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Praying with young 'a great joy'

MADRID (CNS)-- Listening to and praying with energetic young Catholics is a joy, Pope Benedict XVI told the king of Spain.

"I have come here to meet thousands of young people from all over the world, Catholics committed to Christ, searching for the truth that will give real

meaning to their existence," the pope told King Juan Carlos Aug. 18 at Madrid's Barajas airport.

Pope Benedict said that joining hundreds of thousands of young people at World Youth Day was the motive for his third papal trip to Spain and his 20th trip outside of Italy since becoming

pope in 2005.

Many participants at the youth gathering "have heard the voice of God, perhaps only as a little whisper, which has led them to search for him more diligently and to share with others the experience of the force which he has in their lives," the pope said.

Faith gives the young people the strength to look with hope and confidence at the world and its problems, he said.

They see "superficiality, consumerism and hedonism, the widespread banalization of sexuality, the lack of solidarity, the corruption," the pope said.

AT WORLD YOUTH DAY

23 from diocese travel to Spain



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER
Deacon Tom Higman and Andrew Lauria of Plattsburgh are team leaders for the 23 young pilgrims taking part in World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain. Sixteen of the local pilgrims met at Guggenheim Aug. 13 for prayer and fellowship before traveling to JFK Airport in New York for the flight to Europe. In Spain they were among 1 million other young Catholics from around the world; Pope Benedict XVI joined them Aug. 18-21. See page 3 for photos of the group at Guggenheim as well as a typical scene in Spain.

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Make plans to take part in special events:

The following events have been planned for the coming weeks in the Diocese of Ogdensburg:

- Maryknoll 100th anniversary Mass, April 28 at Notre Dame Church in Malone
- Theology of the Body presentation by Christopher West Sept 16 & 17 in Massena
- Serra Club Pilgrimage Oct. 4 to Lake Placid
- Altar Server Mass and Barbecue Sept. 18 at St. Mary's Cathedral and Bishop's House
- Marriage Jubilee Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

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Local courts make a good showing at annual state CDA convention held this year in East Syracuse
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YOUNG PARISHIONER JOINS CELEBRATION



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER
Bishop Terry R. LaValley meets Sherry Smith, daughter of Paul and Karen Smith, the youngest participant of the Aug. 14 centennial Mass at the Church of the Assumption in Gabriels. Father Mark Reilly, pastor, is holding his young parishioner. See pages 8 and 9 for a story and more photos

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Pilgrims' progress:

In last week's *NCC*, we offered a prayerful send-off to the young pilgrims who were beginning their journey from northern New York to the capital of Spain for World Youth Day 2011.

This week, they are all back home and we are anxious to hear their stories.

But this past Saturday, as the paper was headed to the printer, our valiant travelers were settling in for a long summer's night, described this way by MaryCatherine Jadlos, a parishioner of St. Mary's in Canton:

"Its 108 degrees in Madrid, and I'm headed to sleep in a field with 1.5 million young adults.... and the Pope. Nope. I'm not crazy, I'm Catholic."

Those of us a little older than MaryCatherine might think all 1.5 million are, indeed, a little bit crazy but I don't think any of them would trade places with the rest of us, even for 1.5 million dollars!

Another of the pilgrims, Therese Moen, the DRE at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, shared many of her impressions during the first couple days of their adventure.

"We are all here, we are all safe, we are all growing deep in faith and having a wonderful time.... there are people everywhere, speaking many languages, waving their flags, and singing traditional music from their countries to Our Lord... They are all filled with joy

and love. There is an excitement that fills the air and many youth that fill the streets saying "Viva il Papa, VIVA."

She went on to describe the city, the education sessions, the pope's arrival and the excitement on the streets of Madrid.

And then, with a promise to write again later, she closed:

Please know these things: Jesus is truly alive and that we are praying for all of you as we pilgrimage. We remember you at all times and wish that you could all have this empowering experience in Christ Jesus. To know the love that God has for each one of us is beyond imagination or understanding.

The *NCC* will continue to follow the steps of our pilgrims in next week's issue and in the months to come.

I have a feeling that these young people are only beginning to understand the impact that this experience will have on their lives.

We'll definitely want to hear what Therese, MaryCatherine, Deacon Tom, Rachel, Zack, Andrew and all the rest have to say months from today.

In the meantime, though, check out the *NCC's* website (www.northcountrycatholic.org) and our Facebook page to see all the comments in their entirety and lots of photographs capturing their amazing experiences.



Mary Lou
Kilian

CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Take Up Your Cross - Follow Me 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time August 27-28

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

It seems that both Jeremiah and Peter have been "duped" by their God. Neither of them could understand that the ways and thoughts of God were not their own.

Jeremiah seems to have expected that his message from God would at least win a hearing from God's people. What he got was misunderstanding, ridicule and derision. It seems that God had tricked him into a mission that he would not have chosen for himself, a call to be a prophet.

Jesus walks with us on our journey of suffering and helps us to carry the Cross.

There are times in our lives when we find God's ways of serving Him are disappointing. We expect affirmation, contentment and happiness. But God has a plan and it entails "taking up the cross" and "following Jesus" in the same manner as He did.

Jesus became a sacrifice of love for each of us by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Our own sufferings and struggles, times of failure, of sickness, and of rejection can be offered in union with the sufferings of Jesus Christ for all those who are suffering from war, violence, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, etc. These are not easy acts of sacrifice, but they are ways of being evangelists—mentors of hope for these people.

Evangelization is something we do from the strength of God's grace, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the zeal to proclaim the full Gospel message. The virtue of hope anchors the community of believers to a deeper faith in Christ who has already suffered for us.

He walks with us on our journey of suffering and helps us to carry the Cross.

St. Paul came to understand this when he told the Romans "to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship."

In the celebration of the Eucharist, we remember again that Jesus became an acceptable sacrifice to the Father. We, too, offer ourselves with Jesus Christ so that we can become an acceptable sacrifice to the Father.

St. Paul says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

This is being counter-cultural in this age. To discern the will of God today is not easy.

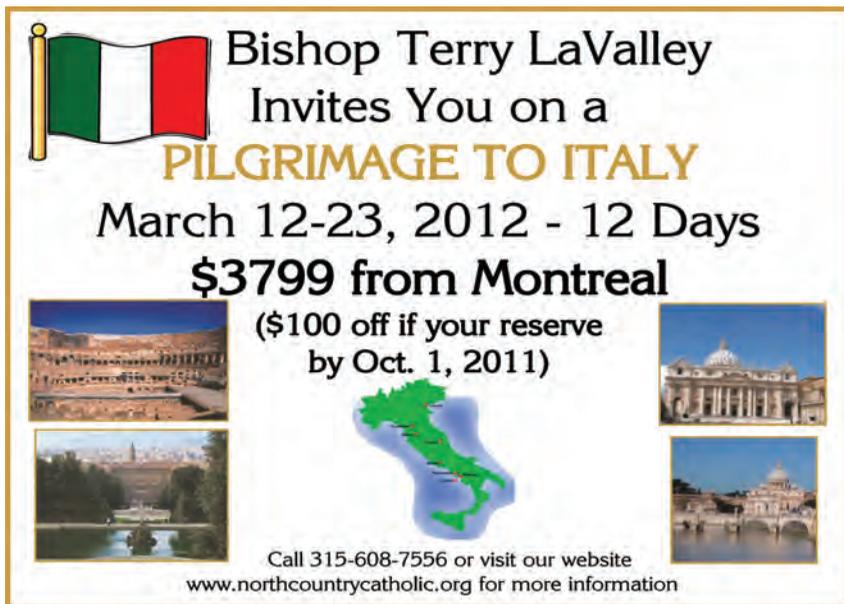
As a family of faith, as a worshipping community, we grow in relationship with God and with one another, so that we may grow in God's wisdom and knowledge of His ways.

We recognize and become more at home with the presence of God in our lives. Our lives begin to be transformed into Christ.

We hope that the world we live in also becomes transformed into the ways of Christ. It's a transformation and a deeper renewal of our Christian lives that requires effort and attention.

Understanding what it means for you and me to take up the cross and follow Jesus takes prayer, self-sacrifice, and a deep trust that God has not duped us. As we thirst and long for the living God, He longs and thirsts far more for us! What does taking up the cross mean for you?

Has this meant suffering/and or joy for you? How can the Church help people hear God's voice in their own lives more clearly amidst the din of contemporary life?



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Theology of the Body at Celebrate Christ

MASSENA – This year’s Celebrate Christ program will feature noted speaker Christopher West offering two day-long presentations on the Theology of the Body.

The programs are set for Sept. 16 for priests, religious and deacons and their wives at St. Mary’s Church; and Sept 17 for all of these interested in learning about this topic at Sacred Heart Church.

Through philosophical reflection, humor and references to current culture realities. West will demonstrate how the Church’s teachings on marriage sexuality make sense and correspond with the deepest longings of the human heart.

Further information about the presentation and registration forms are available on to the diocesan website homepage (www.diooogdensburg.org.) Click on the Christopher West Theology of the Body icon at the bottom of the page.

Registration also may be made through pastors.

*In order to secure adequate participant materials registrations must be received by August 31.

Serra Club Pilgrimage

LAKEPLACID - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead a Fall vocation pilgrimage to St. Agnes Church Oct. 4.

The trip is sponsored by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office of Ogdensburg.

Bishop LaValley will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. A buffet luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel will follow Mass and a Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m. will end the pilgrimage.

Bus pick-ups will be in Watertown, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Plattsburgh. The cost for the pilgrimage including bus travel is \$90 per person. For pilgrims arranging other transportation, the cost is \$50 per person.

Registration forms are available in all parishes and on this page of the *North Country Catholic*.

Further information is available from John or Sondra Castle at (315) 265-3578.

Altar Server Mass and Barbecue

OGDENSBURG – Altar servers from throughout the diocese are invited to a special Mass and barbecue Sept. 18

The Mass begins at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral and the barbecue will follow at the Bishop’s residence.

Registration may be made with pastors who should contact Jean Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 ext. 401 or e-mail jgrizzuto@dioogdensburg.org by Sept. 14 with the number of participants.

Marriage Jubilee

OGDENSBURG - Bishop LaValley will preside at the annual Marriage Jubilee Mass Sept. 25 at 2:30, honoring couples celebrating anniversaries and their families.

Registration should be made with pastors.

Further information is available from the diocesan Family Life Office at 315-393-2920, ext 420 or on the Website, www.dioogdensburg.org/familylife.

FROM SARANAC LAKE TO SPAIN



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER, ABOVE; AND THERESE MOEN, BELOW

Sixteen of the 23 World Youth Day Pilgrims from the Diocese of Ogdensburg met Aug. 13 for dinner, Mass and an overnight at the Guggenheim Lodge before flying out from JFK airport in NYC on Sunday. Kneeling, from left, are Deacon Tom Higman, Erin Miner, Rachel Daly, Jen Campbell, Melissa Fisher, Mary Catherine Jadlo, Molly Burgess, Alexander Marceau and Mike Higman; standing: Zack Leader, Andrew Lauria, Scott Belina, Tracy Leonard, Chris Fisher, Keith Lauria and Matt Conger. Below, the young people of the diocese are among the hundreds of thousands waiting for the pope’s arrival in Madrid Aug. 18.



Fall Pilgrimage to St. Agnes’ Church, Lake Placid
 October 4, 2011
 Sponsored by the Serra Club and Vocation Office of Ogdensburg

Cost: \$90 per person including bus transportation or \$50 if you provide your own transportation
 Includes: Luxury Coach Transportation, Mass with Bishop LaValley at 11 a.m.,
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Local Catholic Daughters have strong presence at state convention

Catholic Daughters from the Diocese of Ogdensburg were well represented at the 52nd New York State Catholic Daughters of the Americas convention was held May 18-22 at the DoubleTree Hotel in East Syracuse.

Delegates from the Diocese of Ogdensburg attended from courts in Dannemora, Ellenburg, Peru, Champlain and Willsboro. This year's convention theme was "Follow Me".

Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, bishop of Syracuse and former bishop of Ogdensburg, presided at the opening liturgy at Holy Cross Church in Dewitt, while Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Officer's Installation Liturgy. Father Scott Seymour, pastor in Morrisonville and state CDA chaplain, also took part in

the liturgies.

Father Seymour, who was elected to serve another term as chaplain, presented one of the workshops at the convention, focusing on the changes in the new missal. Other workshops addressed leadership and Blessed Sister Marianne Cope. There were also presentations on spirituality, entertainment, an election of officers and an awards program.

Penny Martin of Willsboro in the Diocese of Ogdensburg was elected State Regent for a second term. The other officers are 1st Vice Regent, Mary Ziesig, re-elected for second term; 2nd Vice Regent, Heather Rave; State Secretary, Marianne Eaton; State Treasurer, Frances Cifuni; and State Chaplain, Father Seymour

Awards presented (by court number):

#479 Court Mary Immaculate Plattsburgh charity >\$10,000. 2009 and 2010

592 Court Mother Admirable Dannemora scrapbook- second place, category 3; membership award- added 13 members '09-'11; charity >\$5000.2009

#787 Court Saint Bernard Saranac Lake charity >\$10,000.2010

#794 Court Saint Mary Ticonderoga charity >\$5,000.2009

#1300 Court Little Rose Ellenburg Education award-honorable mention; charity >\$5000.2010

#2183 Court Tom Dooley Lake Placid scholarship award

#2498 Court Saint Monica Peru Spiritual enhancement-2nd place; charity >\$5000. 2009 and 2010; membership award- added 15 members

2009-2011; Regent Christa Reyell was elected to the 2012 nominating committee;



Representatives from Catholic Daughters Court Little Rose #1300 Ellenburg and Court Joan of Arc #867 Willsboro are shown above. Seated, from left are Rita Devan and Pat Lindsey of Willsboro and Marie Trombley, Judy Bombart and Anne Landry of Ellenburg. Standing, not identified, Tina Bigelow, Willsboro, Father Scott Seymour, state chaplain from Morrisonville and Joyce Roberts of Ellenburg.



Members from Court Mother Admirable #592 Dannemora are, from left, Anna Lucia and Margaret Talford. Members from Court St. Monica #2598, Peru; are Jane Woods and Christa Corel-Reyell



Bishop LaValley is pictured with newly elected state officers Penny Martin of Willsboro, State Regent; Father Scott Seymouir of Morrisonville, State Chaplain; Mary Ziesig, 1st Vice Regent; Heather Rave, 2nd Vice Regent; Marianne Eaton, State Secretary; Frances Cifuni, State Treasurer; and Father James Cox, Past State Chaplain



Eleanor Mayette, 90 years old will soon mark 48 years as a member of Court #592 in Dannemora. This year, for the second time, her scrapbook was awarded second place in Category III.

'Be sealed with the Holy Spirit'

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

CAPE VINCENT – Teamwork and membership on a team. This were the central themes of Bishop Terry LaValley's message to the young men and women receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Ogdensburg Diocese this year.

Bishop LaValley confirms four at Cape Vincent Correctional Facility

Bishop LaValley focuses on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, present in each team member yet unique to the individual. In the eyes of God, Bishop LaValley told the candidates, each of them is called to use his and her gifts for the benefit of the entire community, whatever their vocation or current state in life.

The message was particularly apropos as the Bishop spoke to inmates at the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility in Jefferson County May 22. Bishop LaValley was invited to confer the Sacrament on four men currently housed at the medium security prison of the New York State Department of Corrections.

Bishop LaValley celebrated Mass and confirmed the men during the Catholic prison community's retreat called Residents Encounter Christ.

Deacon Robert Ruddy, chaplain at the facility, and his wife Judy have been involved in REC since 1997.

According to Deacon Ruddy this was the 30th REC

held at the Cape Vincent facility. A dozen volunteers were involved in the planning and conduct of the retreat with Henry McCarthy of St. James Minor Church in Carthage serving as Rector this year.

This ministry at Cape Vincent is supported financially by the deacon community in the diocese, the St. Lawrence Society, the Knights of Columbus councils in Rosiere and Chaumont, St. Mary's in Clayton and St. John the Evangelist parish in LaFargeville.

Residents Encounter Christ encourages the prison inmate population to become more active Christians during and after their incarceration.

The three days of retreat includes presentations, prayer, Mass and when possible the conferring of Sacraments.

"At this REC," Deacon Ruddy said, "we had two Baptisms, three men received their first Communion and four were Confirmed."

"This was not our first Confirmation at REC," Ruddy noted, "but it is the first time our Bishop has come to the facility to confer the Sacrament personally. We are extremely grateful for his willingness to come in the middle of a busy schedule."

In fact, Bishop LaValley also presided at Confirmation ceremonies at St. Vincent of Paul in Cape Vincent and at Holy Family Church in Watertown on the same day.

A highlight of the weekend is the Peace speech. One inmate is chosen to reflect on the peace in his heart; his



PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON

Bishop LaValley confirms one of the inmates at The Cape Vincent Correctional Facility. Deacon Robert Ruddy, left, chaplain at the facility, assisted at the liturgy.

prayer for peace in the community and world.

Hector is Chaplain Ruddy's clerk. He was selected to make the presentation. English is Hector's second language but his thoughts and words resonated clearly.

"I am looking for peace too," he said. "I know now how God is working in my mind and in my heart."

Perhaps considering his own circumstances, Hector invited his audience to face their trials in the words of Paul in Philippians: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ."

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Concert to benefit Mission of Hope

PLATTSBURGH -An Evening with Towne Meeting, a benefit concert for the North Country Mission of Hope, will be held Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Clinton Community College Stafford Theater.

Towne Meeting has been described as a "five-member band with powerful vocal harmonies. Their musical roots are in folk but the band branches out into many other genres, from acoustic rock to country."

Proceeds will be used to support recent ecological projects of the Mission of Hope. The event is sponsored by Mission of Hope and Clinton Community College Alumni

Further information is available from 518-563-1036; or online at www.townemeeting.com or www.ncmissionofhope.org.



Towne Meeting, a five-member band which performs folk, acoustic rock and country music, is presenting a concert Aug. 27 to support ecological projects of the North Country Mission of Hope. From left are Gary Van Cour, Miles Moody, Justin Van Cour, Rich Sutphen and Dennis Hurlbert. Formed in 2006 in Plattsburgh, the group has gained a following throughout northern New York as well as in the capital region and northern Vermont.

K of C golf tournament set for Sept. 17

By Kate Curry
Staff writer

INDIAN LAKE-Golfers will be teaming up for a worthy cause for the fourth annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 17, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Cedar River Golf Course.

This year's tournament will be named in honor of George "Coach" Burgess, a beloved retired school coach, member of St. Mary's church and active community member who died in June. He was also a Fourth Degree Knight, Warden and Trustee for Council 13102.

"We decided to honor Coach this year because he always worked hard on our

tournament, getting sponsors and golfers even after reaching 90 years of age," said Dave Harrington, coordinator of the event. "He was so active with the Knights and in our community. We all miss him."

Proceeds from the tournament assist local families to assist with heating costs. The Knights keep a list of people needing assistance and will contact the families or the heating provider and pay the heating costs.

The tournament has made over six thousand dollars over the past three years and usually makes approximately two thousand each year. "We're hoping for a good turnout this year and hopefully top what we made

last year," stated Harrington. The price of the tournament is \$65 per player and includes lunch and a chicken barbecue for dinner.

There will be giveaways, raffles, carts, trophies and mulligans. There are usually ten to twelve teams with four people on each team.

"If people don't have a team, then please come and we can put a team together for you," Harrington said. "We have done that in the past of people who met for the first time golfing and have come back the next year as a team."

Registration is at nine a.m. Tee off is at ten. The tournament will last until 3 p.m. and dinner will be held at Cedar River.

Further information is available from Harrington at 518-648-5170.

Rest in Peace

This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen men who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Aug. 24 - Msgr. Paul G. Brunet, 1991

Aug. 25 - Rev. Damas Guilbault, 1919; Msgr. Hugh P.R. O'Reilly, 1948; Rev. George W. Tobin, 2010

Aug. 27 - Rev. John F. Byrne, 1919; Rev. Ubalde LaRose, 1919; Rev. Edward Henry Bernier, 1962

Aug. 28 - Rev. Florent Vandenberghe, O.M.I., 1882

Aug. 29 - Rev. Leo Desmet, 1926; Rev. Thomas F. Driscoll, 2003

Aug. 30 - Rev. Bartholomew McLaughlin, 1914

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. In this short dialogue thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory, Amen. Thank you for your love toward me and my love ones.

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Novena to St. Theresa

St. Theresa, the little flower, please pick me a rose from your heavenly garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee employ. And tell him I will love him each day more and more.

Say the above prayer plus 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory Be's.

EM

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Aug. 26 - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

Aug. 28 - 11:00 a.m., 100th Anniversary Mass for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers at Notre Dame Church in Malone.

Aug. 30 - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

Aug. 31 - 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information: Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-393-2920. ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:

Sept. 1 - 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's School, Canton

Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., St. Alexander's, Morrisonville

Sept. 15 - 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick's, Port Henry

Sept. 24 - 8:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart Central Intermediate School, Watertown

Nov. 17 - 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Chazy

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Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at a jubilee celebration July 30 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown for the Sisters of St. Joseph celebrating special anniversaries this year. From left are Sisters Judy Adams, Mary Ellen Brett, Mary Juliana Raymond, Shirley Anne Brown and Jane Frances Cutting, Bishop Terry LaValley and Sisters Carol Louise Kraeger, Mary Gregory Munger and Cecilia Marie Hermann. All are celebrating 50 years of religious life except Sister Jane Frances who is observing 65 years.



Children from St Mary's in Copenhagen and St. James in Carthage gather around the altar with Father George Maroun Aug. 12 at the conclusion of a week long celebration of Vacation Bible School. The children were called to be disciples of Jesus as they took a dive into the Great Bible Reef. St. Mary's Altar and Rosary provided a picnic lunch following the Mass.



St. John's Catholic Church Altar and Rosary Society of Lyons Falls hosted the 484th Division Army Band for a luncheon in the church hall July 16. The band came in from Fort Drum but originated from Milwaukee, Wis. They were in Lyons Falls to perform a concert in the afternoon for the annual Lyons Falls Festival at Riverside Park. Shown with the army band are Tina Bango, Ginny Fitzgerald, Bernadette Law and Christine Chaufy.



The Bishop Conroy General Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus held their annual Ed Arkle Memorial Mass and breakfast at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown June 5. Mass was celebrated at 9 a.m. with Msgr. Paul E. Whitmore officiating. Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus. followed with all proceeds donated to the Sisters of St. Joseph. Above, Faithful Captain Sir Knight Larry Beltowski presents the proceeds from the breakfast to Sister Bernadette Marie Collins, major superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

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Church of the Assumption celebrates its centennial

By Colleen Miner
Staff writer

GABRIELS – Bishop Terry R, LaValley presided at a centennial Mass at the Church of the Assumption Aug. 14, the eve of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Father Mark Reilly, pastor, con-celebrated.

See photos on page 9

The Church of the Assumption's history can be traced to Bishop Henry Gabriels, the second bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, who sought the Sisters of Mercy to care for the sick

suffering with tuberculosis in the Adirondack area. The Sisters established a Sanatorium around 1895.

For more than 20 years, Mass was offered either at the Shrine at the Gabriel's Sanatorium or in the hall over Riley's apartment house.

On September 2, 1911, the Parish of the Assumption was formally established by the Diocese of Ogdensburg, with Irish Immigrant Father. Richard O'Donnell serving as the first pastor from 1911-1919.

Subsequent pastors were Father Augustus Dumont (1919-1936); Father Donald Gallagher (1936-1944); Father Joseph Heslin (1944-1945); Father Skelly (1945-1946); Father Thompson (1946-1950); Father Frank McMahon (1950-1972); Father Albert Plante (1972-1976);

Also, Father Peter Ward (1976-1981); Father Patrick Mundy (1981-1993); Father Joseph Trombley (1993-2000); Father Francis Flynn (2000-2002); Father Thomas Kornmeyer (2002-2010) and, since 2010, Father Reilly.

At the centennial Mass, Mercy Sister Carolyn Madden represented the order who ministered to countless sick who ventured to the Adirondacks for the cure of fresh air.

In his homily, Bishop LaValley said, "The practice of mercy reveals the face of God to the world...We remember the Sisters of Mercy who heroically served those suffering from tuberculosis."

Bishop LaValley added that "while this building is made from field stone, timber and stucco, it is by the grace of God nurtured by you and your loved ones that continues to build up this house of faith."

The day also included a pig roast and picnic for parishioners of the Churches of the Mountains and Lakes (from Saranac Lake, Bloomingdale, Lake Clear and Gabriels)

Also, a 4 p.m. gathering inside the Church of the Assumption included Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. The vigil office of the Solemnity of the Assumption was accompanied by the all-parish bell choir.

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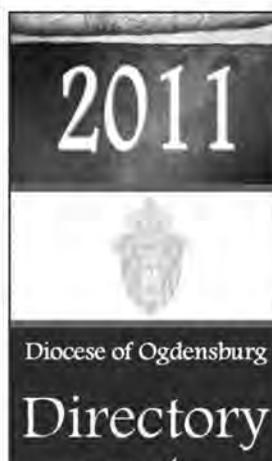
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Church of the Assumption in Gabriels



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The Church of the Assumption in the Adirondack community of Gabriels was incorporated Sept. 2, 2011; the church was built in 1922. Today, Assumption is a mission of St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale.



Bishop LaValley and Father Mark Reilly, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, are shown with some of the children who attended the celebration, Bruce Page, grandson of parishioners Mark and Annie Murphy; David Montroy and Kathleen Montroy, children of Carol and Wayde Montroy and Sherry Smith, daughter of Paul and Karen Smith.



Bishop LaValley is pictured with four religious women who attended the centennial Mass. From left are St. Joseph Sisters Bethany Fitzgerald and Kathleen Debolt, Bishop LaValley, Mercy Sister Carolyn Madden and St. Joseph Sister Carol Kraeger. The bishop cited the particular contributions of the Sisters of Mercy who came to the area to minister to victims of tuberculosis.



Church of the Assumption parishioner Michele Tucker composed the musical arrangement for *Te Deum* which was sung by the centennial choir as the post-communion hymn. Seated is Michele Tucker and standing, Lou Ann Douglas, Marie-Aymee Fisk, Sister Rita Mawn, Barbara Marshall, Marta Tebbitt and John Miner

Youths welcome pope to WYD

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

MADRID (CNS) - Formally welcomed to World Youth Day by a boisterous, flag-waving throng of hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged their enthusiasm but also urged them to be strong, solid and think about their faith.

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Pope Benedict walked through the Puerta de Alcalá, a monumental arch symbolizing the entrance to the city, with young people representing Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

Moving to the nearby Plaza de Cibeles for the formal greetings and a prayer service, young people representing the various regions greeted the pope and gave him a gift that represented a formal cultural welcome. The pope received salt and bread from a young Polish woman; a flower garland from a Japanese woman; a bowl of rice from a South Korean; a sombrero from a Honduran; and coffee beans in a banana leaf from a young man from Australia.

Cardinal Antonio Rouco Varela of Madrid also took a turn at the microphone, welcoming the pope on behalf of the Spanish church and society, but the evening ceremony and prayer service Aug. 18 were clearly about the pope and the young people.

Hours before the pope arrived, young people staked out spots in the plaza and surrounding streets. To pass the time, they danced in the streets, sang, clapped and waved their nations' flags. Hundreds of thousands of



CNS PHOTO/SERGIO PEREZ, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI waves to the crowd from his popemobile as he arrives for a welcoming celebration as part of the World Youth Day festivities in central Madrid Aug. 18. The pope arrived earlier that day in Spain's capital to spend four days with hundreds of thousands of young pilgrims.

people swayed to the beat of the "Macarena."

German Sarah Wang could hardly contain her excitement.

"You always see him on TV or in pictures; it's so exciting that he's actually in the same country (as me)," she said. "The last two days you are waiting for him, but now it's so different. That's the purpose why you're here, to see the pope and hear him.

"When you see the pope, you feel like you're Catholic," said Florence Pua, part of the Chinese-Filipino community in Manila, Philippines. "I want to see him so I can firm up my faith and detach myself from the things that are earthly."

The pope greeted the youths in Spanish, French, English, German, Italian, Portuguese and Polish.

In English, he expressed

his hopes that "these days of prayer, friendship and celebration" would "bring us closer to each other and to the Lord Jesus. Make trust in Christ's word the foundation of your lives."

After the Gospel was sung in English, the pope gave the youths an in-depth introduction to the World Youth Day theme, "Rooted and Built up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith."

The pope said that some words simply amuse or inform, but the words of Jesus "must reach our hearts, take root and bloom there all our lives."

He asked the young to listen to God's word and allow it to become "a rule of life which likens us -- poor in spirit, thirsting for justice, merciful, pure in heart, lovers of peace -- to the person of Christ."

World Youth Day is an opportunity to know Christ better and "to make sure that, rooted in him, your enthusiasm and happiness, your desire to go further, to reach the heights, even God himself, always hold a sure future, because the fullness of life has already been placed within you," he said.

The pope asked the young to be steadfast in faith, but also know that "in the face of our weaknesses which sometimes overwhelm us, we can rely on the mercy of the Lord who is always ready to help us again and who offers us pardon in the sacrament of penance."

He said some people "take it upon themselves to decide what is true or not, what is good and evil, what is just and unjust; who should live and who can be sacrificed in the interests of other preferences."

Such people claim to be living a life free from every constraint, but their lives have no mooring and no clear horizon, he said: They are lost.

The 84-year-old pope urged the young people to be "prudent and wise, build your lives upon the firm foundation which is Christ" so that "nothing will make you fear, and peace will reign in your hearts."

"Then you will be blessed and happy and your happiness will influence others," he said. "They will wonder what the secret of your life is" and they, too, will discover Christ, "your friend, brother and Lord, the Son of God incarnate, who gives meaning to all the universe."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Stop, listen, reflect on what God is trying to tell you, pope says

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) -- Most people don't leave any time in their day to stop, listen and reflect on what God is doing and saying in their lives, Pope Benedict XVI said. "Our time is taken up by so many activities, commitments, worries and problems that often one tends to fill up one's whole day without having a second left for stopping to reflect and nourish one's spiritual life" by having contact with God, he said Aug. 17 as he held his weekly general audience in the courtyard of the papal summer villa at Castel Gandolfo. The pope continued his series of talks on prayer by focusing on meditation and the role it plays in a Christian life. He said it is essential to consistently find a moment every day to be able to "collect our thoughts in silence and meditate on what the Lord wants to teach us, since he is present and acts in the world and our lives." Since the way to heaven involves believing in God, trusting in him and carrying out his will, each individual needs to be able to hear and understand what God is saying and wants for each person, and that happens through prayer and meditation, he said. Meditation "means to remember how much God has done" and the bounty of his gifts, he said. "Often we only see the negative," he said, and people must also reflect on all the positive things in their lives.

Advice to homilists: Please get to the point in six or eight minutes

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) -- For eight days at Loyola University New Orleans, three priests and five deacons absorbed the cool mathematics and internal symmetry of good preaching. Just as Moses descended from Mount Sinai with Ten Commandments chiseled on two stone tablets, the rules laid out by Father Roy Shelly and Deborah Wilhelm of the Diocese of Monterey, Calif., while not etched in permanent marker, are boundaries worthy of respect: six to eight minutes for a Sunday homily, three to five minutes for a weekday sermon. "The idea is not so much 'brevity' as it is not taking longer than you need," said Wilhelm, a doctoral student with a focus on preaching at the Aquinas Institute of Theology. Improving the quality and spiritual depth of preaching has been a passion for Father Shelly, who is director of vocations and oversees homiletics training for the permanent diaconate in his diocese. If priests and deacons do not take seriously their vocational call and the preparation needed to preach the Gospel, Father Shelly said, the resulting communication will be flat and possibly even an obstacle to worship. "The Pew Foundation looked at why young adults are leaving the church, and the first reason the study gave was poor preaching," Father Shelly said. "In the Diocese of Monterey, we only recently renewed the diaconate. The mandate that came from the presbyteral council was that deacons should be effective preachers -- and we should also hold the presbyterate to the same standards. This post-Vatican II generation expects more from us."

Mood changes as pope, young people reflect on suffering in Way of Cross

By Cindy Wooden and Gretchen R. Crowe
Catholic News Service

MADRID (CNS) - The mood at World Youth Day changed dramatically late Aug. 19 as Pope Benedict XVI and hundreds of thousands of young people turned their thoughts to suffering.

The vividly painted, graphic statues that illustrated each station of Jesus' passion and death were accompanied by meditations focused on individuals, groups and nations enduring serious suffering today.

Many young people - even those blocks away, watching on Jumbotrons - read along in special prayer books included in pilgrim backpacks.

Ryan Titzer, a 17-year-old parishioner of St. Timothy Parish in Chantilly, Va., described the "pasos" as "3-D Stations of the Cross."

"They show such reality in the way they depicted the scenes," he said. "I had to get a picture of every single one to show my parents, just because they were incredible looking."

One of Titzer's fellow pilgrims, Bayleigh Aschenbrenner, 16, said the only thought in her head was, "It's unimaginable that he went through all that for us."

"It's very humbling," she said, and it gave her a greater appreciation for Jesus' passion. "Being a more visual person, it's definitely clicked a whole lot more."

Many of the young people sacrificed their time and comfort by arriving hours early and standing in the hot sun to stake out a place near the papal platform in Plaza de Cibeles or in front of one of the station-statues set up along a main street leading to the plaza.

The meditations included prayers for the defense of

human life, for peace in the Holy Land and other areas where there is conflict, for the victims of natural disasters, for the unemployed, for those who suffer racial discrimination or religious persecution, for those with alcohol or drug addictions, and for the victims of sexual abuse.

A cross was carried from one station-statue to another by young people from countries or situations where there is suffering. They included Iraqis, immigrants, recovering drug addicts, unemployed and people from Rwanda and Burundi.

A local woman, tissue in hand, leaned out of her shutter-flanked balcony to watch the progress of the cross.

The "paso" depicting the ninth station, Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments, included a prayer for victims of sexual abuse.

A few days earlier, Jenny McGuire, 18, of the Irish Diocese of Ferns, said years of revelations of clerical abuse of children had caused most Irish Catholics to lose faith in the institution of the church rather than their faith in God.

"It's not that they don't believe in Jesus or that they don't have faith in Jesus," she said, "but it's the institution of the church and the priests that they're losing faith in."

It's not that they're completely nonreligious," she said. "There still is strong faith in Ireland."

Seamus Sutton of County Wexford, Ireland, agreed, adding that World Youth Day, including the Way of the Cross, was a healing opportunity for pilgrims.

"I see this as a reconciliation with the church and with how these people are serving God and what I'm following," he said.

In his remarks at the end of the service, Pope Benedict

acknowledged that everyone knows suffering, but he urged the young people to focus on Christ's suffering out of love for all humanity and to imitate that love by committing themselves to alleviate the suffering of others.

Pope Benedict said meditating on Christ's passion and death should lead Christians to ask, "What can we do for him?"

"Christ's passion urges us to take upon our own shoulders the sufferings of the world, in the certainty that God is not distant or far removed from man and his troubles," because Christ became human himself, enduring suffering and death, the pope told the young people.

The pope prayed that Christ's love would "increase your joy and encourage you to go in search of those less fortunate. You are open to the idea of sharing your lives with others, so be sure not to pass by on the other side" of the road "in the face of human suffering, for it is here that God expects you to give of your very best: your capacity for love and compassion."

"The different forms of suffering that have unfolded before our eyes in the course of this Way of the Cross are the Lord's ways of summoning us to spend our lives, following in his footsteps and becoming signs of his consolation and salvation," the pope said.

The harsh wood of the cross, he said, is a sign of the self-giving love that will give eternal life to all who ask.

"The cross was not a sign of failure, but an expression of self-giving love," the pope said. The cross "teaches us to love what God loves and in the way that he loves. This is the good news that gives hope to the world."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Following Christ: it's not for the faint of heart!

In last week's readings, Peter was given the keys to the kingdom, and in this week's readings, he nearly gets them taken away from him!

Jesus is so upset with him that he exclaims, "Get thee behind me, Satan". Tough language!

Peter got himself in trouble for strongly protesting Jesus' prediction of His Passion.

In effect, Jesus is telling his disciples, "I never promised you a rose garden!". If we think Jesus is unfair, His Father had done this before. Jeremiah, in the

first reading, had been made a reluctant prophet.



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Jeremiah even claims that God duped him into the job. He's so angry and discouraged at the rough treatment he has to take from his own Jewish people, that he decides to quit.

However, he can't get rid of the fire in his heart, so he continues to prophesy that Babylon was chosen as God's instrument for chastising Israel.

Why? Because Israel was just plain unfaithful, and they

deserved punishment.

Not that the truth makes a prophet's job any easier!

God has called all of us to discipleship, and we must be prepared for opposition.

It goes against popular thinking and popular belief to be either a prophet or an apostle.

How about just a plain, ordinary Christian? We don't fare any better. We get criticized at home, at the office, and even sometimes in Church from more comfortable Church members.

How many times in our lives have we felt that Jesus' teaching was just too much?

We don't like turning the other cheek, or forgiving the seventy times seven.

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READINGS

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

We don't like being criticized or even ridiculed for standing up for church teaching on abortion, or contraception, or stem cell research—or the death penalty.

Yet, if we're loyal and faithful....

St. Paul gives us some very good advice in today's second reading. (You might

even mark your bible, even memorize it!) "Do not conform ourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" and "offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

Following Christ isn't for the faint of heart!

We didn't know what life was really like when we were children, and neither did we know all the challenges of being a Catholic Christian.

But that was a long time ago, and, hopefully, we've grown up since then. So let's stir up our courage and readjust our priorities.

remember... there is a final act called Resurrection.

THE HOLY LONGING

Fundamental charity is a fundamental requirement

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
NCC columnist

Today, both within society and the churches, we are finding it ever more difficult to resolve our differences because our conversations are shot-through with non-civility, name-calling, character-assassination, and disrespect.

What's particularly worrying is that we are doing this in the name of truth, cause, the gospel, and Jesus.

We are giving ourselves permission to hate, demonize, and disrespect each other in God's name.

Our cause seems so important to us that, consciously or unconsciously, we give ourselves permission to bracket some of the essentials of Christian charity, namely, respect, graciousness, love, and forgiveness.

This is wrong: No cause allows me to exempt myself from fundamental charity, even if I see myself as a "warrior for truth". There is a gospel imperative to fight for truth and ultimately we

all need to be prophets who fight for what is right; but even war has its ethics.

No cause allows me to exempt myself from fundamental charity, even if I see myself as a 'warrior for truth'

Even in war (perhaps especially in war) disrespect may never be rationalized on the basis of claiming that God is on our side.

Indeed, if God is on our side we should radiating respect for others.

Respect, graciousness, love, and forgiveness are non-negotiable essentials within Christian charity. They are also part and parcel of all that's noble within humanity.

Whenever we step outside of these, as we often do today in our discourse with those who are not of our political or ecclesial mindset, we should not delude ourselves into thinking that the high cause we think we are serving justifies this funda-

mental lapse in our humanity and charity.

Whenever our words or our actions show disrespect we are not serving Jesus or truth, no matter how high the canopy under which we put our reasoning.

Rather we are serving some ideology or, worse still, working out some personal angers and pathologies.

Some years ago at a theological college at which I was teaching we had a student who was so obsessed with defending Catholic orthodoxy that he became such a negative presence in every classroom that none of the faculty wanted to teach a class within which he was enrolled.

Eventually the situation became so intolerable that the faculty, after considerable and pained discernment, asked the dean of the faculty to ask him to leave the college.

Immediately after his expulsion he wrote a letter to his bishop complaining that our college had expelled him because he "was too conservative and too ortho-

dox" to fit into our ethos.

He copied the dean with the letter.

The dean wrote his own letter to the young man's bishop, telling the bishop that the college had asked him to leave, not because he was too conservative and orthodox ... but because he lacked basic courtesy and respect for others.

The example here is one of a conservative pathology, but liberals do this just as well. Neither side should delude itself: Whenever we lack basic respect and basic manners the real issue is never orthodoxy or cause, but bad health.

We live in bitter, highly-polarized, times both inside of society and inside of our churches.

The causes are real and what's at stake is critical: war, injustice, abortion, poverty, the ecology, racism, immigration, multi-culturalism, the economy, democratic principles, law and order, freedom of speech, proper authority, proper dogma, proper ecumenism, legitimacy within ministry, Christians relating to other

religions, and the proper freedoms and limitations within secularity itself.

All of these are, in the end, life and death issues which, precisely because of their importance, are invariably emotionally-inflamed.

Anyone who has any real concern for the world and the church and their future will sometimes find himself or herself at odds with others, sometimes bitterly so, over some of these issues.

And the perennial temptation, especially when the issue at stake is critical one, is to bracket the essentials (respect, graciousness, love, and forgiveness) on the basis of cause and, in essence, fall into a way of thinking that says: This issue is so important that I need not be respectful, gracious, and loving.

I may demonize my opponent, assassinate his character, name-call, and use everything in my power, perhaps even violence, to have my truth win out. Because I am right and this is so important, I can bracket basic respect!

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AT THE MOVIES

SPY KIDS: ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD IN 4D

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Had your fill of 3-D movies? Take a whiff of "4D," otherwise known as "Aroma-Scope," now, um, airing in "Spy Kids: All the Time in the World" (Dimension).

This third sequel to 2001's "Spy Kids" offers viewers the chance, via a scratch-and-sniff card, to "smell" the action as they watch (in 3-D) our young heroes - and their parents - fight to save the world.

While the gimmick is reminiscent of "Smell-O-Vision" in the 1960s and John Waters' notorious use of "Odorama" in 1982's "Polyester," the scents this time are much more innocent, ranging from bacon, blue cheese, and candy to - inevitably - burps and other gaseous effusions (both of which, however, turn out to

smell like candy as well).

Once the country's top agent for the OSS (Organization of Super Spies), Marissa Wilson (Jessica Alba) is now retired, her alter ego a secret to her family.

Her husband, Wilbur (Joel McHale), is a hapless TV reporter who tracks down - whom else? - spies, but without much success. Marissa's precocious step-kids, Rebecca (Rowan Blanchard) and Cecil (Mason Cook), don't give her the time of day.

Marissa also has a new baby girl to contend with, one who's especially challenged when it comes to bodily functions (cue the seemingly requisite toilet humor). Marissa is called back into service when the wicked Timekeeper (Jeremy Piven) threatens to unleash Project Armageddon, the "ultimate weapon" that takes away all the time in the world.

While he's undeniably a villain, Timekeeper's message nonetheless hits home: "You're all guilty of wasting time on mindless pursuits instead of spending time with each other and the things that really matter," he declares.

Her true identity revealed, the stepmom is suddenly very cool to the younger generation, and Rebecca and Cecil also join the struggle as Spy Kids, members of the "elite juvenile division" of the OSS.

They're assisted by Argonaut (voice of Ricky Gervais), a talking robot dog whose ability to expel bombs from you-know-where comes in handy.

As they learn to work together as a family to rescue humanity, the Wilsons discover that time is a precious commodity that must be used wisely.

"Spy Kids: All the Time in



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Rowan Blanchard stars in a scene from the movie "Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D."

the World in 4D" is written and directed, with a winning sense of fun, by series creator Robert Rodriguez.

The film contains light comic-book action and mildly rude humor. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Pic-

ture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Fundamental

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What's wrong with that? Beyond deluding ourselves that lack of charity and respect may be justified in the name of the gospel, all that's best within our humanity and all that's best within Christian principle call for the exact opposite: The urgency of a situation and the bitterness already inherent within it call for more, not less, care in our rhetoric and in the actions we undertake.

The more we encounter anger, hatred, disrespect, demonizing, name-calling, refusals for real a conversation, and spoken and unspoken threats, the more we are called to bear-down on the essentials of charity: respect, graciousness, forgiveness, openness, and the offer of a true, mutual con-

versation.

Why? Because in the end, we don't win moral battles by beating someone, we win them by winning someone over.

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Lake Placid – Free concert to be held for the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Date: Sept. 3

Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: Mid's Park

Features: The band "Placid" featuring Joey Izzo will be performing. Organizers will be collecting non-perishables during the concert.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Lake Placid – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is recruiting new volunteers and has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

Date: Saranac Lake, Sept. 13 and Sept. 14; Tupper Lake, Oct. 26 and Oct. 26 (both afternoons required for training)

Features: Anyone in the Tri-Lakes area who is interested in becoming a Mercy Care Friendship Volunteer is invited to take the training. Mercy Care's Friendship Volunteer Training Program is free of charge but pre-registration is required. Volunteers of all faiths are encouraged and invited to participate. New Volunteers will join Mercy Care's 60+ Volunteers from Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake, and Lake Placid who are helping elders stay connected to their communities. For the first time, Mercy Care has a waiting list of elders needing Mercy Care's Friendship & Companionship services.

Contacts: To request registration information, please contact Sheila Schneck at Mercy Care by calling 523-5583.

Mercy Care can be reached at 185 Old Military Road, Lake Placid, NY 12946, by calling Donna Beal, Executive Director, at 523-5581, or by e-mail at dbeal@adkmercy.org For more information, visit Mercy Care's web site at <http://www.adkmercy.org>

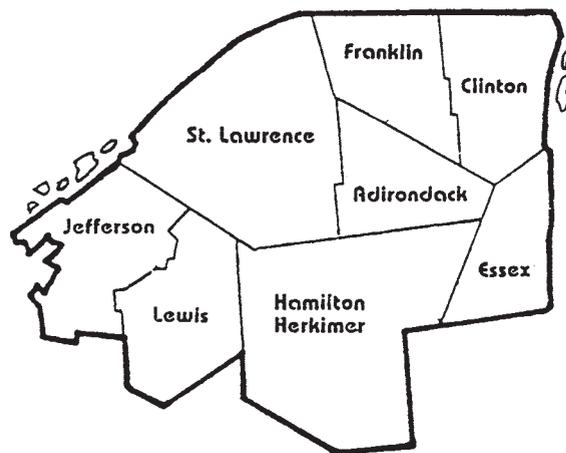
PARISH MOUNTAIN CLIMB, MASS

Keene – All in St. Agnes Parish in Lake Placid and St. Brendan's Parish in Keene as well as people visiting the Adirondacks are invited to celebrate Mass on top of Baxter Mountain.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: Car pooling will take place in the parking lot of St. Brendan's church or you may go to the trail start on route 9N on the top of Spruce Hill near the intersection of the road leading to Mountain House (actual climbing will begin at 11:15 a.m.) Pack your lunch and celebrate the beauty of God's creation.



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Champlain – BINGO is returning to St. Mary's Parish.

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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ESSEX

LAWN CHAIR CONCERT

Essex – A lawn chair concert will be held at St. Joseph's.

Date: Aug. 26

Time: 7 a.m. to 9

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children under 10, \$3; \$1 beverages and \$2 ice creams

Features: A variety of music by the Wyant Band. Proceeds to benefit the Catholic Faith Community of Willsboro and Essex.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Crown Point – Sacred Heart Parish will have its annual Chicken Barbecue.

Date: Aug. 28

Time: Noon

Cost: \$8 per dinner

Features: Take-outs are available. There will be a cash raffle drawing at the end of the day.

FRANKLIN

MARYKNOLL ANNIVERSARY

Malone – In honor of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers 100 years of missionary service to the world, a special Mass and reception will be held at Notre Dame Church, home parish of Maryknoll Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick.

Date: Aug. 28

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church

Contact: RSVP to PBork@Maryknoll.org or to Maryknoll Buffalo Mission House, 73 Adam St., Tonawanda, NY 14150

JEFFERSON

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Watertown – The Knights of Columbus will have their 6th annual Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser.

Date: Aug. 27

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church Parking Lot

Cost: Full Meal, \$8; Half Chicken, \$5

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Evans Mills – Annual Roast Beef Dinner to benefit the Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus has been set

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; senior citizens, \$7; children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

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FREE SUMMER CONCERT

Alexandria Bay – St. Cyril's is holding its third annual free summer concert.

Date: Aug. 28

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Cyril's Church

Features: Selections include spirituals, contemporary religious and patriotic music

Contact: Becky Rose, 315-788-8419; email becky.a.rose@gmail.com

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PARKINSON GROUP

Chaumont – The Parkinson Group meets every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at All Saints for exercise and lunch. All are welcome.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: Liferight is a pro-life educational organization. The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of September will be observed.

Date: Sept. 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program includes: Ves-

pers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) and Benediction. All are most welcomed
Contact: Mary Ann 348-6260

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Harrisville – A pancake breakfast will be held at St. Francis Solanus Church.

Date: Sept. 4

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 10:30

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$5;

Under 5, Free

ST. LAWRENCE

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Norfolk – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children under 12, \$4;

Under 5, Free; Family, \$16

Take-outs available

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's has Adoration every Friday.

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church.

Features: First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 8 p.m. to 9

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

Features: Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues through the night, concluding with Benediction at 7 a.m. Friday.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Amsterdam, NY – Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. to direct a Day of Recollection.

Date: Sept. 10

Place: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Schedule: The program begins at 8 a.m. with Confessions; then, 9 a.m. "The Importance of Fatima Today"; 10:15 a.m. Holy Rosary; 11 A.m. Mass; 12:15 p.m. Lunch; 1:15 p.m. "Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and the call to New Evangelization"; 2:30 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 3 p.m. "Guidance on the Journey of Prayer from St. Teresa of Avila"; 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Contact: Cindy Kuzia at 518-725-3532 or e-mail ckuza@nycap.rr.com for cost and information.



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A salute to Maryknoll

From the Director's Desk:
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ
Diocesan Mission Director

This Sunday, August 28, 2011, a special Mass will be held in Malone at Notre Dame Parish to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Maryknoll Society.

Special guests include Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Maryknoll Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, a Maryknoll Missionary and native of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and Paul Bork, Associate Regional Director of the Maryknoll Northeast Mission Region.

Missionary Society celebrates 100 years

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith congratulates the Maryknoll Society on this year's 100th anniversary of the founding of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers as the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

I single out Maryknoll Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick who is celebrating his 30th anniversary during the congregation's centennial year. Brother Wayne is a native of Malone and former parishioner of Notre Dame Parish.

If you read about Brother Wayne in the July 20, 2011 edition of the *North Country Catholic*, share the newspaper of good news with a friend or family member.

If you were unable to read the good news at the time of print, please find it and enjoy Brother Wayne's personal journey entitled "Maryknoll Anniversary with a Local Connection".

While the Maryknoll Society is a blessing to many throughout the world it is comforting to know that many in the Diocese of Ogdensburg influenced a young man from our diocese to be part of that worldwide blessing.

Brother Wayne reflects in the July 20, 2011 *NCC*:
"I am filled with tremendous gratitude for my missionary vocation and deeply proud of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. My vocation was born and nurtured by the faithful, Sisters, Brothers and Priests of the Diocese, and I am proud and blessed to live mission every day".

Please keep the Maryknoll Society in your prayers that they will receive more men into the Society to touch the lives of others with the missionary spirit of Jesus Christ.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Douglas J. Stitt

TICONDEROGA – A Mass of Christian Burial for Douglas James Stitt, 64, father of Father Bryan D. Stitt, was held Aug. 17 at St. Mary's Church.

Mr. Stitt died Aug. 14 after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Burial was in Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery in Crown Point.

Born May, 19, 1947, in Bayshore, N.Y., Mr. Stitt was the only child of Teresa and the late James Stitt.

A resident of Crown Point, he was the owner and founder of Champlain Valley Heating & Plumbing, which opened in 1985.

In addition to Father Stitt, Mr. Stitt is survived by his wife, Maria; his mother, Teresa Stitt of Crown Point, two other children, Karen Cruess and her husband, Scott of Stafford, Va., and Michael Stitt of Mamaroneck, N.Y.; and his two granddaughters, Grace and Gianna Cruess.

Memorial donations in memory of Douglas J. Stitt may be made to St. Mary's School, 64 Amherst Ave., Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

Cumberland Head - Leonard G. "Len" Schlacter, 62; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2011 at St. Mary's of the Lake Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Hogansburg – Joseph J. "Teho nen tat the" Cook, 81; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2011 at St. Regis Catholic Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Julia A. Curleyhead, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2011 at St. Regis Catholic Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery, Akwesasne.

Gouverneur – Jillian E. Jenkins, infant; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2011 at St.

James Church, Gouverneur

Malone – Beulah E. (Bouyea) Cardinal, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2011 at Notre Dame Church.

Morrisonville – Donald C. George, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Morrisonville – Kenneth W. "Ken" LaPlante, 93; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

Norwood – Eirise "Alice" Pellegrini, 89; Funeral Aug. 11, 2011 at Buck Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Mary R. Dana, 93; Funeral Aug. 19, 2011 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg – Anne (Boyer) St. Andrews, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Peru – Lucille B. (Breyette) Pascal, 94; Funeral Aug. 16, 2011 at Hamilton Funeral Home; burial, parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Beryl M. (Brunell) Caron, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Elizabeth E. (Bushey) Doyle, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2011 at Robert W. Walker Memorial Chapel; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Constance "Connie" (Ashline) LaMarsh, 72; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Ellenburg

Port Leyden – Luella (Sullivan) Beck, 97; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2011 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Potsdam – Dr. James B. Sullivan, 74; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Old Pine Grove Cemetery, Massena.

Watertown – Gladys L. (Cote) LeMay, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2011 at Holy Family Church.

Watertown – Brandon J. Reidy, 28; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2011 at Holy Family Church.



CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 19, 2011 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2011 Chevy Malibu fully equipped from Adirondack Chevrolet in Elizabethtown.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the page & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Letting go

By Matt Pietropaoli
Contributing Writer

You may have heard the expression: "Let go and let God." I think the second part of this saying is pretty understandable.

Essentially, it means that we should stop trying to achieve things ourselves and instead should allow God to help us. God, after all, is ultimately in charge of our lives; He is much better equipped than we to fix the problems we face.

On the other hand, the concept of "letting go" is perhaps a bit harder. Letting go can seem similar to giving up. I let go of my attempt to solve this problem could perhaps just as easily be written as I gave up trying to solve this problem. And, needless to say, giving up

can have some negative connotations.

Giving up can imply laziness: He gave up because he did not have the drive to succeed. Or, giving up can imply exhaustion: She gave up because she was so utterly tired.

Or, giving up can imply a lack of skill: We gave up because we did not know how to resolve this issue.

Or, finally, giving up can imply powerlessness: I gave up because I did not have the strength to keep going.

I don't know about anyone else, but don't want to be lazy, exhausted, incapable, or powerless.

I would much rather be hard-working, full of energy, able, and willing. After all, are we not made as rational, free creatures in the image of God?

Shouldn't we have the ca-



Matt Pietropaoli

capacity, like He, to perform great deeds and accomplish wonderful things on our own?

In short, we often don't like to give up, and we seem to have good reasons why we don't like to give up.

Yet perhaps there is more to this situation than meets the eye.

Yes, giving up can mean that we are exhausted, lazy, incapable, or powerless.

And yes, God calls us to be like Him: to work hard, to live vibrantly, to be able and willing to accomplish His work on earth.

But maybe it is in giving up that we answer God's call; maybe we exercise those positive qualities from above precisely by letting go.

I recall a time last fall when I was struggling with a lot of stress over graduate school and a relationship issue. For several days, I tried to think about ways to accomplish my academic work; I tried to concoct various ideas about fixing the trouble with my friend.

All this was to no avail. I still felt tired and anxious, nor could I see a way out of the messy situation, either.

So the next day, as I was going for a run, I stopped for a time and just rested on a park bench.

I felt like I had reached the end of my rope in this matter and just gave up try-

ing to do anymore.

And yes, I felt, lazy, exhausted, incapable, and powerless. I had indeed failed to solve this problem..

All I could do was to fully and freely admit to myself that I had failed.

But that was not the end of the story.

Over the course of the next several days, I began to feel better and more confident about my academic work.

I also ceased to be anxious about the situation with my friend. I felt a calming peace that I had not felt the whole time I tried to work out this matter on my own.

I guess that my point in all this is that giving up really does mean that we are tired, or weak, or powerless.

But giving up can also mean that we choose to not keep trying, that we let go of our own insistence that we fix a situation.

In giving up we see clearly some of the messiness and frailty of our human condition. We see that we lack the drive, or energy, or ability to work through some problem or issue.

But in giving up we also see our capacity to choose to let God work in our lives.

We see how this Transcendent God can effect real, lasting change in our lives, if we choose to allow Him to do so.

We see how God's power, so much greater than our own, can work in and through us.

In short, we see how we can participate in the creative work of God by helping bring about His kingdom on earth.

ST. MARY'S CAR RAFFLE



Enter for your chance to win a **2011 Chevy Cruze** or **\$12,000 CASH!!!**

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All proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Church in Canton and its ministries.

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Youth Mass & Altar Servers Recognition

September 18, 2011 there will be a Youth Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg with special recognition going to our Altar Servers for their faithful ministry to our parishes. There will be games and activities for all ages as well as a BBQ at Bishop LaValley's Residence.

Time: 2:30 p.m. - Liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral

BBQ will follow at Bishop's Residence
604 Washington Street, Ogdensburg

RSVP by Sept. 14 with total number of participants to:
Jean Grizzuto, 315-393-2920 ext 401 or e-mail:
jgrizzuto@dioogdensburg.org



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