



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,

There is so much news about the Synod called by Pope Francis: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” The Pope is calling the Church to be a missionary Church, not confined to itself but one that is active in our daily world. He advocates listening, discernment and synodality. We can take the root of the word “synod” which is about walking together. That requires listening. In our society today, we’ve seen that listening and walking together can be a challenge for many of us.

The Pope really believes all voices have to be heard and there are a lot of voices right now. It often seems like everybody’s doing the talking and nobody’s doing the listening. The public discourse in our county often seems focused on challenge and insult which will not encourage people to be in a listening or synodal frame of mind.

Pope Francis encourages us to actually hear what one another is saying and then realize that we have to come to more common places to move forward. To be a missionary Church for one another is about proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, and by walking with people, being open to encountering Christ alive and active in our sisters and brothers.

In 2013 when Pope Francis was new in office, he began to speak about the importance of synodality. Let me share something from the experience of the Synod on the Family and the Synod on Young People. For example, for the synod on youth, he said that we just can’t have a synod of bishops about young people without significant involvement from youth. So he made sure there was a listening process on every continent that invited youth to participate. Questionnaires were distributed by the bishops’ conferences in every country. He was deliberate about making sure that all youth were invited, including who had drifted from our faith, and youth from Christian and non-Christian faiths as well.

The same approach held true when Pope Francis sought broad input from families of all kinds for the Synod on the Family. We can learn from many voices when we walk together and listen.

I invite you and your family, your household to participate in this Synod for a Synodal Church. At this time, our Diocese is seeking input from the widest, most diverse gathering possible using online sessions. The next session is on Tuesday, February 8th with a morning group at 10 am and an evening group at 7 pm; the theme is “All the Baptized – Co-responsible for Mission.’

For information and registration, let me refer you to: www.rcda.org/synod For reference, you can also view two earlier sessions by accessing this rcda.org/synod site.

Also, you can register for a session at: webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/

Blessings, Fr. Joe O’Brien

Schedule

SUNDAY 2/6	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 2/7	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 2/8	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's Rosary following Weekday Mass, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 5:30 No Reconciliation today St. Patrick's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 7:00 Prayer and Worship St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 2/9	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5 2:00 Building and Grounds St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 2/10	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
FRIDAY 2/11	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 2/12	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 2/13	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 2/14	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 2/15	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's Rosary following Weekday Mass, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 11:00 Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Classroom 5 5:30-6:30 Reconciliation, St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)

WEDNESDAY 2/16	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 2/17	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 2/18	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 2/19	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 2/20	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)

Please Note: When RCS or CA schools are closed or delayed due to bad weather the respective Churches will not have Mass or prayer and the respective Parish Office will be closed.

Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

Monthly Catholic Charismatic Mass & Healing Service – 2nd Wednesday of Each Month (except December) February 9th, 2022. Presider is Fr. Dan McHale. All are welcome at 7:00 PM for prayer & praise followed by Mass, 7:30, at Christ Our Light Roman Catholic Church (1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211). WWW.AlbanyCCR.org

Calling Potential Choir Members! St. Mary's and St. Patrick's choirs are looking for members to help with their music ministry. Did you know along with the social benefits of joining a choir there are several health benefits too? Singing releases endorphins which reduce stress and anxiety levels and also lifts your mood! Some studies even indicate regular singing can increase life expectancy due to beneficial effects on lungs and breathing. Lastly, many of us have heard that singing is like praying twice! If you enjoy singing and wish to dedicate yourself to our parish music ministry through regular or seasonal attendance at rehearsal please reach out.

St. Mary's - Music Director Lisa D'Arcangelis, (518) 567-3620 ldarc55@gmail.com
Sunday Masses at 7:30am and 11:30am Rehearsals Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:45pm

St. Patrick's - Pastoral Associate for Music and Liturgy, John Vasto, (518)756-3145 x 104,
tcospmusic@icloud.com Sunday Mass at 9:30am Rehearsals Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:45pm



HELP WANTED! The St Patrick's Video Camera Ministry needs volunteers to operate the camera for Masses. No special skill necessary. You will be trained. [Confirmation Candidates](#) are especially encouraged. If interested, call the St. Pat's Rectory or Bill Horton directly at 518 768-2693.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

We would like to resume this community building activity once COVID-19 diminishes. Some volunteer teams are needed to make this happen. First, we need an overall coordinator to set up the schedule. This can be done on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. A weekend team consists of a set up person and (2) persons (per Mass) to facilitate serving after each Mass (5 total). After the 11:30 Mass Coffee hour, the servers for that Mass 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.

Save these Dates:

40 Days for Life - March 2 - April 10

40 Days for Life is a prayer and fasting ministry for the protection of the unborn and their mothers and families, helping to end the injustice of abortion.

Training and Kickoff Rally: **Saturday, February 26th at 9am**

Full Life Church
3 Bogardus Avenue
Catskill, Ny 12414

Call 617-647-3878 for more information or visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hoodson>



Since 2015, Camp Breakaway has been the premiere Catholic summer camp experience for young people in middle and high school. We are pleased to announce registration is open for Camp Breakaway 2022 June 26-July 1 at Pyramid Life Center.

This camp led by volunteer youth ministers from throughout the diocese, includes small group sharing, hiking, boating, prayer experiences, ropes course, archery, Mass, Reconciliation, and more to help our young people dive deep into a meaningful faith experience.

Click the link on the next line to see what Camp Breakaway is like (you might see some familiar faces):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtGMIUkDyl8>

Pyramid Life Center's youth and family ministry is committed to provide quality extended event programming that facilitates a deeper experience of faith for young people and families. Recent research shows that extended time away from daily life for young people and families is an important component for developing life-long faith. In addition to Breakaway, we offer Mom's Camp, Dad's Camp, F.O.A.M (family service weekend) and a Family Retreat in October. To see a full listing of our programs please visit www.pyramidlife.org.

The Way for Women: A Healing Retreat for Female Survivors of Abuse

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by Pyramid Life Center May 20-22, 2022 in Paradox, NY. *Registration deadline is May 1, 2022.* This retreat based on the Stations of the Cross will be led by Sue Stubbs the Victims Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Atlanta along with a local team of professionals.

For more information or to request an application contact us at: Phone: **518-585-7545**, email: pyramidlifereservations@gmail.com

This is a Christian based event. Women of all faiths and traditions are invited and welcomed.

The Mother McAuley Columbiettes of St. Patrick's Ravena

The Mother McAuley Columbiettes prepared and delivered a hot meal and dessert to *The Albany Mission* on Friday, January 25. Thanks to members Kathy Beers, Diane McGovern, Robin Riordan and Patricia Visconti.

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!

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

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

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

Mary Ann McCool | 518-756-9184

The Thrift Shop will be closed until Thursday, March 3rd. In case of an emergency Mary Ann McCool (518-756-9184) can be called and she will gladly help them with their needs from the Thrift Shop.

Faith Formation of St. Patrick's

Christa Desrosiers | 518-756-3145

Are you thankful to always have a warm, safe place to rest with a meal on the table? If you would like to show your gratitude for that security and share the blessings you have, we have a deal for you!

WHAT: Provide a meal for 15 at one of the Albany overnight missions

WHEN: Every 4th Friday of the month December-April

HOW: Help us make the meal locally and we will deliver. No need to do it alone - we can meet in the kitchen, prepare the meal together and have some fellowship while we do it! Openings are available for January-April. Contact Christa Desrosiers derobccr@gmail.com or 518-756-3145 for more details.

Youth & Faith Formation of St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

FAITH FORMATION 2022:

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

Grade 10/Confirmation Group: By now you should have chosen your sponsor. If they are from St. Mary's then you need to fill out the form for sponsors that has been handed out. If you still need one, ask Bob Desrosiers (stmaryffo@aol.com) for one. If the sponsor is from another Catholic Church, please ask the sponsor to get a certificate of sponsorship from their Church Administration Office (Rectory).

Grade 10/Confirmation Group: There will be a meeting for candidates and sponsors on **Sunday Feb. 13** following the 11:30 am Mass (around 12:45 pm) in the Church. If a sponsor can't make it, we ask a parent to come in their place.

Grade 2 Sacramental Preparation: There will be a meeting for parents on **Monday Feb. 7th** during class time (6:30 - 7:30 pm).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We hope to resume the Children's Lectionary Program (Children's Liturgy of the Word) at the 11:30 am Mass. Since the last time we offered this program, we have lost almost all of our Teen Catechists to graduation! Now we have **3** teams; it works best with **4 or 5** so that each team facilitates about once a month. If there are any youth (7th grade or higher) who wishes to serve in this capacity, please let Bob Desrosiers know. The goal is to resume the program with a full complement of teams as soon as possible. We can't resume the program unless we have children ages 4-6 years old come to Mass to participate in the program. Families, please come to Mass so we can connect our young with the Gospel!

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 or 518-731-9268.



Help us meet our goal! If you choose to make your gift via a check, please make your check payable to the **Diocesan Appeal** and mail your donation directly to the Diocese at the following address: **Diocesan Appeal 40 North Main Ave. Albany, NY 12203**
or donate on-line here: [Diocesan Appeal](https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/) or type the following: <https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/>

To date: St. Mary's has raised \$22,583 in pledges and gifts towards its goal of \$46,975.
St. Patrick's has raised \$29,450 in pledges and gifts towards its goal of \$42,089.

Use Your IRA to Support Your Parish: As we begin a new year it's good practice to look ahead and formulate a plan for our finances. For parishioners with Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), there is an option available to you that permits you to support your parish and enjoy a tax benefit.

At age 72 Individual Retirement Account (IRA) owners must withdraw an annual required minimum distribution (RMD) from their accounts. These withdrawals are normally taxable pushing people into a higher tax bracket.

Did you know you can make a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to a registered non-profit using the funds from your RMD? Your Catholic Parishes are considered non-profits. QCDs are generally not considered taxable income and do count toward fulfilling your annual RMD. QCDs must be paid directly from your IRA to the charity of your choice. You can benefit regardless of whether you itemize or take the standard deduction. Consult with your financial advisor for any questions you may have.

St. Mary's of Coxsackie EIN: 14-1464470
St. Patrick's of Ravena EIN: 14-1341164

Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

Ravena							
Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
1/23	1/30	1/23	1/30	1/23	1/30	1/23	1/30
153	127	241	212	\$4,570.00	\$2,004.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Dec 5	\$6,260
Dec 19	\$5,127
Christmas	\$4,105
Dec 26	\$2,569
Jan 2	\$4,521
Jan 9	\$5,991
Jan 16	\$4,813
Jan 23	\$6,590
Jan 30	\$4,024

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Coxsackie							
Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
1/23	1/30	1/23	1/30	1/23	1/30	1/23	1/30
120	120	\$3,253.00	\$1,827.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$671.00	\$35.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Dec 5	\$6,389
Dec 19	\$7,522
Christmas	\$5,165
Dec 26	\$4,597
Jan 2	\$4,833
Jan 9	\$5,533
Jan 16	\$5,420
Jan 23	\$6,894
Jan 30	\$4,832

Connecting with the Parishes

Online | Phone | E-Mail

WEEKEND MASSES:

4:30 pm Saturday Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome)
7:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
9:30 am Sunday 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 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 (Except for Holy Days)

St. Patrick's Tuesday 8:30 am
St. Mary's Wednesday 8 am

FR. JOE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES:

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 am - 12 pm on Tuesdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school

MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

1 – 2 pm on Thursdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school