



# 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,

I have two things I'd like to share today: our participation in the Diocesan Appeal and Pope Francis' invitation for all the baptized to voice their dreams and ideas for the Synod of Bishops.

**The Diocesan Appeal** When I spoke with you at our Masses two weekends ago on the Appeal, I recounted how my experience of my extended family reminded me of our diocesan family. I have a grandmother, aunts and uncles and over 50 first cousins. We all strive to stay close to our families but it can be hard to stay in touch with the details of their lives. We may not get the chance to see each other that often, try as we might to renew relationships and stay in touch.

With so much going on in my life, the Holy Spirit helps keep me renewed and aware of those around me, whether they are my extended family, my parish family (families) or my sisters and brothers in Christ all around the world. Come, Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth!

Our diocesan family lives in 14 counties and 124 parishes. Our diocesan family includes our seminarians who have been welcomed so warmly by our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's families. (I spoke with the Vocations Director and we can look forward to hosting another seminarian next summer!) Our very diverse diocesan family also includes seniors and families who turn to Catholic Charities, children in our Catholic schools, college chaplains, and diocesan ministries that support parishes and individuals who turn to the Church for help.

Many of you have received information about the Appeal in the mail. I ask that you and your family prayerfully consider how we support our whole diocesan family. Please watch for the posters at church and check our website or, <https://thediocesanappeal.org/>, for more Appeal information.

**Pope Francis calls us to share our voices** In the modern era, the Pope, beginning with Pope Paul VI in 1965, gathers the bishops of the world every few years to address topics in the life of the Church. Pope Francis has called a Synod on the Family, a Synod on Young People, and Synod on the Amazon, and for 2023, a Synod on Synodality.

A Synod on Synodality? While the phrase may sound a little odd, the Synod is all about how we can be a Church that listens to all the baptized. We're a church that values communion, the way we join together, the way we strive to be one in faith. Is everyone's voice being heard? Pope St. John Paul II "opened wide the doors to Christ" to celebrate a new millennium. Our churches are emptier than they used to be. Could it be the pandemic? Or how we listen or don't listen to each other? How can we bring Christ to others and make new disciples?

Listening can lead to better understanding. We can walk with one another even if we don't fully understand. Listen and learn. Together, we can reflect on our shared life in Jesus. Shared experiences can help us to live in communion, increase participation and open us to the mission of Jesus. This is where the Synod is going and Pope Francis invites us all to take part.

You can follow the work of the Synod in the Evangelist, on the Diocese's website (rcda.org) and in our newsletter and websites. Our diocese is currently developing the methods we'll use to participate in the Synod. I will do my best to keep you informed.

Together we seek the Lord!

Fr Joe

## Schedule

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 <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )
MONDAY 11/1	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages <b>6:00 = All Saints Day Mass, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)</b>
TUESDAY 11/2	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!) <b>6:00 = All Souls Day Mass, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)</b> 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 11/3	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 11/4	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 11/5	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 11/6	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 11/7	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> ) 6:30 = Eucharistic Exposition at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
MONDAY 11/8	8:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Mary's By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages

TUESDAY 11/9	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!) <b>5:30 = Reconciliation (St. Patrick's)</b> 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 7:00 = Parish Council, St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 11/10	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 11/11	9:00 = Prayer with Eucharistic Exposition, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 11/12	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 11/13	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 11/14	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Patrick's YouTube channel</a> or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also <a href="#">St. Mary's YouTube channel</a> )

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



Blessed Sacrament School, Albany, is seeking a First Grade Teacher for an immediate opening. Qualified candidates should possess a Master's Degree and teaching experience is preferred. Applicants should forward their resume to Principal, Maureen Daurio at [mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net](mailto:mdaurio@blessedsacramentschool.net) or call the School Office at 518-438-5854

### MOTHER McAULEY COLUMBIETTES

Reminder that the Mother McAuley Columbiettes will meet on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 7:00pm in Room 4 of St. Patrick's Parish Center. If you would like to join us, please contact Patricia Visconti, at 518-756-9569.

## REMINDER - DONATIONS FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Whenever a parishioner seeks to request that a Mass be offered for a loved one (most often for a loved one who has died), it is customary to offer the parish a donation, which is referred to officially as a Mass Stipend. Recently, Bishop Scharfenberger agreed that the time had come to increase the suggested amount for the donation to \$15.

Please consider this suggestion when requesting Mass intentions for loved ones. Thank you!



Both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of 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 our Parish 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. A team for the weekend consists of a set-up person and two (2) persons (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 is a Set-up person for a second team. If you feel called to serve our church in this ministry, please contact Bob Desrosiers at 518 731-9268 or [stmaryffo@aol.com](mailto:stmaryffo@aol.com).

## UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please use last page of this Newsletter to update your contact information. Thank you!

## MONTHLY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE – 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

(Except December) **November 10, 2021**. Presider: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger. 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). [AlbanyCCR.org](http://AlbanyCCR.org)

### Cleaning at St. Patrick's

Danielle Parks | 518-756-3230

Volunteers are still needed to clean the church every other Thursday from 9:30 AM – noon. If you can spare some time and are interested in helping clean our church please contact Danielle Parks at 518-756-3230. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### 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 items:

**Cookies, Lunch Box Snacks, Pancake Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, Instant Potatoes, Oatmeal, Liquid Dish Detergent, and Liquid Hand Soap.**

Also, the Pantry is requesting monetary donations to assist with the cost of providing baskets to families for Thanksgiving. A donation of \$25 goes a long way in covering the cost of the basket. However, all donations are greatly appreciated. There are Food Pantry envelopes in the back of the Church.

As in years past the Pantry asks those attending the Thanksgiving Mass to bring a non-perishable food item to help restock the shelves.

**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 at 117 Mansion Street in the D.M. Hamilton Steamer #2 Fire Station, next to McQuade Park. .

### 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.)

### HEAP & EAP

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps income eligible customers with their home heating bills. To learn more visit: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/> or call the Hotline at 1-800-342-3009.

Enrollment in the Energy Affordability Program (EAP), which provides a monthly bill discount, is automatic with receipt of a HEAP payment. The EAP discount continues for those who app for HEAP annually. To learn more visit [ngrid.com/discout](http://ngrid.com/discout).

### Youth & Faith Formation of St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

#### FAITH FORMATION 2022:

If you haven't received your schedules for Grades K-6, Grades 7-9 and Grade 10, please contact Bob Desrosiers at [stmaryffo@aol.com](mailto:stmaryffo@aol.com).

**Second Grade Sacraments: Preparation for First Reconciliation** – At the last class the Family Take Home Program was passed out 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: 11:30 Mass on Sunday, November 7.** At that Mass we will also have the Rite of Entrance for our Confirmation Group. Celebrate our youth and recognize our Confirmation Group! Our Community walks with our Candidates.

#### VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS still NEEDED FOR GRADES 7 & 8

Could God be calling you to this vital work for our young people? Please contact Bob Desrosiers at [stmaryoff@aol.com](mailto:stmaryoff@aol.com) or 518-731-9268. He is currently covering these two groups.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

We hope to resume 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.

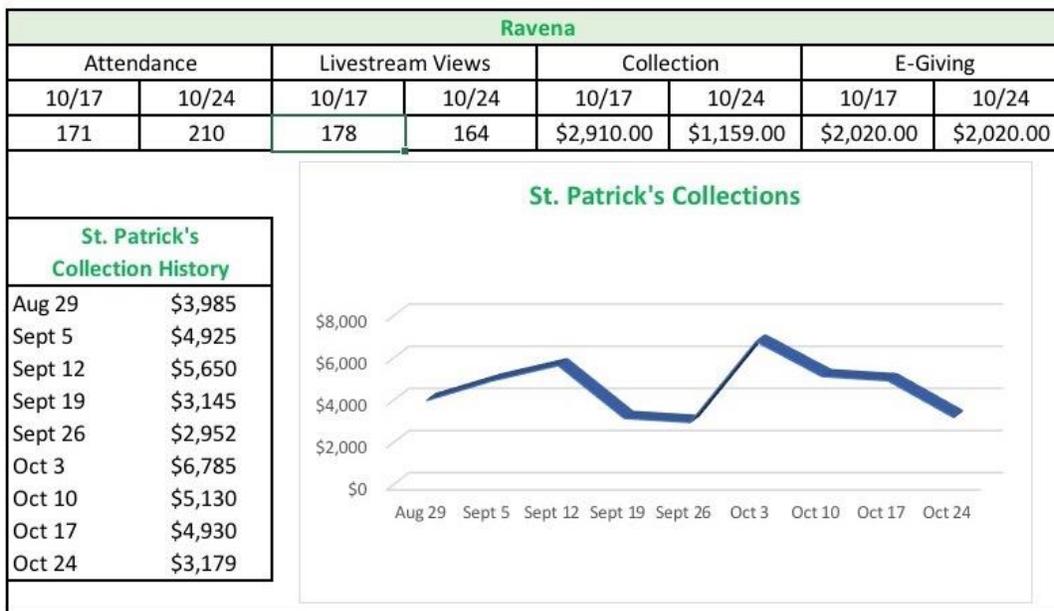
Bring the joy of CHRIST to kids who may never get a Christmas present! **BOX OF JOY** is a Catholic outreach to some of the poorest nations in our hemisphere. It's simple - pick up a shoebox after Mass or in the Parish Office at either church, fill it with some essentials and goodies (a list of suggestions is provided!) and return it to Mass or the Parish Office before Nov 14th and Bless a child! If you don't have time/ability to fill a box, you can leave a monetary donation marked "**BOX OF JOY**" and we will buy supplies to fill some extra boxes for you!



**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 next Fuel Collection is scheduled for November 14th. There are not specific dates for the Food Pantry Collection.



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Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
10/17	10/24	10/17	10/24	10/17	10/24	10/17	10/24
157	139	\$1,438.00	\$1,781.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$191.00	\$0.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
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
Oct 17	\$4,599
Oct 24	\$4,751

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**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)

[Click here](#) and then please subscribe

**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:**

[Click here](#) and then please hit



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Parish Facebook Pages (updated daily)

**CONTACT US BY PHONE:**

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

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

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



**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

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## TO UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

In an effort to keep our records up-to-date, please provide the following information and place in the collection receptacle or email to the address below. We want to be sure we are able to contact you and keep you up to date on important announcements.

St. Mary's Church \_\_\_\_\_  
80 Mansion Street  
Coxsackie, NY 12051  
518-731-8800

St. Patrick's Church \_\_\_\_\_  
21 Main Street  
Ravena, NY 12143  
518-756-3145

[parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com](mailto:parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com)

Check above the parish of which you are a member. Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members Living at this Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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