



Fr. Sean Patrick O'Brien was born in Binghamton, New York in 1965, the son of John Francis O'Brien and Donna (nee Tompkins) O'Brien and the elder brother of Maureen O'Brien. Fr. Sean graduated from Vestal Senior High School in 1983. After studying at Herkimer County Community College to be a radio announcer, Sean decided to apply for seminary and was accepted by the Diocese of Syracuse. After three years at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg, NY, Sean finished Major Seminary at St. Mary's in Baltimore, MD and was ordained to the priesthood on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1993.

Fr. O'Brien's diocesan assignments include: Our Lady of Lourdes in Utica, NY from 1993-1998. St. Patrick's Church in Forestport, NY and St. Mary's, Our Lady of the Snows in Otter Lake, NY from 1998-2002. Christ Our Light in Pulaski, NY from 2003-2009. Christ Our Hope Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County, from 2009-2014. St. Matthew's in East Syracuse/ St. Mary's in Minoa/ St. Francis' in Bridgeport, NY from 2015-2019. Currently the pastor of St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish in Rome, NY.

Fr. O'Brien joined the Navy in 1991. His Reserve assignments include: Naval Hospital Oakland, Strike Fleet, Submarine Squadron Support Unit in New London, CT. 5<sup>th</sup>Fleet in the Arabian Gulf. NMCB 27, 25<sup>th</sup> Marines, 7<sup>th</sup> Naval Construction Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Air Wing, Command Naval Installation Command, Washington DC, and currently is the Force Chaplain for Military Sealift Command HQ, Norfolk VA

Fr. O'Brien's mobilizations/deployments include: Ground Zero (NYC) 2001. Operation Iraqi Freedom 2002-2003. Operation Enduring Freedom (CJTF-82 Afghanistan) 2007. CJTF-HOA (Horn of Africa) 2014-2015

On his free time, Fr. O'Brien can be found touring in his Model T Ford, boating on Kayuta Lake, riding vintage snowmobiles and playing fiddle with friends.