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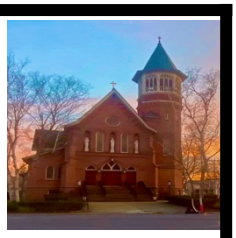

Looking for Answers
Your Questions Addressed

October 25 & 26

What is the key to successful evangelization?

Answered by: Deacon Pat Bradley

Evangelization has been important to me since before I was ordained, yet creating a successful program is very difficult. Let me illustrate.

Example 1
At one parish we did a direct mail campaign and held an open house on a Sunday afternoon. Many people came to the open house, and we had volunteers to provide tours. Several visitors subsequently attended classes and joined the church. This effort involved the whole parish and was emphasized every Sunday and in the parish bulletin. This open house was a successful program.

Example 2
In another parish we tried several approaches:

1. Radio spots inviting people to join us for Easter.
2. A billboard inviting people to join us for Christmas.
3. Ads in the paper publicizing our Sunday mass schedule.
4. Larger ads for Christmas and Easter.
5. Cards for people to give to friends and neighbors inviting them to Mass.
6. Providing the thought for the day on a local Christian radio station.
7. A video on the Mass on the parish website and facebook page.

All these programs combined brought only six or eight people into the Church over a two-year period. These were not successful programs.

What was lacking in all programs at the second parish was parishioner buy-in. We were never able to build a welcoming committee. We had coffee and donuts after one Mass on Sunday. All newcomers were invited join us. But there was no concerted effort to ensure that newcomers felt welcome. No one to sit with newcomers.

On the other hand, most of the folks who joined the church everywhere I've been came with a friend or family member who invited them. Someone they could sit with and feel comfortable with. Someone who could help them stand, sit, and kneel at the right time. Someone who could show them the prayers in the missalette. Someone who could introduce them to the community.

So what is the key to a successful evangelization program? YOU. A couple of weeks ago, we heard that Jesus cured ten lepers but only one came back and thanked him. If we each invite one person or family a month, and get one in ten over a year's time, we will build the body of Christ. We will fill our Church to overflowing.

Advertising can make our parishes known. One-on-one evangelization will fill our churches.

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Sunday 10-26	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 10-27	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's ***7:00 St. Patrick's Pastoral Council meeting in room 5 of the school***
Tuesday 10-28	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's **9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)** 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's 6:30 Mother McAuley Columbiettes will meet in room 4 of St. Patrick's school.
Wednesday 10-29	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 10-30	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting **5:30 Reconciliation (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)** 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 10-31	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 11-1	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 11-2	2:00am ***Clocks fall behind one hour for Daylight Savings Time*** 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) ***4:00 All Soul's Day Commemoration of the Dead at St. Patrick's*** 6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's
Monday 11-3	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's ***6:00 St. Patrick's Events/Parish Life Committee meets in room 2 of the school***
Tuesday 11-4	8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's **9:00 Weekday Mass for both Parishes (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)** 11:00 Women's Bible Study in St. Patrick's Rectory 6:00 Rosary at St. Mary's
Wednesday 11-5	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Patrick's
Thursday 11-6	8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's 1:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Men's Prayer Meeting **5:30 Reconciliation (1st & 3rd at St. Mary's; 2nd & 4th at St. Patrick's)** 6:30 Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's
Friday 11-7	8:00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Saturday 11-8	4:30 Mass at St. Patrick's
Sunday 11-9	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

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Welcome Bishop Mark! On Monday, October 20, the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV announced that he has named Bishop Mark O'Connell, JCD, as the 11th Bishop of the Albany Diocese. Bishop O'Connell has been serving as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Boston since June of 2016. He has most recently been serving as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Boston.

Bishop Mark, as he prefers to be called, stated: "I am delighted and deeply grateful to God and the Holy Father, Pope Leo, for calling me to serve as the 11th Bishop of Albany. I am truly honored to be your bishop and embrace this role with great joy. Wherever this journey leads, I will walk with you, guided by the hope and peace of the Risen Lord. I ask for your prayers and goodwill, and I pledge the same to you."

Bishop Mark succeeds Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, who has served in the Albany Diocese since April of 2014. Bishop Scharfenberger submitted his resignation when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 75 in May 2023. He will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Albany until Bishop O'Connell's installation on December 5, 2025.

A Service of Remembrance for All Souls Sunday November 2 @ 4pm St. Patrick's

As we remember those who entered into eternal life this past year from St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Churches, we invite you, your family, and friends to join us.

Deacon Steve will lead us in a Liturgy of the Hours with communion.

Interim Faith Formation Coordinators We're thankful to announce that Matty Kelly-Haller has volunteered to be the interim Faith Formation coordinator for St. Patrick's Ravena until the network can hire a new coordinator for our area. He can be contacted at FFStPatricks.Ravena@rcda.org if you have any questions about our program.

Bob Desrosiers continues as St. Mary's coordinator and can be reached at stmaryffo@aol.com.

Attention St. Mary's Lectors:

Please pick up your Lector workbook that has your name on it from the Sacristry. Thank you.

Job Opening: Assistant Director of Faith Formation: The Hudson Valley Vicariate West is seeking a part-time Assistant Director of Faith Formation to coordinate and evaluate Faith Formation activities for Pre-K thru 12 in Ravena, Coxsackie, Athens, and Catskill.

Pay Rate: $17/hr - $22/hr ($15,912/yr - $20,592/yr) based on experience and qualifications

Full job description available at https://www.hvvwff.org or at Mission Central.

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Office of the Bishop

October 20, 2025

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What a great pleasure to share with you my joy and gratitude to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for naming the Most Reverend Mark O'Connell, currently *Auxiliary Bishop of Boston* (since 2016), as our next Bishop of Albany! At 10 o'clock AM on Saturday, October 11th, I received a telephone call from His Eminence Christoph Cardinal Pierre, the *Apostolic Nuncio*, so informing me confidentially.

A letter dated October 14th from the Nunciature followed, strictly confidential till today, stating that the Holy Father has accepted my resignation, which I had submitted to Pope Francis on my 75th birthday, May 29, 2023. The announcement, it further stated, would be today, at Noon in Rome, which is 6:00 AM here in Albany. The same letter informed me of my appointment as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Albany to serve until the Installation of Bishop O'Connell.

We are expecting to celebrate the Installation on **Friday, December 5th**. As Apostolic Administrator I will continue to serve and collaborate with our clergy and diocesan and parish families fully throughout the transition. I have congratulated and welcomed Bishop O'Connell as we remain in conversation. I wanted him to know my desire to assist him pastorally and in any other way as he may request, since it has always been my wish to remain and to serve in the Diocese of Albany after retirement.

Bishop O'Connell has been Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Boston since 2023. He is a man with great depth and breadth of pastoral, canonical and communications skills and experience. His motto is *Invenimus Messiam* (*We have found the Messiah*). We welcome him with open hearts and pray for many years of good health and joyful presence among us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Edward B. Scharfenberger

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Bishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator of Albany

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Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's **Mary Ann McCool | 518-756-9184**

Come visit Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm or Saturday from 9 am – Noon**.** We are closed on holidays.

Food Pantry, Coxsackie **Lorraine Camurati | 917-572-3300**

Please remember the Coxsackie Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month. The Coxsackie Food Pantry is especially in need of: **toothpaste, pet food and cleaning products**. Food costs are soaring and those with limited resources are struggling more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

Coxsackie Food Pantry hours: Tuesday 1-2 pm, Thursday 7-8 pm & Saturday 10-11 am. Cash *donations are always welcome. Your gift has greater purchasing power at the regional food bank.*

Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Ravena **St. Patrick's Office | 518-756-3145**

Hours of Operation: Tuesday and Friday 10 to 11 am and Wednesday 6 to 7 pm. Reminder, there is a food pantry basket in the vestibule. Please help replenish our stock by providing the following items:

Instant Potatoes Mixed Fruit Canned Peaches

Save the Date
Sunday November 16
After the 9:30 Mass
St. Patrick's Parish Center

Please join us for cake and ice cream as we celebrate Christa Herting- Desrosiers on the occasion of her retirement as Faith Formation Coordinator.

Free Parish Breakfast-for-Dinner

Thursday, November 20 @ 5:30pm in Maria Hall at St. Mary's

Music, food, and drink!

Please RSVP to Sarah by November 14 (text or call) 518-810-8672

October Family Rosary

We invite you to Pray the Family Rosary. There is grace in one prayer, one decade, or one Rosary.

Date: October 7, 2025 – October 7, 2026 Place: "The Domestic Church" – Your Home

Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, 1917 requested to

"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world."

"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together" Venerable Fr. Peyton the Rosary Priest

https://www.familyrosary.org/

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Mass Intentions

Week of October 25, 26, 2025 — **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Oct 25 4:30 Ravena
- Brian Scully by Barbara Burrows
- Frank and Anna Visconti by family
- Mary Ann Jones by Kathy Jones
- Marge Sumner by the family

Oct 26 7:30 Coxsackie
- Uncle Carl Coniglio by Anita Hynes
- Donald Daoust by The Columbiettes

9:30 Ravena
- Rita Gager by family

11:30 Coxsackie
- For the church militant, suffering, triumphant, and for all parishioners of St. Mary's by Tom Van Schaick
- Leonard and Florence Warren by Joe Warren and family

Week of November 1, 2 2025 — **All Saints**

Nov 1 4:30 Ravena
- Anna and Ralph Bruno by John and Carol

Nov 2 7:30 Coxsackie
- Memorial Society
- Sam Coniglio by his daughter Anita Hynes
- The Heim Family by Anne Heim

9:30 Ravena
- Robert Hagen by mom
- Caroline Borger by Selkirk Fire Co #1 Auxiliary

11:30 Coxsackie
- Ray and Regina Donovan by their family
- Don Earley by Manny and Gerry Hotaling
- For parents, grandparents, Peter Stuyvesant, Johan deWitt, Johan Van Oldenbarnevelt & for the Dutch people to come to know Jesus in the Eucharist by Tom Van Schaick

Week of November 8, 9, 2025 — **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Nov 8 4:30 Ravena
- Guy Anatriello by Rose

Nov 9 7:30 Coxsackie
- Leo Synakowski (9th Anniversary) by his wife
- Donald Daoust by Gene and Jeannene Albright

9:30 Ravena
- Deceased members of the Durland and Conners family

11:30 Coxsackie
- Howard A. Hulbert by his wife, Roberta
- Helen Castaldi by Manny and Gerry Hotaling
- For all his Dutch relatives, those less fortunate and for all those who feel forgotten, abandoned and less fortunate and for America's veterans by Tom Van Schaick

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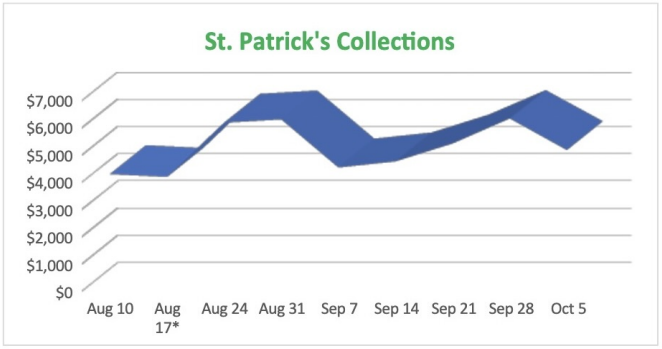
Collections & E-Giving

E-Mail Dawn Brownson **parishbusinessmanager@gmail.com**

Ravena

Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
10/12	10/19	10/12	10/19	10/12	10/19	10/12	10/19
184	249	116	149	$4,330.00	$3,178.00	$2,020.00	$2,020.00

St. Patrick's Collection History	
Aug 24	$4,317
Aug 31	$4,207
Sep 7	$6,201
Sep 14	$6,317
Sep 21	$4,554
Sep 28	$4,779
Oct 5	$5,443
Oct 12	$6,350
Oct 19	$5,198



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

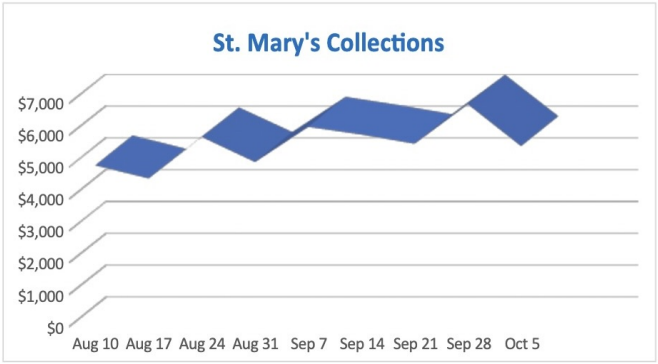
The Church is just like your family when it comes to managing our finances. We need to know what our income will be in order to budget and plan for on-going operational needs and building maintenance projects. E-giving provides a steady stream of income that we know we can depend on week after week. 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

Coxsackie

Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
10/12	10/19	10/12	10/19	10/12	10/19	10/12	10/19
204	222	$3,404.00	$2,506.00	$2,970.00	$2,970.00	$603.00	$195.00

St. Mary's Collection History	
Aug 24	$5,065
Aug 31	$4,645
Sep 7	$5,947
Sep 14	$5,173
Sep 21	$6,269
Sep 28	$6,023
Oct 5	$5,733
Oct 12	$6,977
Oct 19	$5,671



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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. Mary's 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:00 am

St. Patrick's 2nd and 4th Tuesday 9:00 am

HUDSON VALLEY VICARIATE WEST FAITH FORMATION Online hvvwff.org

FR. JAY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR HOMILIES AND MESSAGES: Click here and then please ***SUBSCRIBE***

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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

NETWORK FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/hvvw.network/

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Sunday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Patrick's
Monday 8:00 am at St. Mary's
Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Mary's except on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays when there is Mass
Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am St. Patrick's

MORNING PRAYER (Following the Liturgy of the Hours format) Friday mornings at 8:00 at St. Mary's

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 11 am - 12 pm on Tuesdays St. Patrick's School – Rectory

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

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