Cemeteries offers a wide range of options for the reverent disposition of cremated remains.

However, without pre-planning, often families are unsure what to do when an urn containing the cremated remains is returned to a family by the funeral director.

In a special service on All Souls Day, St. Agnes Cemetery will provide free entombment of cremated remains for Catholic families who have cremated remains they wish to entomb.

If you have cremated remains of a loved one that you would like to entomb, please contact us before November 1st at (518) 463-0134 or Info@ADCemeteries.org.

FALL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP From Albany Diocesan Cemeteries

The fall general clean-up for our cemeteries will begin on Monday, November 1 in all Albany Diocesan Cemeteries. Lot owners are requested to remove any decorations they wish to save before November 1. [Read more](#) information regarding decoration regulations in Albany Diocesan Cemeteries.

Medicare Enrollment 2022

Medicare Enrollment 2022 runs between October 15 and December 7, 2021. During this annual enrollment period, individuals who qualify for Medicare can renew or change their Medicare policies.

Greene County Department of Human Services' counselors are available to assist you through the process of enrolling for the first time or in changing your existing plan. They have the new rates and updates for the plans in our area.

Counseling sessions can be completed through telephone calls, followed by sending you written material to review. When needed, face-to-face in the office meetings are available. For further information or to schedule an appointment with an insurance counselor, please call **Rachel at 518-719-3556**.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

[See Contact Information below](#)

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, **October 22-24, 2021** at the **Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna**. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160, or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact:

1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Youth & Faith Formation of St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

FAITH FORMATION 2022:

Please pay attention to Faith Formation Schedules. If you haven't received the separate schedules for Grades K-6, Grades 7-9 and Grade 10, please contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com.

Second Grade Sacramental: Preparation for 1st Reconciliation – At the last class the Family Take Home Program was passed out to those who were able to attend the session. Bob will work to get the program to the families that were unable to attend.

World Youth Day Celebration with Grade 10/Confirmation Rite of Entrance: We will celebrate The Annual World Youth Day at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday November 7. At that Mass we will also have the Rite of Entrance for our Confirmation Group. Please come and celebrate all of our youth and recognize our Confirmation Group! We as a Church Community walk the journey with our Candidates.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS still NEEDED FOR GRADES 7 & 8

Could God be calling you to do this vital work for our young people in the years leading up to their confirmation in the faith? Please contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryoff@aol.com or 518-731-9268. He is currently covering these two groups.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

We hope to resume the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30 AM Mass. Since last year, we have lost almost all of our Teen Catechists to graduation! Right now we have **3** teams; it works best with **4 or 5** so that each team serves about once a month. If there are any youth (7th grade or higher) who wish to serve in this ministry, please let Bob Desrosiers know. The goal is to resume the program with a full complement of teams as soon as possible.

We invite our young families and their 4-6 year old children to take part in our Children's Liturgy of The Word program. This is a wonderful way to introduce the Gospels to our youngest children.

Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson | parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, October 24**, Catholics worldwide will participate in the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday. In prayer at Mass and through the contributions to this special collection, the faithful support the Missions and missionaries who build up the Church in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). He reminds us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

Envelopes for Fuel and Food Pantry Collections at St. Patrick's

For those who do not use envelopes or for people who would like to make a dedicated donation we now have envelopes in the back of the church for the Fuel Collection and for the Food Pantry. Feel free to make a donation using these envelopes at any time during the year.

The Fuel Collection is taken up four times a year with the next collection scheduled for November 14th. There are not specific dates for the Food Pantry Collection.

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
10/3	10/10	10/3	10/10	10/3	10/10	10/3	10/10
157	167	236	205	\$4,765.00	\$3,110.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Aug 15	\$4,423
Aug 22	\$4,605
Aug 29	\$3,985
Sept 5	\$4,925
Sept 12	\$5,650
Sept 19	\$3,145
Sept 26	\$2,952
Oct 3	\$6,785
Oct 10	\$5,130

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Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
10/3	10/10	10/3	10/10	10/3	10/10	10/3	10/10
144	127	\$2,618.00	\$2,185.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$160.00	\$400.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Aug 14	\$6,118
Aug 21	\$5,002
Aug 28	\$4,982
Sept 4	\$5,122
Sept 12	\$5,857
Sept 19	\$5,731
Sept 26	\$6,559
Oct 3	\$5,748
Oct 10	\$5,555

WEEKEND MASSES:

4:30 PM Saturday Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome)

7:30 AM Sunday Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!)

9:30 AM Sunday Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)

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 Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!)

11:30 AM on **St. Mary's YouTube** channel (also on-demand)

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

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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. JOE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES:

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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