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Sat. Dec. 1 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Vivian Sarantopoulos	Friend, Barb
Sun. Dec. 2	8:00 am	For all Parishioners, as we begin a new year of grace	Pastor
First Sunday Of Advent	10:00 am	Louise V. Persico	Josephine, Tom, Thomas & Teddy
Mon. Dec. 3 St. Francis		No Mass here 8 A.M. at St. Mary's, Coxsackie	
Tues. Dec. 4 St John	9:00 am	All Souls	Pastor
Wed Dec 5		NO Mass here 8 AM at St. Mary's, Coxsackie	
Thur Dec 6 St. Nicholas	9:00 am	Salvatore Sr. & Salvatore Jr. Pomellitto	Family
Fri. Dec 7	9:00 am	Stephanie Nathanson	Richard & Mary Lee
Fri. Dec 7	7:00 pm	NO MASS HERE St. Mary's Coxsackie	
Sat. Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary	9:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially for all expectant parents & those who wish to be, as we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception	Pastor
Sat. Dec 8 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Ralph Hotaling	Bob & Mary Ann
Sun. Dec. 9 Second Sunday In Advent	8:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially our Pastoral Council & Trustees	Pastor
	10:00 am	M. Edwin Pesnel	Jack & Rita Ablett

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Cemetery Manager: Mrs. Lori Nunziato

Sexton: Mr. Charles Burns

Groundskeeper: Mr. Angel Perez

Any questions regarding cemetery plots and/or mausoleum space please call 756-3145.

New Families

WELCOME! We would like to include you in our Parish Family. Please call the rectory or stop by to register.




Handicapped Accessible

Personal amplifying units available for the hearing impaired
Restrooms in the Parish Center

Ministry Schedules: December 8/9 Group A

Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Counters and Camera

Attention : Those serving this weekend, PLEASE come into the Sacristy before Mass to sign in.

 Stewardship <i>A Way of Life</i>	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2011
Envelopes & Checks	105	\$22.09	\$2,458.00	\$2,679.00
Loose cash			\$ 810.00	\$ 376.00
Totals: 11-24/25			\$3,019.00	\$4,055.00
Budget			\$3,815.00	
Stewardship			\$ 46.15	
Thanksgiving Collection	Victims of Hurricane Sandy		\$475.00	

Reflection

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use this liturgical season of Advent as a means to belong more deeply to Jesus and to one another!

Attendance for the weekend of Nov 24/25 was 280 (total number of registered families= 829.)

This weekend’s 2nd collection will be for “Fuel & Heat” – help your church to get a head start on upcoming heating/fuel costs. “CALLED BY NAME” priest response cards can be put into any collection this or next week. The flower envelope, to help defray expenses for Christmas decorations, can be put into any collection basket this month.

THE PANTRY

**Thanksgiving: we served 127 families
203 children, 296 adults, and 20 seniors**

Thank you:

-RCS Middle School: for the food donated from the Turkey Troy held in school

-St. Thomas School: food donation

-Ravena Turkey Trot: food & monetary donation

Food Pantry hours:

Tuesday and Friday 10 - 11 am

Wednesday 6 - 7 pm

Your generous food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

~Diane Hoffman, Coordinator

THRIFT SHOP

Dec. 13-Jeanne Randio - Nancy Bruno

Dec. 14- Angie Biscone - Dot Miller

Dec. 15- Rae Panico - Marie Wilsey

Thrift Shop Hours:

Thursday 1:00 - 3:00

Friday 1:00 - 3:00

Saturday 1:00 - 3:00

Volunteers needed: call Jeanne 756-9580

-Jeanne Randio, Coordinator

Church Linens - December - Carole Brooks

Anyone willing to do church linens call the Rectory at 756-3145.

Quote of the Week:

“The giver of every good & perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this not of ourselves.”

-St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) feastday = 12/6

“Prayer of the Week: THE ANGELUS

”The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit..

Hail Mary....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

Be it done unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh,

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion & Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.”

—traditionally prayed when the church bells toll

(6 A.M., Noon, & 6 P.M.; in sensitivity to our neighbors, we’re replacing 6 A.M. with 3 P.M.).

Question of the Week:

“What anxiety or fear do I need to set aside, or help someone else set aside, in order to embrace Jesus’ call to greet with joy the redemption He brings?”=Pastoral Patterns(Winter ‘12-13)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

With some tinkering we have put our church bells back in service :) We have new Hymnals. They were chosen by a sub-committee of the Prayer & Worship team and are a gift from me—in gratitude for the parish’s welcoming reception for my “40th” last year. I will be offering a presentation on Mormonism on Thursday, Dec. 6th, 7 P.M., in Room 5.

My Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. That officially ends the church year and Advent now begins this weekend. Advent is all about preparation and anticipation. It is different from the more sullen atmosphere of the church during the Lenten Season. During Advent we are told of the coming of the Messiah and the great works that our God has done for us. The connection of course is that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that we would not perish but have everlasting life. In this season of gift-giving it is very difficult to beat that gift! So focus on the wondrous things God has done, not only for us but our Blessed Mother, who became the person who God chose to accomplish so great a miracle! We have much to learn from Mary and should ponder these mysteries in our heart during this advent season. On December 1st our second graders received their First Penance and Reconciliation paving the way to their First Communion later in the year.

I would like to personally thank the parents for their assistance and cooperation and their teacher Brenda Morin, assisted by Erin Herman. I had the opportunity along with our pastor to visit and question our candidates for First Reconciliation. We found that they have done a good job with their studies as they journey in their faith.

A reminder that our children are asked to bring in products for our stocking stuffer endeavor for the Salvation Army. This weekend you see the Advent wreath in Church.. You will notice that the candles are blue and rose. The color blue was introduced as a liturgical option several years ago to take away the more repentant purple which dominates the Lenten season.

May you spend the days ahead making room in your heart for the one who is to come and redeem the world using such great love.

In Christ and Francis

~Brother Ronald Francis Davis, FSD

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation/DRE

Church Calendar

- Dec. 4- Women’s Bible Study, 2pm, Room 5
- Dec. 4 - Prayer & Worship, 7 pm, Rectory
- Dec. 6 - Lecture “Mormonism by Fr. Jim 7pm PCH
- Dec 7- holy day Mass - St. Mary’s, Coxsackie 7pm
- Dec. 8 holy day-Mass at 9 am Sat here
- Dec. 8-”Amazing God” team mtg. after 9 am Mass

Faith Formation Calendar

- Dec. 2 - Classes for K-9
- Dec. 8 - First Reconciliation, 11 am, church
- Dec. 9 - Classes for K - 10

Thank you for those of you who have already taken the **FOOD DONATION** tags. They are available in church or the parish office. Please return the food donations by December 16th. They may be placed in the Food Pantry box in the vestibule. Please attach the tag to your donation. Because of the urgency of food needs, the Food Pantry committee suggested that these food donations replace the "Giving Tree" gifts we've done in the recent past. Due to a serious increase, approximately 67%, in the number of clients utilizing "The Pantry" this year, we find it necessary to ask for help in filling the Christmas Basket with food. Each and every week we have new clients signing up due to loss of employment and/or reduction of work hours, etc. This increase is not just occurring at our "Pantry" it is happening at all pantries through the Capital District.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

\$25.00 would purchase a CHRISTMAS BASKET

For a Food Pantry Client

Make checks payable to "The Pantry" St. Patrick's Church

OLD HYMNALS

If you had purchased a placard to place in the front of the maroon Hymnals in memory of a loved one and wish to keep it for your own we are placing them in the parish center, covers open, so you can find yours and take it. If there are any left over they may be sold. Thank you,

~John Schmitt

Director of Music Ministry; Pastoral Associate for Music

For the past few years we have sponsored the diocesan Peace & Justice Commission's "Work of Human Hands" sale of Third World goods. This year we are asked to support a new adventure in our community, sponsored by Ravena's Abounding Love Christian Fellowship; The program is called the "Cross Culture Market" and offers homemade goods from poor countries. Located in Ravena's "Faith Plaza", it is open Wednesday 10am to 4pm, Friday 2pm to 6pm & Saturday 10am to 2 pm

A wonderful opportunity for Christmas shopping!

ADVENT 2012 at the Church of Saint Patrick

“Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s 1st coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s 2nd coming at the end of time. ADVENT is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.”

- General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar



WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY during the Advent season 2 P.M. on Tuesdays
ROOM 5 of the Parish Center.
ALL ARE WELCOME

“Amazing God” - Year III = Holy Spirit
-video viewing/study sessions:
to be announced

The Ravena/Coeymans/Selkirk Community of Churches is sponsoring a **LIVE NATIVITY**:
at Grace United Methodist Church (16 Hillcrest Dr.)
on December 23rd at 4:00 P.M.:
a great family event.

Communal PENNANCE & RECONCILIATION SERVICE: to be held at
St. Patrick’s Church on Wednesday,
DECEMBER 18th at 7:00 P.M.
The sacrament is also offered each

“Blue Christmas” - for those experiencing a loss this holiday season:
New Baltimore Reformed Church hall (Rt. 144): Dec. 23, 7 P.M.

JOIN US TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH IN CELEBRATION OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOR!
WE HAVE A LOT PLANNED - SO ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN. We will begin at Noon on Sunday, December 23rd.

OUR ADVENT DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS:

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS - 8 a.m. at St. Mary’s, Coxsackie

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS - 9 a.m. at St. Patrick’s

OUR 2012 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY: DECEMBER 24TH - 4:00 P.M. CHILDREN’S MASS, 9:00 P.M. CHOIR MASS

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 25TH - 9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS SHARING:

(our bishop recommends that 25% of our Christmas budget goes for the poor):

Among the opportunities - **FOOD PANTRY:** see page 5

Let Us Pray

For The Dead.

Our deceased loved ones,
parishioners and benefactors:

**William Zakens
Frank Sorell, Sr.**



**Sanctuary Lamp - December
In Loving Memory of
D'Ambrosio & Barker Families**

Joe & MaryBeth D'Ambrosio

In loving Memory of

Frank & Helen Nunziato

**Love,
The Family**

In loving Memory of

Frank Varcasis

**Love,
Anna & Mary Lou**

Altar Bread - December

**In Loving Memory of
Justin John Bonafide**

**Love,
Grammy & Poppy**

In loving Memory of

Geraldine Bruno

**Love,
Jimmy & daughters**

Altar Candles - December

**In Loving Memory
Christopher J. Biscone**

**Love,
Angie**

Memorials

Sacraments

Memorial [as in above]

Memorials are available for your loved ones. Call and sign up as soon as possible to insure that you can get your choice.

- Sanctuary Lamp - 2 weeks - \$15.00
- Altar Candles - 1 month - \$15.00
- Altar Bread - 1 month - \$50.00
- Memorial Block - 1 month - \$35.00

Baptism: Please contact the Office to make arrangements. Baptisms take place on a seasonal basis.

Marriage: Please contact the Office at least six Months before the proposed date of the wedding.

Homebound: 10:00 Mass can be seen on Ch.11 T.V. at 10 A.M. each Sunday.