



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,

What a wonderful Picnic! Being under the weather with COVID, I heard from so many people through phone calls and emails what a wonderful afternoon parishioners had at our picnic. Even though there was light rain off and on, people enjoyed each other's company under the protection of the Pavilion roof. It was a great turnout of parishioners from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. Many of you had the chance to meet Fr. Jay Atherton. Many thanks to our planning committee and to everyone who worked on the picnic.

Thank you to so many of you who called, send a card or kept me in your prayers when I had COVID last weekend. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Thank you to Deacon Mike McDonald and Deacon Steve Young for leading our communities in the *Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest*. Thank you to our Network Administrative Group in Catskill for covering so much in my absence. (Fr. Jay was also on vacation during this time.)

It's good to keep in mind that there is an increase in COVID cases being measured; both Fr. Jay and I have had COVID in the last two months. Please exercise care for you and your loved ones. You may have heard in the news recently that new shots for flu and COVID are now available through your local pharmacy. At Mass, know that you are always free to wear a mask. If you have been sick lately, you should consider not receiving the Blood of Christ this weekend. If you are currently sick, perhaps you should stay home and get well; you can keep in touch through our livestream of Sunday Mass.

Faith Formation-the word is out! Over the last two weekends, Faith Formation information sheets and speakers at Mass have been spreading the word about our Faith Formation program in all of our Network parishes. Faith Formation will be available for Kindergarten – 4th Grade starting Sunday, October 1st. The 5th-6th Grade and 7th-12th Grade programs will begin October 20/21. Registration is underway. Please watch for more information sheets which will be available at our weekend Masses (Mission Central at St. Mary's and by the entrance at St. Patrick's.) More information is available on our new Faith Formation website: hvwwff.org. You can register online right there.

Christa Desrosiers will be available to meet with St. Patrick's K-4 parents in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 17th. Bob Desrosiers will be available to meet with St. Mary's K-4 parents on Monday, September 25th in Maria Hall at 6:30 pm.

Mission Appeal: Next weekend Fr. Trung will be at our Masses at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's as part of the annual Mission Appeal. He will tell us of the work of Carmelite Missionaries abroad.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

Schedule

SUNDAY 9-17	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 9-18	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 9-19	Summer Break - Women's Bible Study at St. Patrick's – Summer Break 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Mary's 6:30 Rosary at St. Mary's 7:00 Prayer and Worship at St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 9-20	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir Rehearsal at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 9-21	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Choir Rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 9-22	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 9-23	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 9-24	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 9-25	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's By Noon New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish homepages
TUESDAY 9-26	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's 8:30 Weekday Mass at St. Patrick's, Rosary following Mass 11:30 St. Patrick's Women's Bible Study 5:30 Reconciliation at St. Patrick's 7:00 Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Patrick's
WEDNESDAY 9-27	8:00 Weekday Mass at St. Mary's 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
THURSDAY 9-28	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
FRIDAY 9-29	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 9-30	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
SUNDAY 10-1	7:30 Mass at St. Mary's 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 Mass at St. Mary's (also St. Mary's YouTube channel) 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's

If you have news of interest for either of our parishes and would like it to appear in our newsletter, please email your suggested article directly to Bill Halstead at weh058@mac.com The deadline for sending all news articles is the Monday, 6:00 pm, before the publishing of the newsletter. Thank you.

Annual Parish Picnic: 115 parishioners from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's enjoyed a wonderful picnic. Thank you to all who donated items, Lynn Brockett and Ted Nugent for a delicious meal, Bill Halstead for great music, and the committee who worked so hard to make it happen. The 50/50 was won by Cathy Frank and the raffle baskets were won by the Geigers, the Gagers, Michelle Vellekoop and Christa Desrosiers. Hope you will all join us again next year!

Volunteers Needed at St. Patrick's - Grounds keeping - which involves mowing and trimming the lawns of the church, school and rectory. Currently two volunteers do this job but at least one more person is needed. **Church cleaning** - looking for volunteers to clean the church every other Thursday. Call the office at 518-756-3145 if interested.

Food Pantry, Coxsackie

Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300

Coxsackie's Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm, & Saturday 10-11 am. The food pantry is located in the Hamilton Steamer Fire Station. Donations may be left in the basket at St. Mary's on the 1st Sunday of the month. Toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, hand soap, dish detergent, bath and kitchen cleansers are always appreciated. Monetary donations are always welcome as one dollar has much more than one dollar of buying power at the regional food bank.

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena

Diane Hoffman | 518-330-6789

The Pantry is in need of: canned kidney beans, peaches, mustard, ketchup, canned peas, diced tomatoes, pork and beans, tomato soup, canned carrots, powdered milk, grape jelly, dish liquid and paper towels. *Please make sure all donations are **not** outdated items. We will have to throw all outdated items out.* Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations! **Pantry hours:** Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 am & Wednesdays 6–7 pm.

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 need your help.

NCYC Fundraiser - 10 Week Club Raffle has begun. This has been a successful fundraiser for our young people going to the National Catholic Youth Conference. This year our group of 5 Youth and 5 Adults will participate at NCYC November 16-19 in Indianapolis, IN. We will be selling tickets at the Masses in both Churches on the weekends of Sept. 17th and 24th. Tickets are \$10; you participate in 10 weekly drawings and can win \$20 with 3 additional drawings on week 10 for \$50, \$100 and \$250.

Mother McAuley Columbiette News... Our first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in Room 5 of the school hall.

Faith Formation for St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Faith Formation planning for the fall continues. Christa and Bob have sent out registrations. If you have specific questions, always feel free to reach out to Bob Desrosiers at stmaryffo@aol.com or Christa Desrosiers at derobccr@gmail.com

Faith Seekers: Our new program for Grades K-4 Faith Formation On the weekend of September 30/October 1, we will be launching a new approach to Faith Formation designed to reach our youngest disciples in a way that will really hit home. For those in Kindergarten through to Fourth Grade Faith Formation will be happening **during Mass**. At first that may sound different, but the benefits, it makes perfect sense.

All children in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade will be invited to leave their parents in the pews for 25-30 minutes during Mass so they can be **Faith Seekers**. Visiting children can join in the fun and learning as well. There's room for everyone who would like to come, and, although we need those in the program to register, there is no charge for anyone, including visitors. All are welcome.

After we sing the Gloria and open with a prayer, our priest or deacon will call the children forward for a blessing. Then their Catechist will bring them to the meeting space for 25-30 minute carefully tailored time with today's Gospel and an interactive activity. These sessions will begin and end with the prayer, reinforcing very familiar Catholic prayers. This will leave them wanting more when they return to their parents at the Sign of Peace. Every child in this age group is welcome to come to Faith Seekers at every Mass: cousins, visitors, friends from school who slept over...everyone is welcome. And there is no charge. As Sunday's Gospel naturally changes every week, there is always something new. God's Word is good!

As you can imagine, we will need volunteer leaders/catechists to allow us to offer this for our children. Every volunteer will be well equipped for success in each session (which lasts about 25-30 minutes, and leaves them wanting more). If you feel excited about this, please leave your name at Mission Central at St. Mary's or at the church entrance at St. Patrick's or call 518-943-3150. Better yet, check out our new Faith Formation Website hvwwff.org and sign up to help us lead our youngest disciples in an awesome faith discovery adventure.

YouBelong Are you looking for a community of young people where you can establish friendships and companions to walk with you on your spiritual journey? Learn more about regional young adult groups and activities. www.rcda.org/youbelong

Free Will The Foundation of the Diocese of Albany has underwritten this free online tool which allows you to make a legal will free of charge to protect the people you love. www.freewill.com/dioceseofalbany

Hope and Healing Masses Once a month a regularly scheduled Mass in a rotating parish will be devoted to the topic of healing from abuse and trauma. After Mass, resources will be available including counselors trained in abuse and trauma. All are welcome. www.rcda.org/hopeandhealing

NYS Eucharistic Congress: Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for reconciliation, inspiring music and more. For details and to register, log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>

Seminarian Contact Information: Deacon Adam Feisthamel and Alessio Fasullo are settling into their new seminary in Menlo Park, CA. Adam reports the hiking is great in the area. He and some of the other Albany seminarians hiked a redwood forest this past weekend.

You can write either at the following: St. Patrick's Seminary - 320 Middlefield Road - Menlo Park, CA 94025 - Attn: Deacon Adam Feisthamel or Alessio Fasullo

HEART INSPIRATION EVENT

SAVE THE DATE



ALL ARE INVITED

September 20, 2023 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Albany NY

Join us for an evening of inspiration, filled with uplifting, joyful music, laughter, and captivating speakers that will touch your heart. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be inspired and motivated!



Listen to the incredible story of **Cap Capello**, who grew up in a strict, old-school Catholic belief system. After a personal heartbreak, he turned away from God. Over 30 years later, another crushing tragedy struck, and Cap's journey in faith and life took a remarkable turn. Come and be inspired by Cap's amazing experiences and the inspiring story of his journey back to faith.



Hear the inspiring conversion story of **Dona Fragnoli**, who overcame tremendous hardship and adversity to find her way to the Catholic faith through a journey of discovery, faith, and grace. Don't miss this opportunity to be moved and inspired by her powerful testimony of resilience and faith.

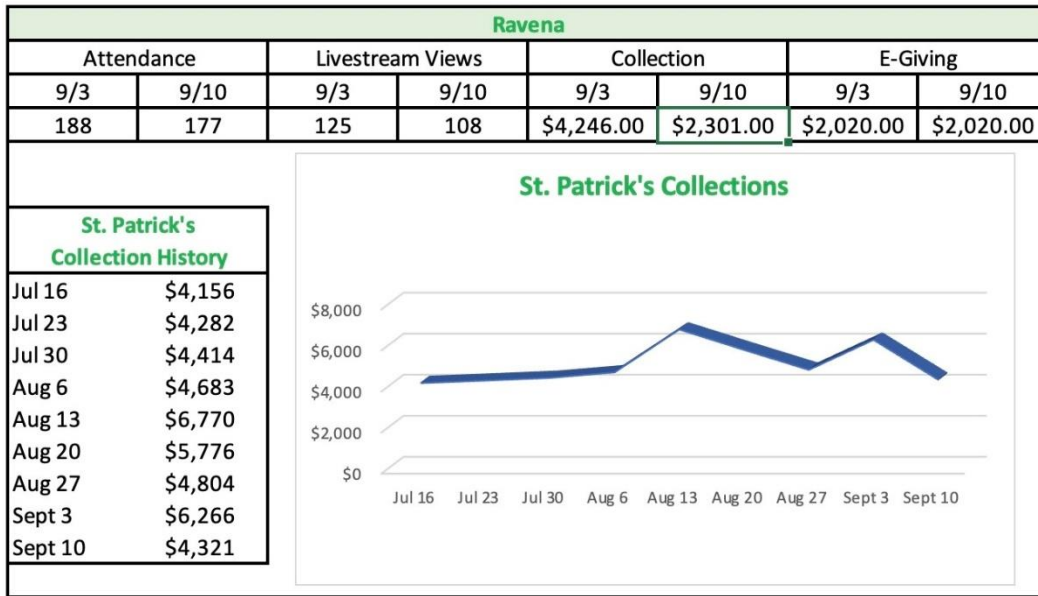


Come and hear the incredible story of **Fr. Mike Melanson**, who used to prefer spending Sundays on the water or playing guitar in a local rock band instead of going to church. After facing financial and emotional struggles, his life changed. Hear how he became a deacon in the Catholic Church and later a priest. Don't miss the chance to listen to Fr. Mike's inspiring journey of challenges in faith and trust, and how his life changed in unexpected ways.

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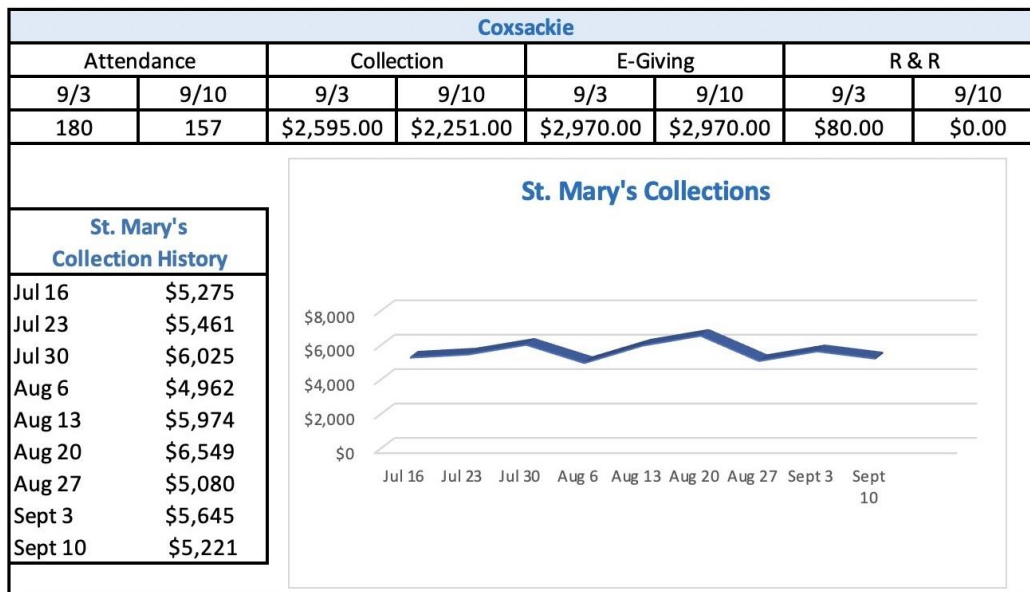
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ENVELOPES ARE GREAT, BUT E-GIVING HELPS YOUR PARISH MAKE BETTER FINANCIAL DECISIONS

*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](#)*



Mass Intentions

Week of September 16, 17, 2023

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sept 16 4:30	Ravena	Tommy Persico by his family
Sept 17 7:30	Coxsackie	John Anderson 1 st anniversary by Marianne and Julius Mitchell Diane Ringwald by Marianne and Julius Mitchell Mary Ellen McDermott by Marianne and Julius Mitchell Mark Lewis by Marian Meyer
9:30	Ravena	Donald, Mary and MaryEllen Ford by Christine Ford
11:30	Coxsackie	Nollaig Coleman by Finbarr and family
12:30	Baptism	Twins: Olive Catherine Griffiths and Grant Richard Griffiths

Week of September 23, 24, 2023

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sept 23 4:30	Ravena	Violet Lydon by Steve and Lois Young
Sept 24 7:30	Coxsackie	Olive Baker by Robert A. Baker
9:30	Ravena	Stephanie and Calvin Ayres by Vicki and Jim Carmen Sgroi by Rick and Cheryl Palmer
11:30	Coxsackie	Paula J. Grogan by Karen Cole Patrick and Carmella Alcuri by Lawrence and Patricia McCarroll Mark Lewis by Lawrence and Patricia McCarroll
Sept 27 8:00	Coxsackie	Doris Alix by Gina McGrath

Week of September 30, October 1, 2023

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sept 30 4:30	Ravena	Ann Marie Lescarbeau
Oct 1 7:30	Coxsackie	Memorial Society Julia Daoust by her family Robert Frank by Catherine Frank and children
9:30	Ravena	None at this time
11:30	Coxsackie	Memorial Society Bernard Valentino by his wife, Deanna Mark Lewis by Mark and Sue Maraglio Martin Olszak by Colleen Moon
Oct 4 8:00	Coxsackie	Peter John Kennedy by his wife, Janet and daughter Danielle

Connecting with the Parishes

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WEEKEND MASSES (ALL ARE WELCOME):

4:30 pm Saturday Mass at St. Patrick's

7:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Mary's

9:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's

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

11:30 am on **St. Mary's YouTube** channel [Click here](#) and then please subscribe

WEEKDAY MASS (Except for Holy Days & days of funeral at a parish): St. Patrick's Tuesday 8:30 am

St. Mary's Wednesday 8 am

FR. JAY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES: [Click here](#) and then please **SUBSCRIBE**

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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 St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING 1:00pm - 2:00pm on Thursdays St. Patrick's School – Classroom 5

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