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Risen Jesus is source of life

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Too often people are fixated on material things, money, power or status -- none of which can give life and joy, Pope Francis said.

Christians need to examine their lives with the question the angel asked the women who went to the tomb to

anoint the body of the buried Jesus: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" the pope said.

At his weekly general audience April 23, Pope Francis had the tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square repeat the angel's Easter question three times.

Sometimes, the pope said, people act as if "a dead Jesus would be less of a bother than a living Jesus," yet his victory over death is the source of Christian hope and the assurance that we, too, will live with him. When "we close ourselves up in any kind of selfishness or self-

satisfaction, when we let ourselves be seduced by earthly power and the things of this world, forgetting God and our neighbor; when we put our hopes in worldly vanity, money and success," he said, that is the time people must ask themselves the angel's question.

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READY FOR THE BIG DAY!



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Banners depicting Blessed John Paul II and John XXIII hang from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 25. The banners were hung the morning of April 25 in advance of the April 27 canonization of the two popes. Full coverage of the canonization will be published in next week's NCC.

BISHOP'S FUND

Appeal reaches 2013 goal



Bishop Terry R. LaValley has announced that contributions from over 10,400 donors to the 2013 Bishop's Fund Appeal have pushed the total cash received and pledges promised beyond the \$1,275,000 goal. At this time, 97.7% of the goal has actually been received with \$52,404.01 in pledges yet to be fulfilled. The Bishop's Fund Appeal provides financial assistance to the vital ministries of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The following are among the ministries supported: Catholic education, social concerns, spiritual life, priest, deacon and lay education; and religious formation.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Great day for the North Country church!

It's always a good day in the Diocese of Ogdensburg when we can announce that the Bishop's Fund has met its goal.

It's true. The 2013 Bishop's Fund Appeal has raised – in money received and money pledged – more than \$1.275 million to support all the important ministries in our midst.

Because of the Bishop's Fund, the diocesan Department of Youth Ministry was able to sponsor

Saturday's Youth Rally in Wattertown, offering Catholic kids the chance to hear good speakers, meet their bishop and grow in faith together.

Because of the Bishop's Fund, parents across the diocese can make the choice to send their children to Catholic Schools next September.

Because of the Bishop's Fund, Good Samaritan donations are made – in our name – to neighbors

in desperate need.

And that's just the beginning.

This week, our young people are encouraged to register for a week at Camp Guggenheim.

Next month, our priests will gather in Lake Placid for the annual Presbyteral Assembly.

Over the next couple of weeks, Bishop LaValley will travel all across the diocese to confirm our teenagers.

Bishop's Fund money is put to work for all these endeavors – and so much more.

Of course, the final total

does indeed include pledges not yet received – more than \$54,000 worth – so this week's announcement was made with a bit of faith that they'll all be completed.

That means that even those who haven't pledged might consider adding a new or extra gift.

After all, as Bishop's Fund director Valerie Mathews points out, any funds raised over the goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund and that's not a bad use for anyone's charitable donations!



Mary Lou
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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The Resurrection: it changes everything!

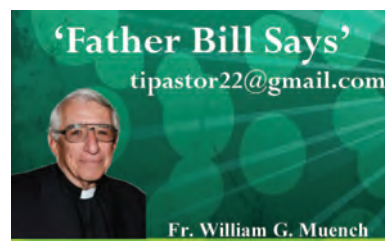
Everything changed with the Resurrection of Jesus. The apostles, frightened and disturbed by the crucifixion of Jesus, now discovered new life through Christ's Resurrection. The apostles found hope and confidence – the readiness and willingness to continue all that Jesus had begun.

On the Pentecost, the Holy Spirit will give them the power they will need to speak and teach boldly. Through the Resurrection of Jesus they will find the life, the new life to accomplish it all.

The apostles had suffered so much as they witnessed the sufferings and crucifixion of Jesus. They were certainly confused and disappointed. I suspect they experienced some despair. Everything seemed to be falling apart. Then came the resurrection of Jesus and everything changed. They were then filled with hope and confidence.

This is our story. Each Easter – as we remember and celebrate Christ's Resurrection – we should go through a real conversion. Like the apostles, many of us need new hope and confidence in our Church and in the spirit and message of Jesus.

Our Church needs that new life, that new spirit, that enthu-



siasm that can demonstrate the love and concern for all that Jesus brought to this world.

Have you lost some of your enthusiasm for your faith? Turn to the Lord in his resurrection this Easter Time; hear his call to your importance in making the Catholic Church more alive.

May our enthusiasm reach those who have lost faith in the Catholic Church – may they return to their home.

This year, we, Catholics, have a new example to follow in the enthusiastic character of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. There is no doubt that he is bringing a very new spirit of hope and confidence to our Catholic Church. Pope Francis presents the world an outstanding example of simplicity and dedication in the spirit of Our Savior. His spirit is a call to all of us Catholics to have the confidence in God that we can make a difference. I pray often that God will grant a long

life to Pope Francis.

Pope Francis speaks often, challenging us all, priests and people, to bring this new life into our parishes. In his homily, at this year's Chrism Mass at the Vatican, Pope Francis urged the priests of the world to be more dedicated and to bring Christ's message of love and concern to all with enthusiasm. He urged all priests to use their ministry to bring new life to our Church.

Pope Francis challenged us priests to live out our ordination by the way we live our lives – personally. We must be like Pope Francis: a model to the people of our parishes, a model of love and concern in union with the Church and with our Pope.

As the People of God, all of you, lay men and lay women, baptized into the Catholic Church are also called to discover your new life in the spirit of Our Risen Lord. May you realize all that you can bring and do for your parish and for the Church Universal. So, as we again celebrate Christ's resurrection, I pray that you will find new hope and confidence in your ability to bring new spirit and new life to your parish.

The Resurrection of Jesus should bring that new hope to

us all. May you also be touched deeply by the enthusiasm and spirit of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and find the confidence that you can make your parish a better place and make our Catholic Church all that it can be to be a powerful influence on our world.

It all starts with Baptism. Baptism brings us the gift of faith and also the gift of hope. That virtue of hope makes a person desire eternal life, that is, the heavenly vision of God.

This Hope gives the confidence of receiving the grace necessary to reach Heaven. Hope is the desire for all that is good – for all that can bring us to God. Hope brings us all the good things that can help us in our road to becoming a saint.

Hope must become a habit and desire for us in our effort to live a good Christian life in the spirit of Our Savior. Hope is the virtue that can give to us all – priests and people – the ability to become an enthusiastic group of believers that will have a profound influence on the future of our Church.

I urge you all to join me in prayer that our Church, you and I, will be overwhelmed by the hope and confidence that will fill us with the enthusiasm to bring this new life into our Catholic Church.

2013 Bishop's Fund Appeal reaches goal

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Bishop LaValley said, "I join my prayers of gratitude with those of the many individuals and families of our North Country who, at a time of crisis and struggle in their lives, have benefited from such generosity. I am particularly appreciative of the

strong leadership and personal sacrifice of our pastors who support this critical appeal each year."

Contributions from over 10,400 donors have pushed the total cash received and pledges promised beyond the \$1,275,000 goal

Currently 56 parishes have reached the parish Bishop's Fund goal and 33 parishes have reached the parish participation goal.

Valerie Mathews, director

of the Bishop's Fund, said. "Please continue to pray for the success of this year's appeal, remembering that any funds raised over our goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

"The Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund provides emergency assistance to families and individuals across the Diocese," she said. "In the past few months alone, support of the Bishop's Fund has provided emergency assistance to multiple families and individuals struggling to pay rent and heating costs, medical expenses and grocery bills.

A local parishioner recently wrote, "Thank you and the people of the North Country for your exceptionally generous check to a family in my parish. Your gift was the initial shower that turned into a flood of donations. Not only was the family able to get heating fuel and pay bills but a washing machine was donated. This wife and mother was doing laundry by hand for eight people.

"At the same time, her husband is receiving chemo treatments," the parishioner said. "Thank you for remembering them in your prayers."

"This assistance is only

possible because of the generosity of parishioners across the Diocese who give to the Bishop's Fund Appeal," Mrs. Mathews said. "If you have made a gift to this year's Appeal, thank you on behalf of all whom we serve."

Those who have not made a gift or wish to make an additional gift, should mail donations to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or make a donation online at www.rcdony.org/development.

Those Who have made a pledge to this year's appeal, are encouraged to complete the pledge by June 15, 2014.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN SORESEN

Scores of Christians from throughout Watertown took part in the Carrying of the Cross Walk on Good Friday. Above, left, Cheryl Gray, front, and Tirsia Welbourn carry the cross from Trinity Episcopal Church to St. Patrick's



Church. At right, Eric Zapp holds the cross during prayer at Holy Family Church, one of fourteen stops on the annual walk.

GO GREEN!

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St. Augustine's Church in Peru, NY is looking to fill the positions of Choir Director. For further information call Fr. Alan Schnob at 518-643-6759.

A STORY OF FAITH

From Watertown to Newtown

By Kristina Dean
Staff writer

NEWTOWN, CONN. - Driving through rolling green hills and pretty white fences, passing an American flag flying at the top of a pole in the town square, I think Newtown Conn. looks like any other Americana town. Trees are beginning to bud, and late afternoon sun slants, lighting the town with golden beams.

Attached to the town's welcome sign, is a second smaller sign that labels the community as "heart safe." Ironically, this community has not felt "heart safe" since December 14, 2012.

Rosary in hand, as I drove to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, I took a right turn onto Churchill Road, and immediately before the church's parking lot I saw a sign that said, "Sandy Hook 1 Mile." My heart felt like a stone in my chest.

On April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week, the Mystery Players from Immaculate Heart Central School, Watertown, traveled to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church to perform their Lenten prayer/performance of the Passion of Jesus. I was blessed to be able to attend.

This congregation contains eight families that experienced the loss of a loved one that tragic day. The entire church and community have been reeling since that December morning when Adam Lanza shot and killed 20 children and six adult staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in the village of Sandy Hook in Newtown. Prior to entering the school, the 20-year-old shot and killed his mother, Nancy, at their home, and as first responders arrived at the school, he committed suicide.

Mystery Players director Terry Burgess was able to



The Mystery Players of Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown are pictured on the altar of St. Rose of Lima Church in Newton, Conn. They performed before a congregation that continues to mourn the loss of children and teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December, 2012. *NCC* writer Kristina Dean reflects on her experience of the unique presentation.

arrange for the IHC seniors to perform for the community. Prior to the Newtown performance, the players had been to Christ Our Light Church in Loudonville, NY; Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, Penn.; St. John the Baptist Church in Ottsville, Penn.; and Nativity of Our Lord Church in Monroe Township, NJ.

A circle of prayer

Before the play, my oldest son and I joined the students for prayer. We sat among them, a part of their prayer circle, supporting them with our prayers.

Before every performance, the players say special prayers and reflect on one scene of the play. Today's scene was the Pieta - the scene when Jesus is taken down from the cross, and lays dead, scarred and bruised in Mary's arms.

A tremendously powerful scene, it is made even more so by the tragic events of last year. This community has experienced the Pieta for quite a while.

The players prayed and

reflected on what this scene might mean to the community. After performing the Passion many times for many churches, they understand the power of this scene; they feel Mary's sorrow, the pain felt by all mothers who have lost children, even though they themselves are not mothers.

As they prayed it dawned on me, although all females are spiritual mothers, with the ability to carry Jesus in their hearts to others, I was the only physical mother in the room, with my son at my side. And somehow, as they spoke of their love for their own mothers, and of Mary's love for her Son, I experienced something beautiful. I believe Mary, our Blessed Mother, moved within my heart, filling me with compassion and love for these 17- and 18-year-olds, who were missing their mothers and families after their week-long trip.

I just wanted to hug them. They, who have given so much time toward bringing Jesus's Passion, prayers and healing to others, are so beautiful. And rare. And

loved by God.

Sitting there, listening to the mystery players pray for the Newtown/Sandy Hook community, I couldn't help but love them..

Filling the pews

After the prayers, we sat in the church and waited for the performance to begin. I watched as about 300 people slowly filled in the pews, and I wondered about them.

The woman who sat toward the front with a brightly colored bag that said, "Celebrate." Who was she? Had she lost a child?

A blond teenage girl wearing a blue Newtown, CT sweatshirt sat a few pews in front of me. Did she have a sister or brother killed?

A mother, father and daughter sat directly in front of me. Had they known any of the teachers who died?

All the people there were affected, I am sure. All were in need of love, prayers and healing.

The lights darkened, and as narrator Mr. Burgess began with "In the name of the Father, and the Son and

the Holy Spirit." The audience joined in with "Amen." One of the players sang a haunting rendition of "Were You There?" Then, a beautiful scene with the student playing Jesus standing with his arms extended, a crucifix lit by white light on the wall above and behind him. The players stood up as he "called" them, moving out from the audience, and the play began.

Emotional response

Sitting in the dark, I found myself emotionally moved several times, as was most of the audience.

I heard Mr. Burgess talk about how we all have experienced Good Friday in our lives, and how sometimes Good Friday doesn't always come just on Good Friday. For this community, it came one Friday morning in middle December.

As in the Pieta, with Mary holding her Son, mourning and suffering and loving Him, I am sure the community identified.

I saw the daughter in front of me rest her head on her mother, and the father embrace both with his arms. I heard the sounds of quiet tears around me. A woman next to me put her face in her hands. And I cried too. I cried and prayed for all, players and congregation and community.

Once again, I believe I felt the Holy Spirit move within me. I felt my heart expand to include all those in the church, and all those who weren't. Those who were hurt by the tragic shooting. The whole community.

A mother's love encompasses all, and I wished there was a way for me to put my arms around all of them. Physically, this is impossible. So, I did it with prayer. I enfolded them into Mary's heart of a mother with my prayers, and love for them..

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From Watertown

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Mr. Burgess reminded us that Easter Sunday always follows Good Friday. I thought of how God is always with us, there for us, listening to us. And, when we suffer with Him, we also join Him in His resurrection.

During the play, many of the players were emotional also; they felt the community's pain, and we could see their tears. Applause broke out from the crowd during the beautiful moment when Jesus appeared in white, smiling, and resurrected.

Then the players stood in the aisles, and extended their arms, palms down, over the congregation and prayed over them.

Mr. Burgess said they would pray for their intentions, that night and longer. The students moved among the audience, saying "Peace

be with you," and many in the congregation hugged them.

As the performance and prayer finished, the entire audience stood and gave the players a standing ovation.

As the performance and prayer finished, the entire audience stood and gave the players a standing ovation. One of the students shared with me that it was the first time it happened.

Afterward, many people stayed to talk to the students. I saw lots of hugs, and I heard laughing. I closed my eyes and thanked God for His blessings and gifts.

I felt so blessed to be a part of something so beautiful. When two or more of us are gathered in His name,

there is love.

And there was love with us in the church that night. God bless the Mystery Players of IHC for their sacrifice, their prayers and their love.

May the people of Newtown continue to heal from their Pieta, their Good Friday. May they be blessed, and may they find their Easter Sunday, the promise of God that joy and love awaits them.



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Registration open for Women of Grace retreat

OGDENSBURG - A Women of Grace retreat weekend, directed by EWTN personality Johnnette Benkovic, will be held June 27-29 at Wadhams Hall.

Mrs. Benkovic is the founder and president of

Woman of Grace, a Catholic apostolate whose mission is "to transform the world one woman at a time by affirming women in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity."

Exploring all aspects of the "feminine genius," Women of Grace "promotes the dignity of woman, the gift of true womanhood, woman's fundamental call and mission in the world, and presents the Blessed Virgin Mary as the exemplar of all women."

Women of Grace informs, instructs, and inspires women through its many outreaches including Women of Grace radio and television programs, the Women of Grace Study Program, the Benedicta Leadership Institute for Women, conferences and retreats, and a new, interactive website, www.womenofgrace.com.

The theme for the Ogdensburg retreat is "To Jesus Through Mary... 'For Such a Time as This' (Esther 4:14)"

The weekend will include four presentations by Mrs. Benkovic, the celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, music and time for fellowship

The registration form is available at www.rcdony.org/wogreg. Further information is available from Mary Dillenback, a c k, marydillenback@twcnny.rr.com, Phone: 315-771-1377.

JOB OPENING

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking an **Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**. The position is responsible for curriculum development and excellence in the Catholic Schools. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with experience as a School Administrator. Applicants should have a Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in curriculum and assessment. Certification as a School District Administrator is preferred. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office

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or e-mail ksnover@rcdony.org.

Deadline for application is May 22, 2014.

JOB OPENING

Director of Finance for Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown is seeking a **Director of Finance**. The position serves as a financial advisor to the Congregational Leadership and to the Congregation. The Director is also responsible for the financial and accounting functions of the Congregation. The individual in this position will work 24 hours per week with a flexible work schedule. Applicants should have a Bachelor's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least five years of experience. Previous experience with investments is preferred. Applicants should be proficient in Microsoft Office and Quickbooks. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to:

Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, Major Superior

Sisters of St. Joseph

1425 Washington St.

Watertown, NY 13601

or e-mail ssjmsup1@yahoo.com.

Deadline for application is May 16, 2014.

Bishop's Schedule

May 1 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Augustine's Church in Peru

May 2 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

May 4 – 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Paul's Church in Black River

May 6 – 9:30 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Peter's Church in Lowville

Rest in Peace

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

April 30 – Rev. Michael W. Holland, 1906; Rev. Louis Grenier, M.S.C., 1958

May 1 – Rev. Joseph J. Halde, 1891; Rev. Edward P. Burns, 1985

May 2 – Rev. Jean Marie Royer, O.M.I., 1905; Rev. Joseph M. Blais, 1948; Rev. Leon LaPorte, 1954; Rev. Burchard Murray, O.S.A., 1966

May 3 – Rev. Cormac Walsh, O.F.M., 1977

May 4 – Rev. J. Napoleon Pelletier, O.M.I., 1935

May 6 – Rev. P.A. Lynch, O.S.A., 1927

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 preregister 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 is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

Upcoming programs:

May 6 - 6:30 p.m., Kateri Hall, Akwesasne

Environmental Stewardship

Caring for the sacred gift of water

Holy Saturday Liturgy during the blessing of water, the priest prayed "O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify...," we see the integral connection of water with our physical life and our spiritual life through baptism.

Did you know that only 5% of water on the earth is not salt water? The average person needs about 21 gallons of water a day for our standard of living? In the world's poorest countries, people use just 2.5 gallons a day to wash, clean and cook? How many gallons do you think you use a day?

Some Tips for Conserving Water:

Kitchen: Cook food in as little water as possible. Saves water and retains more of the nutrients

Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from tap

To thaw food by placing in cold water rather than running water

Keep pitcher of water in fridge rather than running water for cold drinks

Bathrooms: Water saving devices on showers, low-flow flush toilets

* 2/3 of water used in average US home is used in bathroom. Much of it is consumed by the toilet, which requires 4-6 gallons per flush. Try placing a liter bottle or brick in your toilet water tank.

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrienne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; e-mail: ayc-snn@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-569-0612; Fax: 518-425-0401 or Father James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Letters left at John Paul's tomb show pilgrims see him as friend

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Every day, countless visitors to the tomb of Blessed John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica leave letters and notes addressed to him. "Some were obviously prepared with care the evening before and written on formal stationery with an old-fashioned fountain pen," said Elisabetta Lo Iacono at a news conference April 22 at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. Other letters, she said, are improvised, scratched even with an eyebrow pencil on scraps of paper such as a coffee bar receipt. After Blessed John Paul was interred -- first in the grotto of the basilica and later in a side chapel -- Vatican employees collected the letters and notes left on his tomb every night. Lo Iacono, who teaches mass media at the Pontifical Theological Faculty of St. Bonaventure in Rome, was given access to the letters by Cardinal Angelo Comastri, the archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica. "People sought a dialogue with the pontiff," she said. "They saw the pontiff as a friend in whom they could confide, the father who could help them find the strength to go onto the right road when they felt lost."

Archbishop says visit to troops in Afghanistan 'deeply moving'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- After returning from a Holy Week pastoral visit to U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the head of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services said it was "deeply moving" to spend time "with that portion of my flock which is serving the cause of peace and development" in that country. "The visits to many military communities gave me an opportunity to fulfill my role as pastor," Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio said in an April 24 statement. It was the first trip to Afghanistan by any U.S. military archbishop. His predecessor, then-Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, visited troops in Iraq in December 2003. Archbishop Broglio went to Afghanistan April 15-21 at the invitation of Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. of the U.S. Marine Corps, who is commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan. According to a news release from the archdiocese, Archbishop Broglio visited with Catholic servicemen and women still deployed at all eight major U.S. military bases in Afghanistan and in all four regions of the country, which has been at war now for more than 12 years. He also spent time with each of the 13 Catholic military chaplains currently in the country.

Catholic education is everybody's 'task,' cardinal says

PITTSBURGH (CNS) -- Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington told Catholic educators in Pittsburgh for the National Catholic Educational Association's annual convention that "education is the task of all of us." The April 22-24 convention and expo at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center was expected to draw more than 6,000 participants, including teachers, administrators, catechists, priests and professors. Speaking on the new evangelization in the opening day's keynote, the cardinal highlighted the importance of the Catholic Church's educational ministry and the need for church leaders and educators to working together to ensure Catholic education will help future generations learn about the Gospel and encounter Jesus Christ. "In our structured, organized religious education efforts, Christ's voice is heard today and his Gospel announced," he said. In welcoming Cardinal Wuerl, the attendees were welcoming a local boy home. A Pittsburgh native, he was bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years before being named to head the Washington Archdiocese in 2006. He became a cardinal in November 2010.

VATICAN LETTER

Holy Fathers: Is being pope a shortcut to sainthood?

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- "They call me Holy Father and that is what I must be," the future St. John XXIII wrote in his diary.

A nun who worked in the papal apartments with the future St. John Paul II saw him tired one day and said, "I'm worried about Your Holiness." And he responded, "I, too, am worried about my holiness."

Most Catholics would agree the church needs holy and saintly popes, but as the April 27 Mass for the canonization of Blesseds John and John Paul approached, some questioned the need to canonize them.

The debate is not new. Shortly after Blessed John Paul died in 2005 and Pope Benedict XVI waived the five-year-waiting period before his sainthood process could open, a respected Italian journalist wrote that canonizing popes was a way for "the Roman hierarchy to canonize itself."

But one of the most authoritative and productive experts in the church's saint-proclaiming process, Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, said in 2008 that "recent popes have not been proposed for sainthood just because they were popes, but because people recognized in them an excellent way of living as Christians."

Another criticism revolves around the quick pace of the sainthood process for popes, especially for Blessed John Paul. Questions have been raised about how it is possible in such a short time to thoroughly investigate a candidate's life and writings, not to mention the enduring devotion of the faithful.

Msgr. Slawomir Oder, postulator or promoter of Blessed John Paul's sainthood cause, was asked by media April 22 about reports that the pope had ignored evidence that Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, the late founder of the Legionaries of Christ, had been sexually abusing minor seminarians and leading a double life.

The postulator said the Vatican, as part of the canonization process, insisted those reports be investigated. He said investigators determined "there exists no sign of the personal involvement of John Paul II."

In Blessed John Paul's sainthood cause, he added, the dispensation of the five-year waiting period "was the only exception" made from the normal procedure called for in church law.

Blessed John Paul, who beatified and canonized a record number of Catholics, often explained that the church solemnly recognized certain holy men and women so the

Catholic faithful would have models to imitate. On a practical level, he urged the Congregation for Saints' Causes to devote more time and energy to identifying, studying and speeding up the sainthood processes for laypeople, especially married couples, because modern Catholics needed those models.

The saints may be models, but they are not angels, and the priests formally promoting the causes of the two popes acknowledged that fact.

"John XXIII was aware of his defects ... and his own limits," including his "good appetite" and struggle losing weight, said Franciscan Father Giovangiuseppe Califano. He said Blessed John had a self-deprecating sense of humor, which made him "more endearing."

"John Paul II had defects like every man," Msgr. Oder said. "True holiness lies in a person, responding to God's grace, correcting his defects," which in the case of Blessed John Paul included sometimes being mercurial or brusque. "He reacted," sometimes too quickly, the monsignor said.

At a Vatican briefing for the media, Msgr. Oder said, "It's true there are currents opposed to the canonization of popes," but he argued that all canonizations are good for the church because they demonstrate that individuals really can fulfill the call to holiness and are "a tangible sign of the church's spiritual fruitfulness."

"It would be absurd to have a pope who evangelizes and doesn't arrive at holiness himself," Msgr. Oder said.

In addition, St. John Paul will remain "a point of reference for his successors, but not only for them," he said. Karol Wojtyla, the future pope and saint, pursued holiness as a student, an actor, a quarry worker, a poet, priest and bishop -- and many people can find inspiration in his life.

Father Califano, postulator of the cause of Blessed John, said it is obvious the vast majority of Catholics never will be called to imitate his holiness in being pope, but they can imitate his "desire to belong to the Lord."

The Franciscan works mostly on the causes of other Franciscans, but occasionally promotes other causes as well, including the recently beatified 19th-century Queen Maria Christina of Savoy.

"Recently I've had the joy of proposing for the veneration of the church both a queen and a pope. Obviously, they led totally different lives, but in fulfilling the call of every baptized Christian, the call to holiness, they are similar," he said.

Popes are not canonized because they are popes, but because they lived exemplary Christian lives, Father Califano said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

After-Easter stories open hearts, heal hurts

The Sundays and weekdays after Easter provide some of the most exciting stories in the New Testament. They tell us how the unexpected appearances of Jesus changed the doubts and fears of the apostles into rock-like faith in him.

These stories transformed the apostles completely, and without hesitation, they spent their lives even to martyrdom, fulfilling the Mission Jesus has given them.

This Sunday's first reading

is a sermon of Peter on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit had come upon him. No longer was Peter afraid to identify himself publically as a follower. Now, he raises his voice fearlessly before a vast crowd to proclaim the power of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

He skillfully connects the prophecies of the Old Testament with the teaching and deeds of Jesus to convince his hearers He is indeed the Son of God.



Monsignor
Paul E.
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We are told that, because of Peter's preaching, over five thousand were baptized that day! As Jesus had transformed the apostles, so will he change the hearts of all who believe.

In the second reading from a letter of St. Peter, we have a sample of the catechesis of the early Church. Peter urges all who believe that they are now a part of Christ, redeemed by the Precious Blood of God, to conduct themselves with reverence.

In the Gospel, we hear a dramatic story. It is about Jesus in the guise of a stranger, walking with two very discouraged disciples

MAY 4

Third Sunday of Easter READINGS

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

on the road to the little village of Emmaus.

Without a clue as to what the events of the past few days really mean, they narrate the facts to the Stranger. After listening patiently, He says to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets spoke. Was it not necessary that

the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Then he opens their hearts and minds to understand. Finally, he enters an Inn to have a meal with them. Astonished, they recognize Him in the breaking of bread (the Eucharist), even as He vanishes from their sight. Now full of joy, they run back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

Through these stories today, we can have our own eyes opened and our own hurts healed. May these days after Easter help to strengthen our faith and hope as it did the Apostles.

OUR READERS WRITE

Abortion recovery awareness

Coerced Abortion:

Pregnant, kicked out of the house, isolated, alone. Nowhere to go, no one to help, no money, no job, nothing, desperation, feeling backed into a corner, fear that those you love, and are supposed to love you back, threaten to reject you further if you didn't do what they wanted, a husband who threatens to leave, a boyfriend who proclaims love, and speaks of another child when you are "ready."

The pressures of society, money, jobs,

school... the silent coercions that place fear in your heart, weaken your will or worse yet, do not allow you to think things through. You, who felt the ultimate act of abandonment by those you loved, then give in to the ultimate act of abandonment by aborting the person you are called to love, your unborn child. Irony. Many women don't even realize they were coerced. It can be unbearable to see the truth of someone you love, so you would rather convince yourself it was your idea.

"Most women are socially aborted

before they ever step foot into a clinic," The Jericho Plan by David Reardon. This great "freedom of choice" has often left us with no choice. Emotionally aborted, we then do the unthinkable in participating in the deaths of our own children.

The good news is that this abandonment can often be the very catalyst that calls to the heart of Jesus and healing. He who suffered the ultimate abandonment knows well the suffering of our hearts, and it is this suffering which allows us to recognize our dependence on Him.

As we bring awareness to the horror of coerced abortion, may we equally bring awareness to Mercy Himself who assures us we have "a right before others" to trust in His unfathomable mercy, forgiveness and love.

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AT THE MOVIES

CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE WINTER SOLDIER

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

The big guy with the red, white and blue shield returns to save the planet in "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" (Disney), a rousing follow-up to two films, 2011's "Captain America: The First Avenger" and 2012's "The Avengers."

This 3-D popcorn movie is sure to please fans of the Marvel Comics superhero with its patriotic, gung-ho tone and grandiose action sequences. But screenwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, who penned the first Captain America script, expand their horizons with a smart and timely story touching on national security, government surveillance and the price of freedom.

At times, the picture has the feel of an old-fashioned conspiracy thriller like "Three Days of the Condor" or "All the President's Men" - a comparison reinforced, perhaps, by the presence of Robert Redford, who starred in both those movies, in a major role.

For those unfamiliar with the Marvel universe, a brief recap: Captain America, aka Steve Rogers (Chris Evans), was a 98-pound weakling transformed into a he-man fighting machine by the U.S. government during World War II. He leads a successful campaign against a terrorist organization, then goes to sleep in a cryogenic state for 70 years.

Thawed out in the current century, Captain America is recruited by the intelligence agency S.H.I.E.L.D. (Supreme Headquarters, International Espionage, Law-Enforcement Division) to defend Earth from an alien invasion. His sidekicks include Iron Man and the Incredible Hulk.

"Captain America: The Winter Soldier" takes place two years after "The Avengers." Rogers is living in Washington, struggling to fit in, a man (literally) out of time and place. He takes his orders from two S.H.I.E.L.D. bigwigs, Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) and Alexander Pierce (Redford).

Fury and Pierce are at odds over Pierce's pet project, a plan to circle the planet with massive "heli-

carriers" -- think aircraft carriers with wings and propellers -- equipped with super-intelligence gadgetry to root out and destroy security threats. Fury suspects a hidden agenda, and fears that innocent people may be the real targets.

Before you can say "Ka-pow!" Pierce unleashes his fury on Fury, who narrowly escapes death. He warns Rogers that S.H.I.E.L.D. has been compromised, and no one can be trusted.

So it's Captain America to the rescue, as he tries to uncover the conspiracy, with the help of two comrades: fellow Avenger Natasha Romanoff, aka Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), and a new buddy, Sam Wilson (Anthony Mackie), who earns his moniker "Falcon" thanks to a nifty pair of mechanical wings.

But the baddies have a super warrior of their own who goes by the name of the Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan). It seems he and Captain America have met before, and have a lot more in common than a penchant for masks and costumes.

Co-directors - and broth-



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

Chris Evans stars in a scene from the movie "Captain America: The Winter Soldier."

ers - Anthony and Joe Russo ("You, Me and Dupree") handle the requisite (and noisy) action scenes with flair, although these may be too intense for younger viewers. But the siblings are to be commended for the many quieter moments they include, which allow the audience to catch its breath and the characters to develop amid witty repartee.

"How do we tell the good guys from the bad guys?"

Falcon asks. Replies Captain America: 'If they're shooting at you, they're bad.'

The film contains intense but largely bloodless violence, including gunplay. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Saranac Lake – A Catholic Men's Group meets on the first Saturdays of the month for a time of fellowship, prayer, and discussion.

Time: 8 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Bernard's Chapel

Features: Mass followed by coffee and refreshment, discussion and prayer.

Contact: Fr. Mark Reilly, 518-891-4616.

CLINTON

QUILT CLASS

Ellenburg Center – The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop will have a quilt class.

Date: May 24

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

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Cost: \$25

Features: Quilt uses a jelly roll and border fabric and is built block-by-block.

Contact: Register at thelostsheepquilt-shop@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253. Limit 12.

CDA PAST REGENTS MEETING

Morrisonville – The diocesan Catholic Daughters of the Americas Past Regents Chapter to hold spring meeting.

Date: May 3

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Parish Hall

Cost: \$10 for the Luncheon

Contact: Anna Lucia at 518-492-7246 or lmudduck@aol.com by April 25. Annual dues can be paid at this time and a Ladies Basket will be raffled.

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks is holding a Healing Mass.

Date: May 17

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Features: Fr. Doug Decker presiding. The Mass will be followed by an opportunity for individual prayer by our prayer ministry team. Donations appreciated.

Contact: RSVP by May 14 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or ph. 518-594-3253 if you plan on staying for the light lunch

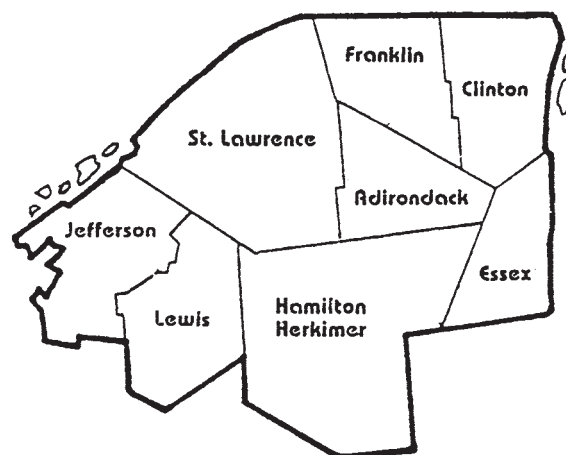
IGNATIAN RETREAT

Ellenburg Center – An Ignatian Retreat, Discernment of Spirits to be held.

Date: May 31 beginning at 10 a.m. to June 1 ending at 5 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Cost: Suggested donation for the weekend is \$60. Overnight guests add \$50.



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Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
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Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

Features: Father Jack Downs will be the Retreat Director. This time of prayer and learning will be based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment and deception in the spiritual life. St. Ignatius showed how we can discern or distinguish between one thing and another; God, angels, the evil one, worldly influences, human weakness.

Contact: Register for the retreat by May 25 by emailing olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253. Rooms available for overnight guests on a first come basis.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville – There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville – The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's announces the addition of Living Waters Healing Ministry to the Parish.

Date: First Thursday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Healing Mass, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

FRANKLIN

LATIN MASS

Constable – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Friday with Fr. Howard Venette as the celebrant.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

Date: May 29

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75

Features: Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown meets third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watertown – Holy Family Church is holding holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Schedule: Monday through Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.),

LEWIS

CHICKEN BBQ

Copenhagen – St. Mary's will be having a TAKE Out ONLY chicken BBQ.

Date: May 4

Time: Noon

Cost: \$8.00 Dinner; \$5 Half Chicken

ST. PETER'S MAY FESTIVAL

Lowville – Plans are underway for St. Peter's May Festival

Date: May 16-18

Place: Lewis County Fair Grounds

Features: Ontario Amusement Carnival rides. Saturday matinee with unlimited rides from 1 p.m. to 5. The festival will feature homemade food specialties including Shiskabob, Pizza, Clam Chowder, . Other booths will include "This-n-That", a Giant Bake Sale, and Games for all ages. Fri. is the Grand Opening at 5 p.m., Sat. there is the ride special, Calk Walk at 2 p.m. and R19 Band from 7 p.m. to 10. Sun. there is the Chicken Barbecue. please contact Bob Mullin or St. Peter's Church Office (376-6662) to reserve your chicken or the whole dinner. At 3 pm, the drawings begin for cash prizes totaling \$2000.

BULLHEAD FEED

Harrisville – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Bullhead Feed.

Date: May 9

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Harrisville Fire Hall

Cost: Adults, \$11 for Fish, \$9 for Ham; Children 5-12, \$6; under 5, Free

Features: Choice of Ham or Bullheads. Take-outs available.

MAY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy devotions for the month of May have been set.

Date: May 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (evening prayer), exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction

ST. LAWRENCE

HOLY FAMILY MEGA REUNION

Massena – Join classmates at the first ever Holy Family High School Mega Reunion.

Date: Aug. 16

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: The Village Inn

Cost: \$40 per person payable to HFH

Mega Reunion

Features: Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and cash bar. Additional activities for Aug. 15 and 16 will be listed at <http://holyfamil-massena.webs.com>

Contact: Ray Fenton at 315-250-4445. RSVP by May 16

POTSDAM LIFECHAIN

Potsdam – A Lifechain is planned for the day before Mother's Day.

Date: May 10

Time: 1 p.m. to 2

Place: Downtown Potsdam along Market and Main Sts. We will gather around 12:45 p.m. at the parking lot across Main St. from the Roxy Theater.

Features: Life Chain will happen regardless of the weather. Don't forget chairs, hats and water.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

There will be a continuous praying of the Rosary throughout the world.

Date: May 4

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral Chapel

Features: We encourage Legion of Mary Auxiliary Members and other interested persons to participate with Legion of Mary members by praying twenty decades of the Rosary. The intention is for "World Peace, Life, and Family." Our Blessed Mother is a force for Faith. Who better to lead and guide us than she who is the Mother of Faith. Pray alone, with family, or with friends. There are no other requirements. We encourage you to take part in this wonderful opportunity to join in prayer with our brothers and sisters, all over the world, who will be praying for these intentions.

ST. JAMES CARNIVAL

Gouverneur – St. James Church to host Carnival.

Date: May 8, 9, & 10

Features: Rides, games, food, fried dough all three days. Bingo May 9 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6. Craft fair May 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

K of C BRUNCH

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

Date: May 11

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs available

Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Homefries, Ham, Sausage,

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The Holy Father calls on us to establish our Creed through stating our beliefs and Faith in the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Our Missions priests across the globe also spread this teaching as they endeavor each day to strengthen the bonds of Catholicism throughout the developing world. To believe in our loving and forgiving God, we are required to nurture our Faith and Hope in what we cannot see or control. When we state our professions of Faith, we agree to loving one God, a God that we truly believe is there for us to pray to, to worship and call upon when in despair. We believe in the Holy Spirit that shows us the communion of saints, the forgiveness of our sins, and the resurrection of the body.

Bringing people in touch with the reason for all our hope and faith is Jesus Christ. He is the heart of the Church's mission. The Catholic Church in mission countries is often the only source of hope, faith and help for the poor and vulnerable. Through their work, local priests, religious and lay catechists reflect this hope-filled Good News in a world of need. As this Easter Season draws to an end, we ask you to reflect on why we have our faith and hope. It is because of our Risen Lord. Just as we are called to Baptism, to be missionaries of the Risen Lord to the developing world they need your prayers and your help! They already have your Hope and your Faith.



Local men at the St. Martin de Porras parish Palm Sunday services in Mollendo, Peru, April 2014.

OBITUARIES

Burke — Howard "Curt" Barrett, 83; Funeral Services April 23, 2014 at St. George's Church; burial in Ridgeway Cemetery.

Burke — Ralph C. Boileau, 93; Funeral Services April 23, 2014 at St. George's Church; burial in St. Francis Assisi Cemetery, Constable.

Carthage — Patrick A. Wilton, 84; Funeral Services April 22, 2014 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Champlain — Andrew "Papa June" Juneau, 87; Funeral Services April 23, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Chazy — Ada E. (Pearo) Vassar, 87; Funeral Services April 22, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church.

Ellenburg — Carl J. Nephew, 91; Funeral Services April 24, 2014 at St. Edmund's Church.

Hogansburg — Pauline M. (White) Boots, 78; Funeral Services April 21, 2014 at St. Regis Church.

Louisville — Helen A. (Vari) Santamont, 91; Funeral Services April 25, 2014 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Long Lake — Florence "Micki" Smith, 96; Memorial Services May 25, 2014 at St. Henry's Church.

Lowville — Diane S. Peters, 83; Funeral Services April 24, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Beaches Bridge Cemetery.

Lowville — Sherwood J. "Sherb" Potter, 84; Funeral Services April 25, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Malone — Alice (Fogg) Ballard, 95; Funeral Services April 21, 2014 at St.

Joseph's Church.

Malone — Donald W. Moore, 80; Funeral Services April 24, 2014 at the St. Mary-Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home; burial in Morningside Cemetery.

Massena — Elizabeth D. (Bartholomew) Burt, 90; Funeral Services April 22, 2014 at Phillips Memorial Home.

Mooers Forks — James D. Marbut, 58; Funeral Services April 21, 2014 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morrisonville — Paul W. Pardy, 51; Memorial Services April 26, 2014 at St. Alexander's Church.

Ogdensburg — Sherry L. (Epprecht) Bouche, 42; Funeral Services April 26, 2014 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg — Yvonne Renee (Lalonde) Johnson, 58; Funeral Services April 23, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery, Bloomingdale.

Plattsburgh — Louva Ann (Trombley) Jones, 72; Funeral Services April 22, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering

Maples Memorial Gardens.

Port Leyden — Bernard Scheve, 81; Funeral Services April 22, 2014 at St. Martin's Church.

Potsdam — Josephine "Jo" (Sells) Freer, 74; Funeral Services April 28, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

Potsdam — Ferald R. Prentice, 75; Funeral Services April 22, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

Waddington — Richard Condlin; Funeral Services April 22, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Waddington — Paul N. Sharlow, 71; Funeral Services April 24, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Watertown — Doris M. (Campbell) Fitzgerald, 90; Funeral Services April 21, 2014 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Donald C. Sullivan, 89; Funeral Services April 26, 2014 at the Cummings Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Indian River Cemetery.

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PARISHES HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Members from the Altar Rosary Society's of St. Ann's Church Wells and St. James Church Lake Pleasant gathered together on April 3, 2014 to fill gift bags for our neighbors in need. The group made colorful cloth draw string bags and collected personal care items to distribute. members are Pam Broiles, Maryellen Stofelano, Edna Rew, Marguerite McAuliffe, George Lancaster, Katie Smith, Mikayla Darling and Rosemary Tracy (taking photo). The group express gratitude "to our pastor, Father Sony Pulickal who continues to inspire us in our service to our Lord Jesus and to Director of Catholic Charities, Sister Donna Franklin for supporting us in this project."



At St. Lawrence/St. Patrick's Parishes in the Brasher Falls/North Lawrence area, the Gabriel Project Angels have been very busy moving. They recently moved across the hall at St. Patrick's Parish Center into 2 adjoining rooms. Due to the growth of the program and the generous donations that this group receives, they outgrew the previous area that they occupied! At the present time, the Gabriel Angels are gearing up for their Spring Clothing Exchange where they hope to help at least 30 families. Here in one of their new rooms are some of the Gabriel Angels. Back row left to right: Debbie Beckstead, Judy Austin, Nicole Villnave, Coordinator Donna Steenberg & Kathy Kirschner who is the Room Coordinator. Seated is Nancy Hammill. Missing from photo is Lisa Evans, Adele Finazzo, Lucille Jock, Barb Berninghausen, Cathy Hance & Kristy McGill.

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BIBLE STUDY

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's Cathedral is hold an eight session program "A Quick Journey Through The Bible."

Date: Starting June 25

Place: Bishop Brzana Hall

Features: Deacon Dave Sandburg will be presenting the program created by Jeff Cavins, a renowned bible scholar, former Baptist pastor, and Lighthouse Catholic Media featured speaker. This is an 8 week primer and overview to Studying the Bible Timeline. For more information, to watch a short video introduction, and to register for this course, go to <http://www.saintmaryscathedral.net/bible-study>

DINNER AND SHOW

Ogdensburg – Notre Dame Altar & Rosary is sponsoring a bus trip to the Syracuse Oncenter.

Date: June 4

Cost: \$120 per person (includes show ticket, bus fare, and dinner at Spaghetti

Warehouse restaurant.)

Features: Performance of Million Dollar Quartet. at 7:30 p.m.. Inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins.

Contact: Call Cherie @393-5050 or 393-7158 or Joyce @528-1819.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Massena – Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Features: A gathering of those who have had a recent loss of a loved one.

Contact: 315-769-3137

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg – Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel at a new time.

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

5KWALK/RUN

Massena – The 2nd Annual Glory in our Hearts 5K Walk/Run to Remember will bring together walkers and runners, for a heart healthy fundraiser to support the 2014 outreach activities of the Glory in our Hearts Foundation.

Date: May 3

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Robert Moses State Park Picnic Area at Barnhart Island

Features: Stroller and child friendly 5K event. Visit website at <http://www.glo-ryinourhearts.org/5k.html> for more information.

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

Ogdensburg – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Noon

LATIN MASS

Potsdam – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday morning.

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

DIOCESAN EVENTS

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

Ogdensburg – Women of Grace Retreat to be held again for a spirit filled weekend retreat.

Date: June 27-29

Place: Wadhams Hall

Speaker: Johnnette Benkovic, of Living His Life Abundantly

Features: The weekend will be filled with the celebration of the Eucharist,

Adoration, prayer, talks, music, and sacred sisterhood. The theme of the retreat is To Jesus Through Mary... "For Such A Time As This..." (Esther 4:14). Throughout this weekend, Johnnette will unfold the truths of authentic femininity leaving a lasting imprint on minds, hearts, and souls

Contact: Mary Dillenback at marydillenback@twcny.rr.com or call 315-771-1377.

DIRECTED RETREAT

Ogdensburg – The annual summer directed retreat has been planned

Date: June 15-21

Place: Wadhams Hall Retreat Center

Directors: Rev. Roger McGuinness, Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ; Sr. Marlene Butler, G.N.S.H.

Features: The directed retreat is offered in an atmosphere of silence, while giving the opportunity for daily one-on-one meeting with a spiritual director, and Mass each day.

Contact: Call Wadhams Hall at (315) 393-4231 or email inquiry@wadhams.edu