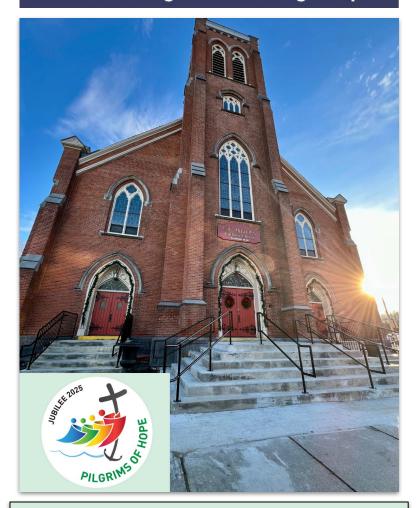


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Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.

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#### **Father Scott's Sharing Spot**

#### A Message from Father Scott VanDerveer, Pastor at St. Mary's Church



Dear Parish Family,

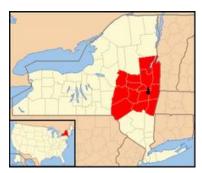
As you know, the shortage of priests in our Diocese is requiring us to broaden our ministries farther than we ever have before. Beginning this week, my role as pastor of St. Mary's and SMA is broadening.

On December 14, Bishop Ed came to Glens Falls to talk with me and asked me to accept his appointment as the Episcopal Vicar for the Adirondack Region ("Adirondack Vicariate"), while continuing on as the pastor of St. Mary's and SMA.

I will represent the Bishop in Washington, Warren and Northern Saratoga Counties. This includes the parishes as far south as Ballston Spa and Saratoga, and as far north as Chestertown. Because six parishes in the eastern part of Washington County are led by a Parish Life Coordinators and/or Parochial Vicars (priests serving there on the ground as associate pastors), I will become the Canonical Pastor of those parishes. Those communities are in Cambridge, Salem, Hoosick Falls, Granville, Whitehall and Fort Ann. The people in those communities will continue to see Fr. Zach Chichester and Fr. Peter Tkocz as their priests, since they serve those parishes week in and week out.

The outgoing Episcopal Vicar is Fr. Joe Busch, someone well known to all of us in this region. He has undertaken this responsibility vigorously, and everyone has seen how dedicated he has been to his duties. We're grateful for his hard work and faithful service. There is no way for me to fill his shoes, but I will do my best to follow in the path he has painstakingly trod. Although he is transitioning out of the Vicar role, he'll continue to be the pastor in Queensbury, Lake George and Warrensburg.

The Episcopal Vicar is a bridge between the parish leaders and Bishop Ed, as well as a resource for encouragement and collaboration. The Adirondack Vicariate, with its vast rural character, has its own unique blessings and challenges, and I am eager to listen, learn, and support our neighbors in their ministries. In addition, I will become a member of the Bishop's Priest Advisory Board ("Presbyteral Council") and be given a wide-scope view of Diocesan happenings.



In case you hadn't known, our Diocese is subdivided into seven regions. In addition to the Adirondack Vicariate, there is Beverwyck (The central Capital District), Hudson Valley (Catskills to the MA and CT borders), Leatherstocking (the Southern Tier reaching down to PA), Mohawk Valley (Amsterdam to the west, reaching almost to Utica), Taconic (between the Hudson River and New England) and Twin Rivers (the greater Schenectady and Clifton Park areas). Each of these is led by an Episcopal Vicar, who like me, has a primary assignment as a pastor.

Am I nervous? Oh yeah! St. Mary's and SMA are experiencing a time of growth and renewal, and, as many of you know, I am fully engaged six days a week in my current duties. But I can't forget that it is a privilege to step into this role, and to have our Bishop's confidence. I am excited to serve the priests, lay leaders and Catholic people of this glorious little corner of God's kingdom to the limits of my capacity and best of my ability.

Happy New Year to you all,

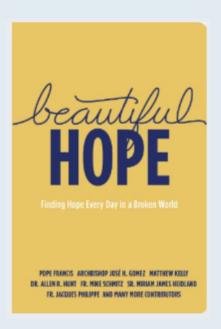


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## Jubilee of Hope

This year is the Jubilee of HOPE! To kick of this beautiful time. We will be reading Beautiful Hope.
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Thank you very much to our parishioners for their extraordinary generosity during the holiday season! Dear Friends...

So many people contributed to the beauty of our parish Christmas celebrations. The church was decorated exquisitely... the music at the liturgies was gorgeous,...and volunteers were present to lend a hand in countless ways. This parish literally lit up the whole community with our luminaries. Thank you one and all for all you did!

Many of you reached out to me at Christmas with a kind word, a card, a gift or a home-baked goody. I tried to acknowledge each of those gifts, but some came without any mention of the giver. In some cases, I was unable to find out who was the angel giving me such lovely treatment. Please know that I am grateful to you. Thank you for filling this Christmas with so much kindness and joy!

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# SMA Spotlight





Wow! You all came through in a big way for the fifth-graders' campaign to collect birthday party essentials. Your generosity and the students' efforts -- made in honor of Jesus' birthday -- combined to yield 98 birthday bags and 44 stocking for the patrons of the food pantry!

Mrs. Waters and her students wanted to be sure to share a message of thanks with all of you who contributed. "It was so amazing to see the kindness that came from our SMA community," she said.



She also said that after bringing the donations to the food pantry, one boy commented that doing so "felt so good -- just like after confession or receiving the Eucharist."

## In Need!!

Our popular Noah's Ark preschool and PreK programs are looking for help! If you'd like to spend your days working with bright, busy children ages 3 to 5, please reach out to Noah's Ark Director Beverly Kerpka or SMA Principal Marielena Hauser (518-792-3178 or <a href="mailto:bkerpka@smsarcs.org">bkerpka@smsarcs.org</a> or <a href="mailto:mhauser@smsarcs.org">mhauser@smsarcs.org</a>) for more information on how to apply. Openings are for a part-time aide position, Monday through Friday, noon to 5 pm, and a full-time aide position, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Classroom experience preferred, but not required. Come aboard the Ark!







#### **Mass Intentions**

January 4th- January 12th

#### Saturday, January 4th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ John Butler by Laurie and Mike Butler
- \* Helen Fountaine by Betty Charles
- Claude Charlebois by Cathy Vesterby and Lucy Auger
- Nancy Morrissey by David Morrissey and Family

## Sunday, January 5th - The Epiphany 8:30 am Mass

- Frank Grassia by Edward and Susan Kelly
- Harry Underwood (Anniversary) by Beverly Underwood and Family
- \*Kathleen Deutsch by Mark and Maria Polidore
- Connor C Kasin by James Tucker

#### 11:15 am Mass

- Harry G LaPoint (Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ Peter Marcantonio (Birthday) by wife, Joanna
- ❖ Joseph Puzzulo (10th Anniversary) by Puzzulo Family
- ❖ Dr. M. Patrick Hogan by Children and Grandchildren

#### Wednesday, January 8th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Pauline Passineau by Family
- Charles V and Charles F Duell by Family
- ❖ George Jameson by Julie Habshi

#### Thursday, January 9th - 12:10 PM Mass

❖ John L. Bourdeau (30th Anniversary) by Mary Ellen Bourdeau

#### Saturday, January 11th - 4:00 PM Mass

- Neva Girard (Birthday) by Family
- ❖ William J. and Jean W. Harris by Family
- Devin R. Caucci by Florence Nolan, M.D.
- Helen Fountaine by Dan and Linda Titterington

## Sunday, January 12th - Baptism of the Lord 8:30 am Mass

- Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family by Family and Friends
- Claude Charlebois by Joan and Gerry Wilson
- ❖ Toni Marie Coleman by Family

#### 11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Harrison Freer by Cantwell Family
- ❖ Leslie and Helen Rymkewicz by Family
- ❖ Bernadette Nugent by Family
- Elizebeth Markwith by Joan Lowell

#### **Weekly Report**

#### **GIVING at ST. MARY'S**

#### December 16 - December 22

\$13,370.67
\$6,555.67
\$3,860.00
\$2,955.00

Candle - \$122.12

#### December 24 - December 25

Cash	\$7,260.45
Envelopes	\$9,997.00
E-giving	\$1,500.00
Total	\$18,757.45

#### December 28 - December 29

Cash	\$3,871.00
Envelopes	\$5,852.00
E-giving	\$3,326.00
Total	\$13,049.00

Candle - \$283.50 Charity - \$790 Food Pantry - \$1,250

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

#### December 16 - December 22

Total In-person:		830
Sunday	11:15 am	277
Sunday	8:30 am	264
Saturday	4:00 pm	289

#### December 24 - December 25

Total In-person		1692
Christmas Day	10:00 am	350
Christmas Eve	9:00 pm	348
SMA Great Hal	ll 4:00 pm	414
Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	580

#### December 28 - December 29

Total In-person:		797
Sunday	11:15 am	309
Sunday	8:30 am	256
Saturday	4:00 pm	236







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