



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



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Keeping us connected during the Coronavirus Pandemic

A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

Dear Parish Family both near and far away,

Summer is giving way to fall. September is often a time of change and it is a season of change in our parish communities this year. Fr. Scott has accepted Bishop Ed's invitation to minister at St. Mary's in Glens Falls. And I've accepted the Bishop's invitation to minister to our St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parish families. I'm excited to be here!

Let me introduce myself. I'm Fr. Joseph O'Brien (people call me Fr. Joe) and I've been a priest for 30 years. Our family is from Pittsfield, Massachusetts. We moved to Troy when I was 3 years old. I'm the oldest of six children (one brother, four sisters). My Mom is 91. My Dad died last year. (My Grandmother will be 109 soon.) God willing, and if I'm careful with junk food, I've got a chance!

I'm a graduate of Catholic schools in Troy, St. Patrick's and Catholic Central. I earned a BS and an MBA from RPI. I worked for nine years mostly for General Electric in human resources, primarily in compensation and benefits. I worked in New York, Schenectady, San Jose (California) and Syracuse.

I had thought about priesthood while in high school but put it on hold while in college. God was persistent and kept calling me during my working years. I went to seminary at Catholic University in Washington, DC in 1986 and was ordained for the Diocese of Albany in 1991. I served at St. Mary's in Glens Falls for 3 years; St. John the Baptist in Chestertown, Blessed Sacrament in Hague and St. James in North Creek for 4.5 years; Sacred Heart in Lake George for 4.5 years; Holy Spirit in East Greenbush for 15 years; and Blessed Sacrament in Albany for 2.5 years. For the last several months, I've been serving parishes throughout the diocese covering for priests who've been reassigned or were on retreat.

I've been talking with Fr. Scott over the years and have long admired the many great things that have been going in Coxsackie and Ravena. I'm really looking forward to ministering, praying, walking and serving with you in the years to come. I'm excited to be here with you and feel privileged to participate in the life of our faith communities.

Together we seek the Lord!

Fr Joe

PS – It's early September. Happy Labor Day! Rather than thinking of this day as the beginning of the end of summer, would you take some time to thank the Holy Spirit you have received through Baptism and Confirmation. Have you thought how the gifts you use each day at work can be an expression of your thanks and praise to God? How what you do and how you do it

can be your unique expression of thanks and praise to God! If you would like to watch the National Labor Day Mass with Cardinal Gregory from Washington D.C. on Labor Day at 1:00 PM click on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/915826085671071>

Next weekend is the twentieth anniversary of September 11th. So many people remember that day, recalling with great detail where they were, what was going on around them and how they felt. Consider spending some time with someone you know who lost a loved one that day or someone whose life was touch in a very personal way. Call them. Or stop by. Talk with him or her. Be a listening family member, friend, or neighbor. Time is a gift. Jesus healed so many with even the simplest gestures.

Schedule

SUNDAY 9/5	9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 6:30 = Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
MONDAY 9/6	By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages
TUESDAY 9/7	2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) 5:30 = Confession (St. Mary's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!)
WEDNESDAY 9/8	
THURSDAY 9/9	1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Adult Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 9/10	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 9/11	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
SUNDAY 9/12	7:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 9:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!) (also St. Patrick's YouTube channel or Mid-Hudson 901) 11:30 = Public Mass at St. Mary's (All are welcome!) (also St. Mary's YouTube channel)
MONDAY 9/13	By Noon = New Prayer Service for small groups posted on parish Homepages

TUESDAY 9/14	2:00 = Rosary, St. Patrick's Church (All are welcome!) 5:30 = Confession (St. Patrick's) 6:30 = Rosary, St. Mary's (All are welcome!) 7:00 = Pastoral Council Meeting (St. Patrick's)
WEDNESDAY 9/15	
THURSDAY 9/16	1:00-2:00 = St. Patrick's Adult Prayer Meeting – Classroom 5
FRIDAY 9/17	8:00 = Morning Prayer (St. Mary's)
SATURDAY 9/18	4:30 = Public Mass at St. Patrick's (All are welcome!)
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Opportunities For You – To Serve/Pray/Grow

MASS SCHEDULE RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 11/12 → 4:30 / 7:30 / 9:30 / 11:30

We will return to the pre-COVID four Mass weekend schedule the weekend of September 11/12. We are also phasing in parishioners bringing up the offertory gifts and taking up the collection with long-handled baskets. To do so, we need volunteers and we are happy to train and support you. Please call either of parish office to express your interest. Thank you!

WEEKDAY PRAYER WITH THE EUCHARIST BEGINS THIS WEEK

Beginning on Labor Day, **Monday, September 6**, parishioners will be invited on weekdays to come spend 30 minutes or so in prayer before the Eucharist exposed on the altar.

Each parish will have two prayer sessions a week...

Monday, 8 AM – St. Mary's

Tuesday, 8 AM – St. Mary's

Wednesday, 9 AM – St. Patrick's

Thursday, 9 AM – St. Patrick's

Occasionally, Fr. Joe will be available to celebrate Mass at those times, in which case the prayer time before the Eucharist will be replaced with the actual Celebration of the Eucharist.

Come start your day with some focused prayer time with Christ. You're sure to be glad you did.

OPEN HOUSE FOR FR. JOE & FR. SCOTT AT RED'S RESTAURANT – **SUNDAY, SEPT. 12: 1 - 4 PM**

Stop in to welcome Fr. Joe and congratulate him on his 30 years as a priest, and bid farewell to Fr. Scott who is leaving after 6 years as our pastor. And enjoy some great Red's food while you're there!

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

The ministry is calling for an overall coordinator, 3 volunteers to be the set-up person for 3 different teams and 16 team volunteers to serve as servers after Mass.

If you feel called to serve our church in this ministry, please contact Bob at 518-731-9268 or stmaryffo@aol.com.

Altar Cleaners

Gina McGrath | 518-708-4689

ALTAR CLEANERS NEEDED

We are resuming the ministry of cleaning the altar weekly. This takes about one hour on a Friday or Saturday about once every six weeks and training is provided! If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Gina McGrath @ 708-4689. Thank you

Youth & Faith Formation of St. Mary's

Bob Desrosiers | 518-731-9268

FAITH FORMATION 2022

Faith Formation begins in 2 weeks, please send in registrations now. Also in the near future, there will be an interactive registration capability on our new Website (more to come on that).

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR GRADES 5, 8 & 9

Could God be calling you to do this vital work for our young people in the years leading up to their confirmation in the faith? Please contact Bob at stmaryoff@aol.com or 518-731-9268.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW):

Open to youth and adult catechist volunteers (7th grade or older). We hope to resume CLOW in September at the 11:30 AM Mass. Please contact Bob at stmaryoff@aol.com or 518-731-9268.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Gabe Hogle's reflection on his experience at the Breakaway Retreat at the Pyramid Life Center at the end of July: *"When I heard about Camp Breakaway, I wasn't really sure what to think about it, and since I had heard that there were plenty of fun activities like swimming, kayaking, hiking, and volleyball available, I was really hoping to have a powerful religious experience as well as an enjoyable getaway. Breakaway balanced out worship and recreation perfectly for me, and not only did I make friends that were eager to get busy adventuring with me, but I also had the opportunity to get closer to God, hear His Word, and enjoy His wonderful creation at Pyramid Life Center. While at camp we stayed in cabins and became a tight knit group, and spent lots of time participating in all the activities offered, including basketball, card games, music, and archery, among many more. We also spent lots of time learning and growing in our faith during talks from our supportive counselors, masses at the beautiful chapel, and an incredible climax during reconciliation and adoration. Camp Breakaway is the perfect experience for teens looking to enjoy the outdoors and friendship, and for those who are looking for an incredible place and opportunity to experience God's love and creation."* (We hope to have another reflection in the next Newsletter)

Thrift Shop at St. Patrick's

Marianne 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.)

Thank you to all that support the Food Pantry with your food and monetary donations!
We are in need of the following non-perishable food items:

Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup, Cookies, Snack Crackers, Lunch Box Snacks, and Popcorn.

Food Pantry is Open **Tuesdays & Fridays 10–11 AM** and **Wednesdays 6–7 PM.**

MONTHLY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE – 2nd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH (except December) All are welcome on **Wednesday, September 8 (Fr. Dan McHale Presider)** at 7:00 PM for prayer & praise followed by a 7:30 liturgy at **Christ Our Light RC Church** (1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211). AlbanyCCR.org



*Bishop Scharfenberger invites you to a
"Diocesan Day of Prayer & Celebration"
For ALL the people of the Albany
Diocese*

*Come Holy Spirit!
Renew Our Strength,
Reaffirm Our Hope*

Saturday, Sept. 25th- 9 AM to 2 PM
St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park

To Register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation>
OR Call The Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation (518) 453-6670
There is NO cost for this event

The day will begin with a special prayer for God's strength, and an uplifting message from Father Bob Longobucco, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. From this morning prayer, the day will continue with time to reflect more deeply on the gift of God's hope, led by Bob McCarty, well-known national presenter and former director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Finally, the day will conclude with a Holy Hour and a recommitment to "go announce the Gospel of the Lord!"

REGISTRATION FOR OUR GREENE WALKS 2021 IS NOW OPEN

Greene Walks is an 8 week walking program through which participants can increase both their physical and emotional strength, gain new healthy habits and enhance their overall wellness. Contest begins on September 6th and runs until October 31st, registration closes Sept. 9th.

<https://www.greenehealthnetwork.com/healthy-weight-initiative/greene-walks/>

COLLECTION FOR HAITI

This weekend , we will hold a special collection for relief following the devastating earthquake in Haiti as requested by Bishop Scharfenberger and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please be generous as always in helping our brothers and sisters in the poorest country in the western hemisphere

Ravena							
9:30 Attendance		Livestream Views		Collection		E-Giving	
8/22	8/29	8/22	8/29	8/22	8/29	8/22	8/29
141	121	537	478	\$2,585.00	\$1,965.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

**St. Patrick's
Collection History**

Jul 4	\$5,152
Jul 11	\$5,110
Jul 18	\$3,185
Jul 25	\$5,929
Aug 1	\$3,947
Aug 8	\$7,480
Aug 15	\$4,423
Aug 22	\$4,605
Aug 29	\$3,985

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ENVELOPES ARE GREAT, BUT E-GIVING HELPS YOUR PARISH MORE

Try it risk free and change your mind at any time: [Click Here](#)

Coxsackie							
4:30 Attendance		Collection		E-Giving		R & R	
8/21	8/28	8/21	8/28	8/21	8/28	8/21	8/28
150	119	\$1,997.00	\$1,972.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,970.00	\$35.00	\$40.00

**St. Mary's
Collection History**

Jul 3	\$4,477
Jul 10	\$6,785
Jul 17	\$6,361
Jul 24	\$4,423
Jul 31	\$5,316
Aug 7	\$5,476
Aug 14	\$6,118
Aug 21	\$5,002
Aug 28	\$4,982

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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- 4:30 PM on **St. Mary's YouTube channel** (also on-demand)
[Click here](#) and then please subscribe
- 9:30 AM Sunday 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)

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FR. SCOTT'S HOMILIES AND VIDEO MESSAGES (New postings multiple times each week):

[Click here](#) and then please hit



WEEKDAY MASS (On Facebook Live from Our Lady of Victory Parish, Troy)

[Click here](#) to watch live at 8:30 AM Monday – Friday or on demand later in the day

PROFILES OF ENDURANCE (Fr. Scott's Podcast)

Interviews with parishioners about facing life's challenges

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 21

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Tuesdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school

ADULT THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

1:00 - 2:00 PM on Thursdays at St. Patrick's in classroom 5 of the school