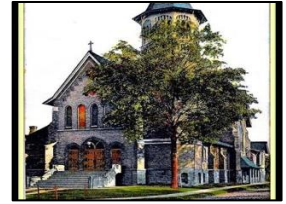




ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family, both near and far away,

Finally, some much needed rain! God is good. God rains down many, many gifts upon us!

During summer, so many of us have a little more time each day to look around and take note of things. You may have a little more flexibility in your daily schedule. More time for family; work and school many be less pressing.

Many people visit our area in the summer months to enjoy the mountains and the river. They are signs of God's Creation in our midst. Do we take the mountains and the river a little for granted because we see them daily? Try to take time each week, each day to look at God's Creation all around us and offer a prayer of thanks.

Don't overlook the beauty of the night sky! Every night God's wonder is on display with the vast array of stars and planets, all waiting for you to take it all in! Over the last few weeks, you could have seen a 'blood orange' moon and new moon phases for June and July that were so large and luminous that you would have thought it waiting for you to pick it just like a ripe apple from the tree.

Maybe you saw the recent news from NASA featuring the latest images from the James Webb Space Telescope. Images from deep space that human eye has never seen before. The astronomers and scientists interviewed on the news truly were excited beyond words! Many of them were humbled by the moment, seeing what no one else had ever seen. Several expressed their thanks to God publicly.

Humility is not often expressed in our day. It's refreshing to see.

For many of us, humility pulls us back a step or two. When confronted by something, humility often causes you to think that your response/what you have to offer is just not enough to provide what is needed. Please put that tendency aside. Take a page from the scientists behind the Webb Telescope project. Individually, not one of them could have done this but together they accomplished it!

You and I are God's People. We are baptized and we are brimming with God's superabundant gifts, grace, love and so many talents. Think about what can be done in the Jesus' name when we are called to act in small groups, as families, as neighbors, as parishes, as dioceses and as a Church all around the world! The possibilities are endless. Truly, we can show our love for God and for neighbor every day in ways large and small. Consider the possibilities.

Let God's beautiful night sky, in all it's wonder and sheer size (they don't call it the universe for nothing) get you thinking about how you fit into God's plans. How God has a place and plan for you. Think about how it all begins, all changes with your response to Jesus.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

SUNDAY 7/24	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) 10:30 Adult Faith Sharing in Classroom 5 at St. Patrick's 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 7/25	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 7/26	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!) Summer Break – Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Summer Break 5:30 Reconciliation, St. Patrick's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 7/27	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 7/28	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's
FRIDAY 7/29	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 7/30	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 7/31	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) 10:30 Adult Faith Sharing in Classroom 5 at St. Patrick's 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 8/1	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 8/2	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!) Summer Break – Women's Bible Study St. Patrick's – Summer Break 5:30 Reconciliation, St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 8/3	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's

THURSDAY 8/4	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 8/5	8:00 Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 8/6	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 8/7	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) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)

Please save this date: September 11, 2022 for our Annual Church Picnic to be held this year at the new Pavilion at Riverside Park. Time: 1pm-4pm.

Anointing of the sick

Our parishes will offer anointing of the sick the weekend of August 14 & 15. St. Patrick's: After the 4:30 Mass and St. Mary's: After the 11:30 Mass. Please tell your friends and neighbors.

Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

HELP WANTED! St. Patrick's needs volunteers to take Communion to our homebound parishioners. On 1st Wednesday, groups of two each bring Communion and visit with the homebound. Please consider being a part of this ministry. We would like to be able to add people to our list to visit. If you are interested or have questions please call Michelle Fralick at the rectory (on Wednesday) at 518-756-3145 or home at 518-756-9779.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

We are in need of: spaghetti sauce, snack crackers, peas, beef stew, chili, bathroom tissue and paper towels.

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.

Donations can be left in the designated basket in the back of St. Mary's on the first Sunday of the month. The Coxsackie Community Food Pantry is gratefully accepting all donations. We are in special need of toothpaste and pet food. (especially cat food) Monetary donations are greatly appreciated, as this enables us to purchase food at a reduced rate through the Regional Food Bank of NENY.

Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Mary Ann 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.

Youth & Faith Formation of St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

FAITH FORMATION 2023: Bob Desrosiers sent out letters outlining changes to the FF Program and Registrations for the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Bob know by email or at 518 731-9268 (ext. 4 for voicemail) or at 860 716-7835.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We still hope to resume the Children's Lectionary Program (Children's Liturgy of the Word) at the 11:30 am Mass. Right 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 wish to serve the church in this capacity, please let Bob know. The goal is to resume the program with a full complement of teams as soon as possible.

Always looking for New Altar Servers for both Sunday Masses: If your child/youth is interested in becoming an Altar Server or just in learning more about the Ministry, please contact Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com or 518 731-9268.

BOTH PARISHES: *Breakaway Retreat Camper Reflections* Over the next few months, we will share reflections of the St. Mary's/St. Patrick's High School and Middle School participants in the Breakaway Retreat at the Diocesan owned Pyramid Life Center on Pyramid Lake (PLC) that took place June 26 thru July 1. To assist reflections we asked the campers the following questions: What brought you to Breakaway? How did you feel as you came to Breakaway the first day? What aspect of the retreat did you like the most? At what moment/event did you feel closest to God? Would you recommend Breakaway to others? and if yes, why? Here are the first two reflections from two St. Mary's campers:

Lily Dauphin just completed 7th grade and was a Middle School Camper:

"I went to Breakaway to take a break from a very busy home (family does foster care and Lily is a great help according to Grandma!). I felt nervous because I had no friends there at the start. The best part was making new friends and doing the waterfront activities (swimming and boating). I felt closest to God at Mass (we celebrated Mass 3 days at Breakaway). I guess I would recommend Breakaway to others because there were a lot of fun things that happened during the week.

Travis Barbosa (Lily's younger brother), just completed 5th grade and was a Middle School camper:

"The reason I came to Breakaway is because my Grandma signed me up to go. I felt nervous at first because I was there I didn't know anyone there. My favorite part of Breakaway Camp was using the Lego sets for certain activities. I felt closest to God is when we all went to Mass in the chapel (but most reading the Bible during the day and before bed. I would recommend Breakaway Camp to people because it made me feel closer to God and it was fun there. It was a good way to get closer to God."

ST. PATRICK'S OUTSIDE PLANTERS/FLOWER BEDS: Looking for gardeners or wanna be gardeners to help keep the outside planters and flowers thriving. All you need to do is water once a week! Please join our team, contact Eileen Vosburgh at 518 756-8113 or keltoneov@aol.com. It's a rewarding experience.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASSES AT ST. MARY'S: We have resumed Coffee Hour after two year away due to COVID!! We still need an overall coordinator and 6 other volunteers to maintain 5 Coffee Hour Teams (we have 4 now). With 5 teams, each team will serve about once a month or so. If you feel called to serve our church in this ministry, please contact Bob Desrosiers at 518 731-9268 or stmaryffo@aol.com.

Mass Intentions

Week of July 23, 24, 2022

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23	4:30 Ravena	Mark Mayone by Hill family Mike Kennedy by Desrosiers family Brian Buckowski by Desrosiers family
July 24	7:30 Coxsackie	For All Your Concerns & All Members of God's Kingdom Not of This World by Tom VanShaick
	9:30 Ravena	Chubby & Skippy Pape by Sandrino Zanetti Mark Mayone by Lois & Tom Williams
	11:30 Coxsackie	Patricia Esposito by Sharon Riley Brian Giaquinto by the Gatt family

Week of July 30, 31, 2022

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30	4:30 Ravena	Helen Watson by Mike & Sue Ritty
July 31	7:30 Coxsackie	Julia Daoust 15 th Anniversary by her family Kerry McGrath by Nancy Belycia
	9:30 Ravena	Lee Miller by his family
	11:30 Coxsackie	Jeffrey Yungandreas by his parents

Week of August 6, 7, 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 6	4:30 Ravena	Guy Anatriello by Rose Mary Carnibucci by Barb Burrows Kay Kilmer by Donna Hagen
Aug 7	7:30 Coxsackie	St. Mary's Memorial Society Kerry McGrath by the Mitchell family
	9:30 Ravena	Chris & Angie Biscone by family
	11:30 Coxsackie	Eva Rosato by the Mitchell family Dominic Capannello by Rose Veeder

The Albany Diocese urges anyone who as a child was sexually abused by a Catholic priest or deacon or parish employee or school employee to report the matter to a law enforcement agency or to the Diocese. To report an incident of abuse or to seek help, contact the Diocese's Assistance Coordinator, Frederick Jones, at 518-453-6646 or by email at assistance.coordinator@rcda.org



Have you ever thought about remembering your parish in your will? A bequest of any size will enable St. Mary's and St. Patrick's to continue serving God's people through the sacraments and education as well as maintaining our buildings in good condition. Our parish is still ministering today due to generous, thoughtful people who remembered the Church in their wills. A generous amount is whatever God moves someone to give, according to their means, to further the parish mission. Please include the parish in your estate plans.

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

Step Up Men's Conference 2022



• **Date:** August 20, 2022 • **Location:** Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine – 136 Shrine Rd, Auriesville, NY 12072

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives.

The focus of the event is to: • Grow in our love and relationship with Christ • Empower men to live a more virtuous and holy life

• Develop relationships and a brotherhood with each other • Establish a plan to bring this energy back to their families and parish families

The event starts at 9 am and will include:

Presentations From: Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC and Fr. Roger Landry

Confessions, Adoration, Rosary, 4 pm Mass

Water and box lunch included

Registration: \$50 per person; College age and younger men are FREE. **To register for the conference, [click here](#)** Questions: Contact Tom LaBruzzo at tlabco@gmail.com



New Medication Drop Box now located at

Greene Medical Arts Pharmacy

159 Jefferson Heights

Catskill, NY 12414

Safely dispose of all unused or expired prescription medications.

Visit greenemedicalartrx.com for hours of operation.

EMERGENCY HEAP GRANTS EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST

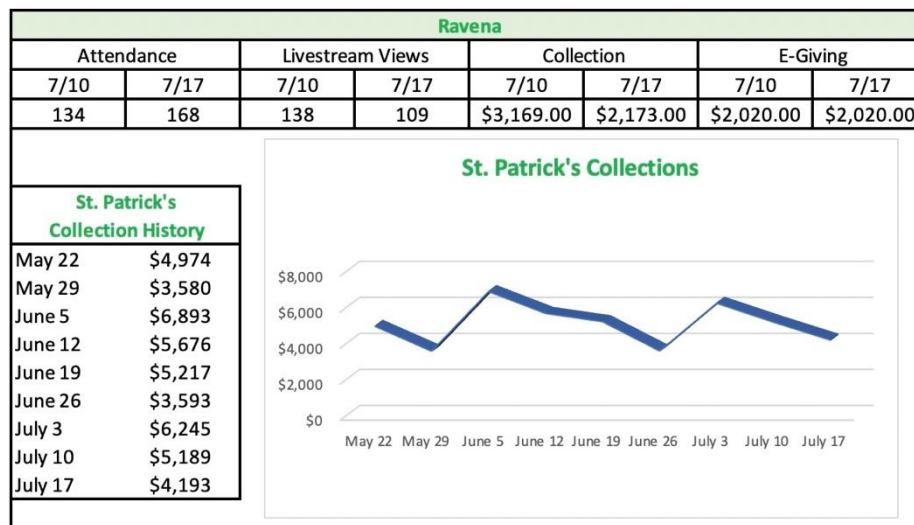
There's still time to apply for an Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grant. Act quickly - funds are available for those who qualify until August 31, 2022 or until funds run out. Learn more at ngrid.com/billhelp, under grant Programs.

211: SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

When you need help - paying bills, feeding your family, finding healthcare and much more - remember **211**. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, **211**'s Community Resource Specialists are ready to connect you with free or low-cost support. Call **211** or text your zip code to **898-211**. For more information go to 211.org

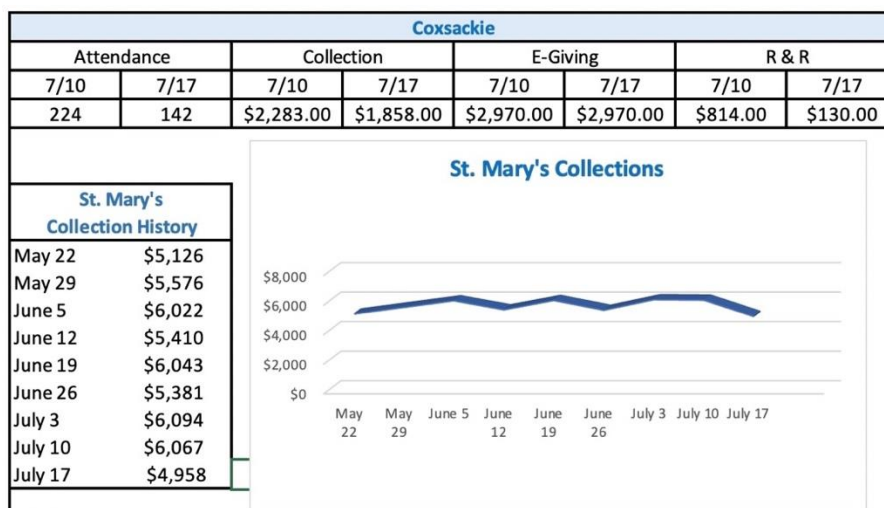
Collections & E-Giving E-Mail Dawn Brownson parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com

The weekend of July 30/31 the second collection will be for Peter's Pence to support the Universal Church, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be as generous as you can and be a sign of mercy to the world.



ENVELOPES ARE GREAT, BUT E-GIVING HELPS YOUR PARISH MAKE BETTER FINANCIAL DECISIONS

The Church is just like your family when it comes to managing our finances. We need to know what our income will be in order to budget and plan for on-going operational needs and building maintenance projects. E-giving provides a steady stream of income that we know we can depend on week after week. Many things can throw us off track in maintaining our commitment to weekly giving. Weather, illness, delays in envelope delivery and vacations to name a few. Plus, with the increased use of debit/credit cards, many of us don't carry cash. **You can cover both your regular weekly giving and any special collections with just one deduction.** Sign up once and leave the rest to us. The deduction will occur at the interval you choose from the bank account you provide. Enrollment forms are in the back of the church along with descriptions of the second and special collection. Please do not hesitate to call the office with any questions. ***Try it risk free and change your mind at any time:*** [Click Here](#)



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

Summer Break - WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY –*Summer Break*

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