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## 'Get out in real world to find Jesus'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- People will not find Jesus by hanging out in first-class lounges or in the library, but by being out and about in the real world and in prayer, Pope Francis said.

And following him will not be easy because "Jesus creates problems," the pope

said Sept. 26 during his morning Mass in his residence of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

### Says Pope Francis

"You can't know Jesus without getting involved with him, without betting your life

on him," he said.

According to the day's Gospel reading in Luke, King Herod wanted to know this man who was called a prophet. People were beginning to be afraid of this man "because he may bring about political strife with the Romans" and cause problems,

the pope said.

Well, "Jesus creates problems," he added. "You can't know Jesus without having problems, and I would venture to say: 'If you want to have problems, go out on the road to know Jesus. You won't have one, you'll have many,'" he said.

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## Harvest Mass set for Oct. 13

Annual Mass to honor North Country farmers and their families will be

held Oct. 13 in Gouverneur

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## CONGRATULATIONS, BISHOP



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Therese Kelly of Ogdensburg congratulates Bishop Terry R. LaValley after a Sept. 22 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral during which the bishop was honored for his 25th anniversary of priesthood.

## YEAR OF FAITH SOLEMN MASS

Bishop LaValley shares homily



Bishop Terry R. LaValley was the homilist at the diocesan Year of Faith Mass celebrated Sunday in Lake Placid. The liturgy drew nearly 2000 Catholics to the Olympic Arena. In the homily, the bishop said, "Throughout this year, we have been reminded that there is nothing routine about our faith. . . it is ever-new, ever-fresh, ever-life giving. The Faces of Faith stories told in our *North Country Catholic*, the Beauty of Belief event, the Virtual Pilgrimages, upcoming Vatican II Workshops, the Corpus Christi Event, and now this very, very special occasion where we have gathered for Mass, all give evidence of the strong faith of the saints in the making who today call this place, "home" - you the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

# October - busy, beautiful time of year

This week's *North Country Catholic* was printed just hours before we all gathered in Lake Placid for the Year of Faith Mass with our nuncio.

While that means we don't yet have photos or a story from the event, we are privileged to present Bishop LaValley's homily. (See page 3)

I'm sure that those who heard it in the arena will welcome the opportunity to spend more time soaking in his words and those unable to

attend will surely appreciate the chance to read the bishop's important message.

In next week's paper, we can all relive the historic Year of Faith liturgy with contributions from our talented NCC photographers and writers.

In the meantime, we have the chance to catch up on some of the other news of our diocese.

In just a couple days, Bishop LaValley will preside at the ordination of 12 permanent deacons



Mary Lou Kilian

for our diocese. How blessed we are that these men are willing to spend the rest of their lives in service to God and to the people of the North Country.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, Catholics all across the diocese will be taking a stand for life as Respect Life Sunday kicks off the annual observance of October as Respect Life month.

Colleen Miner, diocesan director of respect life ministry, writes about the special events planned for this month on page 8.

Bishop LaValley will celebrate another special liturgy on Oct.

13 as the annual diocesan Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving is held at St James Church in Gouverneur.

That will also be a busy weekend in the Adirondack region of our diocese as Guggenheim is host to both a Family Guggenheim weekend and Rachel's Vineyard retreat.

And, autumn in the North Country wouldn't be complete without the annual Catholic Charities Caritas dinner set for Oct. 27. See page 6 for this year's honorees.

October: a beautiful and busy time of year for Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg!

**A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

## I know Pope Francis was speaking to me

Recently, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, sat down for a full interview with Father Antonio Spadaro, S.J., who is the editor of an Italian Jesuit magazine. This interview has printed in several magazines throughout the world and many news services have commented about it. I imagine you have seen something about it in the newspaper or on the television news.

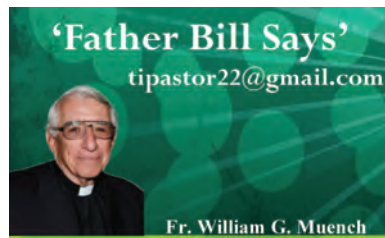
Everyone truly loves Pope Francis – he has put a smiling, loving face on our Catholic Church. I certainly am overjoyed by these first months of papacy.

His constant message of mercy and acceptance has touched all Catholics – and also many former Catholics. They are truly listening, wondering where the Church is going.

Pope Francis constantly reaffirmed all the teachings of our Catholic Church but his presentation and emphasis is so refreshing to all of us.

The interviewer began his questions – which were truly extensive – by asking the pope “Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?”

The story says the pope thought a moment and then said, “I do not know what might be the most fitting description...I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition.



It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner.”

The Pope's humble and honest openness surprises us. Yet, this holiness is truly overwhelming.

Many of us hate to face our failures, our humanity, our sinfulness yet, here is our pope honestly beginning with his struggles – and the goodness and forgiving spirit of our loving God toward him.

He is what he is – because God has been good to him.

Here is the rest of the Pope's answer: “Yes, perhaps I can say that I am a bit astute, that I can adapt to circumstances, but it is also true that I am a bit naïve. Yes, but the best summary, the one that comes more from the inside and I feel most true is this: I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon.”

As I read this the first time, I had to stop and meditate in realization of how much I also am a sinner. I have experi-

enced the protection, the forgiveness, the love of God – over and over again. I have recognized God's constant readiness to watch over me. What would I be without that?

This is only the first response of this long interview – you can imagine how much the Pope has shared here. I hope you have the opportunity to look up the whole interview. Notice that his spirituality is dominated – as he says – by human faces: Christ, St. Francis, St. Joseph and Mary.

I want to share one more thing with you that the Pope mentions in this interview because it truly impressed me.

Pope Francis thinks of the Church as a “field hospital.” He says this: “I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal

wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal the wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Hear the wounds, heal the wounds. The Church sometimes locked itself up in small things – the most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved us. And the minister of the Church must be minister of mercy about all.”

I know that Pope Francis was speaking to me.

With the grace of God, may I truly be a minister of mercy – may I always be ready to heal the wounds.

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## FOLLOW ME

# Faith: a gift we must accept and unwrap

Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for the Year of Faith Solemn Mass in Lake Placid Sept. 29

With a deep desire to re-echo the Universal Call to Holiness of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated this Year of Faith as an opportunity for you and me to recall that each of us is a saint in the making and to be mindful of what that entails.

**As you know, in this beautiful location in our diocese, 33 years ago the world-renown "miracle on ice" took place when our young upstart USA hockey team defeated the heavily favored veteran Russian team.**

As you remember, here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, we formally kicked off this Holy Year with a special Liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral last fall honoring three recently canonized saints who have walked our very lands here in the North Country: St. Brother Andre Bessette, St. Marianne Cope and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Years ago, these saints actually visited our relatives, parishioners, and priests. They were instruments of healings in our families. Their inspiring lives and powerful intercessions have become treasured blessings for our families.

Throughout this year, we have been reminded that there is nothing routine about our faith...it is ever-new, ever-fresh, ever-life giving. The Faces of Faith stories told in our *North Country Catholic*, the Beauty of Belief event, the Virtual Pilgrimages, upcoming Vatican II Workshops, the Corpus Christi Event, and now this very, very special occasion where we have gathered for Mass, all give evidence of the strong faith of the saints in the making who today call this place, "home"—you the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

We all want to be holy. We all want to follow Jesus so as to enjoy eternal life in the Father's Dwelling Place.

As you know, in this beautiful location in our diocese, 33 years ago the world-renown "miracle on ice" took place when our young upstart USA hockey team defeated the heavily favored veteran Russian team.

When our Savior was about 33 years old He performed the miracle of all miracles - that Last and Holiest of Suppers when He gave His Body and Blood to His closest friends and told them to go out and do likewise in memory of Him.

This is the summit, this is the identifying, the mystical moment that we, as Catholic Christians treasure and embrace.

As I look out, I see so many beautiful faces of faith, each in love with the God who saves us, each yearning to grow in that love and to share it confidently and joyfully in tangible ways out there in the marketplace. You know the power of the Eucharist. I am humbled and most grateful.



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

**Bishop LaValley is pictured during the Sept. 22 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral during which parishioners honored him for his 25th anniversary of ordination. Photos from the Lake Placid Year of Faith Mass will appear in the next issue of the NCC.**

I pray that this year has sharpened our sense for the supernatural and reawakened the deep longing which exists in every human heart for what is above - rousing in our hearts the desire to be transformed in Christ. For, before all else, it is necessary for us to grasp the "height, breadth, and depth" of our calling, and fully to comprehend the message of the Gospel which invites us not merely to do what good Catholics are supposed to do, but beyond that, to enter into a process of personal transformation in Christ.

I know that too often my own readiness to change can be highly selective. Whereas I might be willing to improve in some areas of my life, I want to remain in command and to determine myself the scope and limits of my transformation. The absolute and unconditional readiness to change ought to be the very basis of our spiritual lives, so that we may become a "new person" in Christ.

Before all else, readiness to change is the first prerequisite for the transformation in Christ. I must have a glowing desire to become a new person in Christ, a passionate will to give myself over to Christ.

As Pope Francis taught in his Encyclical, *Light*

*of Faith*(13) "faith consists in the willingness to let ourselves be constantly transformed and renewed by God's call." To answer His call: "Follow Me," my soul should become malleable like clay in God's hands so that I can become what He wants me to become.

As the Holy Father said at his first general audience, "Faithfulness is not a lifestyle choice but a life-changing process of life long conversion to the truth of the Gospel."

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A noted theologian wrote, "The Church, Mass is not a sacramental service station requiring little or nothing of those who come." In many ways, we live in a world that consumes and spectates with little personal involvement required, little passion from within, unless it's a sports event. Society operates as if God does not exist - religion is relegated to only the private sphere. My friends, if our faith does not engage us, it is lifeless. If we are not daily tending to our soul, if we are not growing spiritually, our faith will die, it will simply die.

When he wrote his landmark encyclical, *Evangelization in the Modern World*, Pope Paul VI alluded to this: "a lack of fervor "out there" reflects something seriously happening from within. It is manifested in fatigue, disenchantment, compromise, lack of interest, and above all lack of hope and joy." My sisters and brothers, we need to tend to an interior enthusiasm that nobody and nothing can quench or take away. People of the Church must believe with passion and conviction.

Faith is, indeed, a gift from God, but a gift that we must accept and unwrap. Faith's past, that act of Jesus' love which brought new life to the world, comes down to us through the memory of others - witnesses - and is kept alive in that one remembering Body which we know as the Family of Faith, the Church.

We have a couple of generations now of people who have no such memory because it was never passed down. For many, the Church has become a stranger and quite irrelevant.

Pope Francis encouraged us to "move beyond a dull or mechanical way of living our faith, and instead open the doors of our hearts, our lives, our parishes, going out in search of others so as to bring them the light and joy of our faith in Christ."

Faith is not a light which scatters all darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey.

## Bishop to ordain 12 new deacons

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will ordain 12 men to the permanent diaconate in a ceremony to be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The men have completed the diocesan permanent deacon formation program under the direction of Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin and Deacon John L. White.

The men set to be ordained are:

- Lawrence R. Ambeau, St. Cecilia's, Adams; and Queen of Heaven, Henderson
- Patrick Donahue, St. Mary's, Evans Mills (the Parishes of Indian River)
- John Drollette, St. Peter's Parish, Plattsburgh
- Henry Leader, St. James, Gouverneur
- John Lucero, Catholic Community of Keeseville
- Guy Javarone, St. Anthony's, Watertown
- Daniel McGrath, St. John the Baptist, Madrid
- Brian Neureuther, St. Joseph's, West Chazy
- Anthony Pastizzo, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
- Joel Walentuk, St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay
- David Wells, St. Raphael's, Heuvelton
- Paul White, St. Elizabeth's, Elizabethtown

## Harvest Mass to be held on Oct. 13

**GOUVERNEUR-** Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the annual Diocesan Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving at St. James Church Oct. 13 at 2 p.m.

Farmers and their families are invited and strongly encouraged to take part.

The Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving has been held each fall in the Diocese of

Ogdensburg since November 2001, following a pastoral priority of Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito.

The location varies year to year so that over the course of time, the Mass can be offered in many different parts of the North Country.

In November 2012, the Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's in Brushton and the previous year at St. Peter's in Lowville.

It is anticipated that local and area farmers will take liturgical roles in the upcoming liturgy in Gouverneur.

A reception will follow at the parish hall.



## Faith:

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Our inspiring Holy Father reminds us that arriving at a sober assessment of the faith in our day is so complicated. It is important to remember that sociological statistics are not sufficient. It is not enough to count the number of Catholic Christians, the number who go to Church on Sunday, for instance.

We should not forget the sometimes dramatic battles that Christians must wage every day in order to continue believing and acting according to the Gospel in a society that has become increasingly impatient with faith and religion. For instance, we don't hear of the truly saintly efforts that so many of our moms and dads exert in giving witness to the faith for their children or of the great sacrifices that many in business endure to ensure that their practices are totally consistent with Catholic teachings.

Pope Francis told the youth: swim against the tide of today's society, it's good for the heart.

This is a fitting message for all of us, no matter the age - be not afraid. It's good for the heart and for the soul.

In our culture of "Don't ask, don't tell" - we must tell our story. The Church, parents, spouses, grandparents, no one can supply personal faith. But we must share our experience of God so as to encourage others to reflect and do likewise. For too long, Catholics have been shy or hesitant to talk out loud about God.

As Pope Emeritus Benedict

XVI once wrote, there must be a dynamic connection between the courage and energy of those disciples in the Upper Room on Pentecost and you and me today.

**My sisters and brothers, this Year of Faith has provided you and me with the renewed vigor, the earnest desire to deepen our encounter with Jesus Christ, seeking to reflect that relationship in our lives outside the Church building, to the poor, the vulnerable, the hurting.**

The Holy Spirit that impressed the Apostles to open the doors of the Upper Room, making them evangelizers is the same Spirit that moves us in the Church today to make a renewed proclamation of hope to the people of our time. It is precisely the gift of the Eucharist that transforms us, empowers us to do this.

In Jesus' parable in today's Gospel, Abraham noted that there lay a "great chasm" between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. This chasm that Abraham said cannot be crossed is a lesson of how much of a role we play in our salvation.

My friends, the only bridge over that chasm is that most sacred plank, the wood of Jesus' Cross. That is the means of our salvation. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Therein lies the reason for our hope, our joy in a world

that sometimes seems so hopeless, helpless and dark.

There is a mighty chasm, too, that lies sometimes between our sophisticated and unfamiliar Church terms and the lived spiritual experiences of the majority of our people.

We need to speak their language, as the Holy Father has reminded us, so that through the proclamation of the Gospel, all might know that Jesus' dwelling is a House of prayer for all peoples.

As Isaiah wrote in our first reading, our God will bring the exiles back to Jerusalem and will call all the nations to become part of God's people. The Kingdom of God is fulfilled through the proclamation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The last time that this Diocese of Ogdensburg was honored with the presence of the Papal Nuncio, at my episcopal ordination, I concluded my remarks by asking the question: "Are you ready?" I asked those present: "Are you ready to continue our pilgrimage, bearing in our hearts the song that is ancient and yet ever new, "Let us sing to the Lord: glorious His triumph."

The response, in the cathedral at that memorable moment, was a resounding "WE ARE!"

My sisters and brothers, this Year of Faith has provided you and me with the renewed vigor, the earnest desire to deepen our encounter with Jesus Christ, seeking to reflect that relationship in our lives outside the Church building, to the poor, the vulnerable, the hurting.

And so, I ask you today are you ready to continue to grow in your knowledge and love of Jesus and His Body, the Church and to confidently share and humbly give witness to it? I am!

With the psalmist, I sing out: "I will proclaim your name, I will proclaim your name, I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters." Amen.

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# Catholic Charities Caritas dinner to be held Oct. 27

OGDENSBURG - The annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner will be held Oct. 27 at the GranView Restaurant

This year Catholic Charities is honoring the following award recipients:

- Caritas Award: Patricia Mintner Powell, Sackets Harbor, a teacher at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown. She is known as a very effective faculty leader for the students in the Community Service Program and is de-

scribed as "leading by example".

- President's Award: Thomas and Mary Anne Hanley, who recently retired and moved to Florida. Mr. Hanley was the General Manager of WPBS, Watertown and Mrs. Hanley worked for the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency. Both have a long history of community and parish involvement.

- Legacy Award: Jordyn Black, Malone - Jordyn is a

young woman actively involved Malone Catholic Parishes. She has a deep love and appreciation for the elderly members of her community.

Reservations are needed for the dinner. A cash bar opens at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5. The cost is \$40 per person

For more information, to make reservations and to receive the menu choices, contact: Cindy Elliott at (315) 393-2255.

All proceeds from the Caritas Dinner are used to help people with critical needs in the eight counties of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

## Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 2** - 10:30 a.m., Foundation Board of Director's Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 3** - 10 a.m., Opening School Mass and Visit at St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga

**Oct. 5** - 11 a.m., Diaconate Ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Oct. 6** - 4 p.m., 100th Anniversary Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown

**Oct. 7** - 5:30 p.m., Jefferson Deanery Lay Minister Mass and Dinner at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown

**Oct. 8** - 11 a.m., Personnel Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

## Rest in Peace

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

**Oct. 2** - Msgr. Joseph D. Creeden, 1944; Rev. Ambrose Raphael Hyland, 1954; Most Rev. James J. Navagh, 1965

**Oct. 4** - Rev. George Drummond, 1839; Rev. Daniel F. O'Reilly, 1946; Rev. Thomas P. Fogarty, O.S.A., 1950

**Oct. 5** - Rev. Victor Balcerak, O.F.M.Conv., 1960; Rev. Eune Beaucage, O.M.I., 1984

**Oct. 8** - Rev. Edward Letourneau, 1898

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## 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:  
**Oct. 3** - 6 p.m., Trinity Catholic School, Massena  
**Oct. 3** - 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's School, Canton  
**Oct. 8** - 6:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur  
**Oct. 15** - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

## Environmental Stewardship

**St. Francis Pledge - Part III:** ACCESS how we contribute to climate change and by our own energy use and consumption of the Earth's various resources. Conduct an energy audit of your home to discover where energy can be conserved. In almost everyone's home, the greatest use of energy is in heating the house, and in maintaining a supply of hot water. Trying to decrease the amount of energy used for these purposes is critical in reducing one's carbon footprint. Transportation needs also consume large amounts of energy. Examine your daily travel routine in an attempt to use your car less during the week. Remember that every little bit of energy savings is important and adds up.  
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Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always.  
 O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...)  
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# HOLY HARVEST

Fifth annual fall festival sponsored by the Malone Catholic Parishes



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Parishioners of Malone Catholic Parishes held their fifth annual Holy Harvest Festival Sept. 15 at Holy Family School. The festival began with Mass under the tent, followed by a harvest dinner, cake walk, harvest table, children's activities and music by the Old Timers Band. Parishioners also enjoyed hayrides around the school given by Father Tom Higman, parochial vicar.

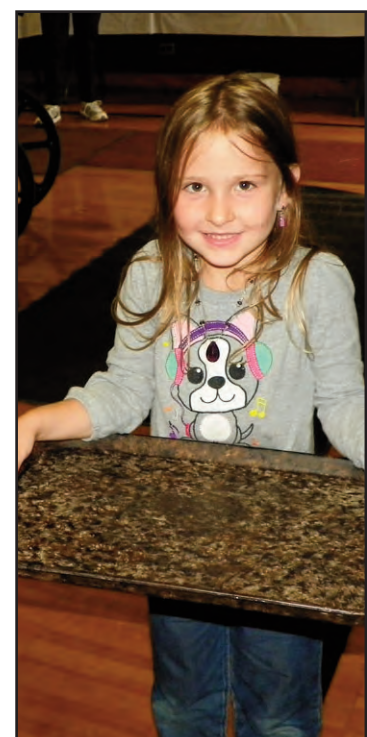
Farmer Tom - oops, that would be *Father* Tom - waves from the tractor.



Samantha Fazioli, director of Christian Formation for the parishes, is shown with high school volunteers who helped monitor games for the children. From left, front, are Ms. Fazioli, Kathryn Petrelli and Madeleine Champagne; back, Leagon Carlin and Dan Shafer.



Donovan Gurin stands with his finished scarecrow at the children's activities.



Eryn Petrelli helps clean up tables

*Bishop's Fund Appeal supports pro-life efforts*

# Respect Life Month activities planned

By Colleen Miner

Diocesan director, Respect Life Office

October is Respect Life Month. The United States Conference of Catholic Bish-

ops has chosen the theme "Open Your Hearts to Life".

This year's poster features a well-published photo of Pope Francis hugging 8-year-old Dominic Gondreau, who has cerebral palsy.

Pastors received their USCCB packet containing many items for use throughout the month and upcoming year.

Information is available at [www.usccb.org/about/pro-](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/)

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## Four Lifechains

Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 6, marks the 26th year of the annual Lifechain, a peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence.

Four Lifechains will be held in the diocese:

- Saranac Lake (2:30-3:30 Meet at Bandshell Park, Line up along River Street),
- Plattsburgh (2:30-3:30 Smithfield Blvd & Cornelia Street),
- Potsdam (2-3:30) Market & Main Streets and
- Willsboro (2:30-3:30 Rt.22/Main St). Join with thousands across the US and Canada.

Signs will be provided. More information at: [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net)

## 40 Days for Life

The Fall 40 Days for Life campaign is Sept. 25-Nov. 3.

40 Days for Life is a worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies which has three components: Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil and Community Outreach.

The local 40 Days for Life presence is at 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh. This is the only Planned Parenthood in the diocese that performs surgical abortions.

A "Cast the Vision Event" to kick off the Fall campaign was held Sept. 24 at the Plattsburgh Newman Center. Rodrick Murphy from Massachusetts spoke on the importance of pro-life activism. Mr. Murphy has successfully started crisis pregnancy centers in many locations. Rebecca Purdy, Students for Life Northeast representative, also gave a presentation.

For more information, please contact the Plattsburgh 40 Days for Life Coordinator, Nancy Belzile at 518-593-6024; email, [nancys\\_56@hotmail.com](mailto:nancys_56@hotmail.com) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh) to sign up for an



hour of witness.

## Buses to DC for March for Life

Sign-ups for the Youth Buses for Life pilgrimage to the Washington DC March for Life began Oct. 1.

Check the Diocesan Pastoral Documentation page and Respect Life webpage for permission slips.

Buses for high school students will depart from Watertown, Schroon Lake and Massena (with stops in Canton and Gouverneur) on Monday, Jan 20 and return Wed, Jan 22.

For more information, 'like' 2014 Youth Buses for Life on Facebook or contact the Respect Life Office. [www.rcdony.org/pro-life/](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life/)

There will also be two family buses departing from Plattsburgh and Lewis County.

The Lake Champlain Bus for Life is coordinated by Karen Smith 518-566-6229.

The Lewis County Bus for Life is coordinated by Paul Campeau 315-376-3569.

## Rachel's Vineyard retreat

It's not too late to sign-up for the after-abortion healing retreat over Columbus Day weekend.

The Fall Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13th. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms are located on the Respect Life webpage.

Chaplain for the fall retreat

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*Open your hearts to life!*



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*May the Lord grant us the grace to see his love revealed in our lives,  
and the grace to respond by respecting  
and protecting human life in all its stages and conditions.*

~Respect Life Liturgy Guide 2012 - 2013~

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Pope Francis continues talks about the creed at weekly audience

# 'Church must show what unity looks like'

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Backstabbing and gossip hurt people and harm God's desire for a united human family, Pope Francis said.

Unity is a gift from God, "but often we struggle to live it out," he said. "We are the ones who create lacerations."

The pope also asked people to pray for persecuted Christians in the world and to be genuinely concerned about their plight, just as one would be for a family member in distress.

At his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Sept. 25, Pope Francis continued his series of audience talks about the creed - looking at what Catholics believe about the church - and focused on the Catholic belief in "one, holy, catholic and apostolic church."

Catholics of every culture,

language and part of the world are united in their common baptism and in sharing the church's one faith and sacramental life, the pope said.

This unity in faith, hope, the sacraments and ministry "are like columns that support and hold together the one great edifice of the church," he said. And it also helps Catholics feel like members of one family, "united no matter the distance" between them.

But the pope asked people to reflect upon whether they live out this unity or are they uninterested - preferring to be closed off from others, isolated within their own community, group of friends or nation.

"It's sad to see a 'privatized' church because of egoism and this lack of faith," he said.

It's especially sad when there are so many fellow Christians in the world who

are suffering or being persecuted because of their faith, he said.

## Backstabbing and gossip hurt people and harm God's desire for a united human family

"Am I indifferent or is it like someone in the family is suffering?" he asked.

He asked everyone to be honest with themselves and respond in their hearts: "How many of you pray for Christians who are persecuted" and for those who are in difficulty for professing and defending the faith?

"It's important to look beyond one's own fence, to feel oneself as church, one family of God," he said.

But throughout history and even today, people within the church have not always lived this unity, he said.

"Sometimes misunder-

standings, conflicts, tensions and divisions crop up that harm (unity), and so the church doesn't have the face we would want, it doesn't demonstrate love and what God wants."

"And if we look at the divisions that still exist among Christians, Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants, we feel the hard work (needed) to make this unity fully visible."

The world today needs unity, he said: "We need reconciliation, communion, and the church is the home of communion."

Building unity starts with oneself and starts at home, the pope said.

"Everyone ask yourselves: Do I build unity in my family, parish and community or am I a gossip? Am I the reason for division and difficulty?"

The pope said talking badly about others hurts everyone, including the church and communities.

"Christians must bite their

tongues before gossiping," he said. "That will do us good because that way the tongue swells up, and you can't talk" badly about others, he said to laughter and applause from the crowd.

He asked people to have the humility to repair the divisions in one's life "with patience and sacrifice" and follow the Prayer of St. Francis to be instruments of God's peace.

"Humility, gentleness, magnanimity and love for preserving unity are the real pathways of the church," he said.

Because the Holy Spirit is the real "engine" behind the life and renewal of the church, prayer is important. Unity in diversity comes from the Holy Spirit, which everyone received with baptism and confirmation, he added.

The true richness of the church "is what unites us, not what divides us," he said.

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### New resource

A new resource is available. "Gift of Joy", a booklet from Our Sunday Visitor written for expectant parents which includes the new USCCB's Blessing of the Child in the Womb.

Pastors and Gabriel Project and Elizabeth Ministry Coordinators received this booklet, but if you would like a copy, please contact the Respect Life Office.

Thank you to all who "Open your Hearts to Life" by supporting the efforts of the Respect Life Office through donations to the Bishop's Fund Appeal.

Please promote and participate in pro-life efforts in your area.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope Benedict challenges atheist, says he never hid abuse cases

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In a letter to an atheist Italian mathematician, retired Pope Benedict XVI defended his own handling of allegations of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and politely criticized the logician's total reliance on scientific facts for meaning. "I never sought to conceal these things," the pope said of cases of clerical abuse, and lamented the scholar depicting the church as the only place where such "deviation" and "filth" occur. The publication of the retired pope's comments Sept. 24 to an atheist scholar came the same month a written letter by Pope Francis to an Italian journalist concerning dialogue with nonbelievers was published. Both letters were published, with the two popes' permission, by the Italian daily La Repubblica. The paper released long excerpts of Pope Benedict's original 11-page response to Piergiorgio Odifreddi, a prolific science writer who authored the book, "Dear Pope, I Write to You" in 2011. The book, presented as a letter to Pope Benedict, proposes the superiority of a worldview in which belief should stem only from things that can be understood and empirically known over worldviews that include belief in things that cannot be fully understood or known.

## Congress' showdown: Good theater, but is it good government?

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- "The play's the thing," Shakespeare wrote. The drama being played out in Congress since the lawmakers returned from summer vacation has made for riveting viewing, with cable news channels showing shifting vote totals on crucial bills in real time. But questions arise on the strategy of each house of Congress passing bills knowing they would never get passed in the other chamber, all under the looming shadow of a government shutdown in early October and a deadline for raising the national debt ceiling. It can lead one to wonder whether the high-stakes game of "chicken" serves the public. The answer is no, at least in the mind of leaders of major Catholic organizations. "Congress has a responsibility to the American people and millions of them depend on salaries, benefits and programs that the government is responsible for," said Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity who is president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association, in a Sept. 18 statement.

## Charity must begin at parish level, Caritas head tells bishops

SAINTE-ADELE, Quebec (CNS) -- Charity needs to begin face-to-face, at the local parish level, the president of Caritas Internationalis told Canada's bishops. "Every Christian community must have a 'heart which sees' the miseries which, tragically, persist around it and can attend to them," Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, president of the Vatican's charitable federation, told the bishops' plenary meeting Sept. 24. The cardinal, who is archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, told the story of a priest in Brazil who, during the annual Lenten campaign for the poor, wondered how many poor people attended his parish. The priest did a survey and discovered 15 families in extreme poverty. Instead of always asking for money to help the poor, the priest realized something had to be done for the families in his own parish, the cardinal said. The priest gathered parishioners, and one said he could offer work to one of the families. Others stepped forward with offers. "They were organizing and it was beautiful," said Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga.

# Panel: Witness of 'lived reality' best way to defend life, marriage

By Beth Griffin  
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) - Catholics must deploy good cheer, confidence and the witness of "a lived reality" to move beyond familiar arguments and deliver compelling testimony in defense of life, traditional marriage and religious freedom, according to speakers at a Sept 25 forum.

"We're bullet-pointing in a narrative culture," where people tune out arguments, but respond to powerful personal stories of Christian resolutions to complex issues, author Eric Metaxas said.

Metaxas moderated a panel discussion at Teacher's College at Columbia University. The panel was part of an event that drew more than 300 people to hear updates on legal and cultural struggles to defend fundamental values.

The forum was based on the Manhattan Declaration, a 4,700-word joint statement signed in November 2009 by more than 140 Christian leaders, many evangelical and Catholic, pledging renewed zeal in defending the unborn, defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman, and protecting religious freedom. To date, more than 542,000 people have signed the declaration, including 52 Catholic cardinals and bishops.

"The Manhattan Declaration is a statement of Christian conscience that comes from our conviction as people of faith that it's our duty, privilege and honor to bring God's light into the marketplace," said Edward T. Mechemann, director of public policy for the Archdiocese of New York.

Eric Teetsel, executive director of the Manhattan Dec-

laration movement, said signers of the statement rejected "anti-life activities and will not bless immoral partnerships. We will fully render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but under no circumstances will we render to Caesar what is God's."

He said the Manhattan Declaration's three primary issues are not the only areas of moral concern, but present the greatest threats in our time to the principles of the good.

Alan Sears, president of the Alliance Defending Freedom in Scottsdale, Ariz., said religious liberty is under assault in chilling and unimaginable ways, but courageous individuals who will not comply with edicts that dishonor life and marriage are winning legal victories.

He recited examples of "men and women like you, who were minding their own business until they were forced to" defend actions they made in good conscience.

"This is a taste of what lies ahead if we don't act now," Sears said. "People who think these are private matters are either naive or unaware."

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, said hope and courage are necessary "at a time when life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are in jeopardy." Her organization is a political action committee that helps pro-life women get elected to Congress.

She predicted that implementation of the Affordable Care Act will cause "the biggest increase in abortion since Roe vs. Wade."

Sherif Girgis and Ryan T. Anderson, co-authors with Robert George of "What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense," said reason and

faith reveal the truth that marriage is more than an intense emotional union. It is permanent, exclusive, monogamous and sexual, Girgis said.

Anderson said marriage has public-policy consequences. When marriage law is "redefined to make fathers optional," the needs and rights of children suffer, he said.

"We're at the early stages of the marriage debate," Girgis said. He and Anderson urged proponents of the traditional marriage to follow the lead of the pro-life movement and distill complicated issues from academic treatises and books into slogans and talking points.

"The onus is on us to internalize these issues. The reality is more complicated than secular liberals want to think," Anderson said.

Living out marriage is a more attractive and compelling tool than argument, he said. "Same-sex marriage is only plausible because for 40 years we've made a mess of marriage and human sexuality."

Metaxas said the church lost the battle in the 1970s when it did not draw a line in the sand and fight no-fault divorce.

Anderson and Girgis said discussing their book on more than 100 college campuses revealed a welcome openness to truth and rational argument from students across the political spectrum.

At a prayer service before the forum, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York said, "God has placed a design, plan, ardor, definition into creation and his creatures."

"To tamper with that goes against self-evident truths ... and is toxic. It is pollution," he said.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Living out faith with trust and patience

In our present-day battle with Al Qaeda and world terrorism, we can often feel a sense of helplessness.

We can even wonder where God is.

And so we can sympathize with the frustration of Habakkuk in today's readings. "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen!"

The prophet is angry as he watches the steady growth of the Babylonian Empire which threatens to swallow up Israel.

After listening for a while to this outburst, God answers Habakkuk. He tells the prophet that His divine plan is all mapped out in His mind. "The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint".

He says, in effect, just be patient, don't be so rash, and stir up your faith in Me.

The second reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy tells us to stir up the flame of our faith, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather power and love and

self-control; it's a question of living out our faith in trust and Patience.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is even more demanding of his followers than His Father was with Habakkuk.

When his disciples beg of Him, "Increase our faith", He emphasizes first their need for humility.

He shows them what he means by comparing them to servants.

"When you have done all that is commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done only what we were supposed to do.'"

In other words, stop complaining and do your work! Now that takes humility!



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Luke 17:5-10

As for their need of faith, he tells them that real faith is so powerful that a man of faith could demand of a tough stubborn mulberry bush, "Be transported into the sea, and be planted there" and it would happen!

It's that kind of faith that St Paul was trying to fan into a flame in his faithful disciples. All followers of

Christ are meant to live by faith.

As Catholic Christians, we believe in the real presence of Christ in the holy Eucharist we receive each week.

Today is a good Sunday to fan that flame of faith in us by reciting every day, either privately or with our family, the holy Rosary. October is the month of the rosary.

This is also Respect Life Sunday in which we make reparation for the millions of innocent children who have died through abortion.

*Mary Queen of the most holy Rosary, beg God to show us His mercy for these sins against His love.*

## OUR READERS WRITE

## An invitation to serve youth through scouting

By Cory L. Haynes

Diocesan Chairman of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Catholic Committee on Scouting

Can you help to serve youth in your community?

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Catholic Committee on Scouting (DOCCS) is the official operating committee of Diocesan Office of Scouting. Its purpose is to provide guidance, vigor, and leadership in the spiritual development of especially all Catholic Scouts and Scouters throughout Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis counties of the North Country.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting strives to help community organizations, parishes, and other Catholic organizations to support the Scouting program at the local level with Cub Scout Packs (boys ages 7-11), Boy Scout Troops (young men ages 12 to 18), Varsity Teams (young men ages 14-18), Sea Scout Ships (co-ed youth ages 14-20), Venture Crews (co-ed youth

ages 14-20), and Girl Scout (GSUSA) Troops.

To locate a local unit visit: [www.beascout.scouting.org/](http://www.beascout.scouting.org/) or [www.girlscouts.org/join/](http://www.girlscouts.org/join/).

The DCCS uses programs of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), to supplement its annual activities. Our activities include a Hike to a Mountain Top Mass, an Annual Retreat for members of the BSA and GSUSA, and the Bishop's Scout Mass for the presentation of youth and adult religious emblems and awards.

The biennial St. George Trek at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico is a Catholic high adventure leadership and vocations experience for Boy Scouts ages 15-18 and co-ed Ventures from throughout the US, for details visit: [www.nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/StGeorgeTrek.php](http://www.nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/StGeorgeTrek.php).

Scouting in the Catholic Church training at the Philmont Training Center teaches Scouters to explain to others how Scouting is Catholic Youth Ministry for



Cory Haynes

their parish and community. A participant is certified to assist with Scouter Development.

An adult mentoring opportunity as a Religious Emblems Counselor is available to help share our faith with Scouting, training is provided.

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fers the following programs to foster personal leadership and spiritual growth: Mysteries of the Rosary Patch Series, The Footsteps of American Saints, the International Catholic Awareness Award, the Pope Paul VI National Catholic Quality Unit Award, the National Gold Medallion Award for Excellence, and the Jerusalem Cross (for details visit: [www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/index.php](http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/index.php))

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Annual Retreat), and through monetary gifts to cover the cost of the Retreat and other events for youth.

Thank you for anything you can do to help ensure the faith and moral direction of America's future leaders.

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For more information about the Diocese of Ogdensburg Catholic Committee on Scouting visit our website at: [www.rcdony.org/scouting](http://www.rcdony.org/scouting), or contact Fr. Bryan Stitt, Diocesan Chaplain of Catholic Scouting, PO BOX 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, 518-593-6044, [bstitt@rcdony.org](mailto:bstitt@rcdony.org).

## AT THE MOVIES



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Animated characters are seen in the movie "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2."

## CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

A second helping of colorful fun is served up in the cheerful animated sequel "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2" (Columbia).

Loosely based, like its 2009 predecessor, on a book by Judi and Ron Barrett, directors Cody Cameron and Kris Pearn's comedy elevates friendship and teamwork over egotism, and re-echoes a familiar -- but nonetheless valuable -- message about environmental responsibility. Some parents, however, will not appreciate the appearance of a bit of potty humor.

Set precisely one minute after the action of the original came to an end, this follow-up kicks off with some bad news for our returning hero, Flint Lockwood (voice of Bill Hader).

Flint, the young inventor of the machine that caused so much mayhem the last time out -- a device capable of turning water into food -- learns that the mechanism, which he thought had been disabled, has, in fact, continued to function and is now producing animals made out of menu items. This information comes to him courtesy of Chester V (voice of Will Forte), the famed scientist and corporate guru (a la Steve Jobs) Flint has long idolized.

Since the hybrid creatures

his brainchild is manufacturing are multiplying rapidly, and have the potential to overrun the world, Flint must return to his island-set hometown, Swallow Falls - where he abandoned the gizmo - and try to shut it down for good. He's joined by his protective dad Tim (voice of James Caan) as well as by his best friend - and potential love interest - TV meteorologist Sam Sparks (voice of Anna Faris).

Flint gets additional backup from a team of other characters familiar to viewers of the first movie: sprightly simian Steve the Monkey (voiced by Neil Patrick Harris), good-hearted doofus Brent (voice of Andy Samberg), muscle-bound police officer Earl Devereaux (voice of Terry Crews) and Sam's imper-turbable cameraman Manny (voiced by Benjamin Bratt).

Early on, we discover -- though Flint does not -- that Chester has a hidden agenda. To fulfill it, he consistently tries to sow discord between Flint and his pals, especially Sam.

If Chester isn't what he initially appears to be, neither, it turns out, are the so-called "foodimals" the gang encounters along the way.

Aside from the few ill-chosen ingredients mentioned above, "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2" makes a tasty, if not especially substantial, cinematic meal for the whole family.

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**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.**

**(Ps. 118)**

## ADIRONDACK

**BLESSING OF THE ROSES**

**Saranac Lake** – The Annual Blessing of the Roses is to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Bernard's Church

**Features:** Fr. Mark Reilly Officiating. Vespers, Benediction, rose distribution

**ROSARY RALLY**

**Bloomingdale** – Rosary Rally to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** Noon

**Place:** St. Paul's Church

**Features:** Rosary will be recited outside at Our Blessed Mother's Statue or inside if inclement weather. Bring a sandwich; dessert and coffee will be provided.

**Contact:** For more information call Viv at 891-2286, Sister Carol 891-2286 or Mary Lou 891-1308.

**HEALING RETREAT**

**Saranac Lake** – An after abortion healing retreat to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 11-13

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Features:** Pre-registration is required. If you are suffering from an abortion, this retreat will help you.

**Contact:** Respect Life Diocese Of Ogdensburg; call Colleen Miner 518-891-2309 or email : cminer@rcdony.org

**LIFECCHAIN IN SARANAC LAKE**

**Saranac Lake** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

**Place:** Bandshell Park at River St.

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** John & Colleen Miner 518-891-2309

## CLINTON

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Plattsburgh** – Our Lady of Victory will be having a Turkey dinner

**Date:** Oct. 6.

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$9 adults; \$8 Seniors; Under five, free

**Place:** OLV Parish Center School Bldg.

**Features:** Country Store and Raffles

**RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING**

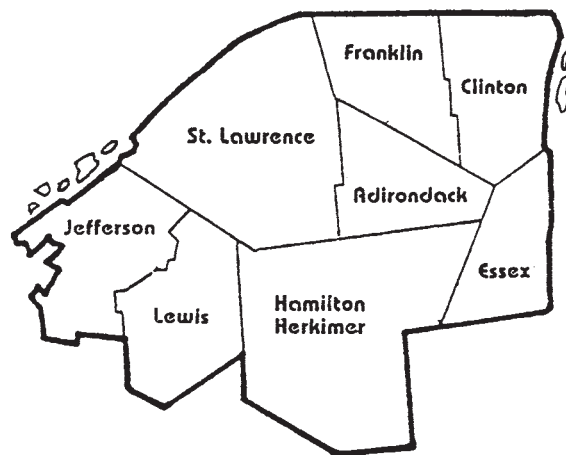
**Plattsburgh** – Champlain Valley Right to Life Meeting to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 10

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**Place:** OLV Church Basement

**Features:** Everyone is invited to share



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Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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coffee and donuts after the 8 a.m. Mass at OLV and then attend the monthly meeting of the Champlain Valley Right to Life. Join us in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood after the meeting.

**ROSARY CRUSADE**

**Plattsburgh** – Rosary Crusade to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** Noon

**Place:** In front of St. Peter's Church

**Features:** Prayer for our own conversions and the conversion of our nation.

**ROAST BEEF HARVEST DINNER**

**Champlain** – St. Mary's will be having a Roast Beef Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, free

**Features:** Take-outs call 298-4291. Harvest Delights Store and Raffle Prizes

**LIFECCHAIN IN PLATTSBURGH**

**Plattsburgh** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

**Place:** Smithfield Blvd at Cornelia St

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** Rev. Martin Mischenko 518-354-2140

**CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**

**Mooers** – The Ladies of St. Ann will be sponsoring the 26th Annual Craft Plus Bake Sale.

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Center

**Contact:** 518-236-7733 for table information.

**HEALING MINISTRY MOVES**

**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:** A monthly Healing Mass, along with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

**WALK OF FAITH, PORK DINNER**

**Peru** – The Catholic Community of St. Augustine's and St. Patrick's, The Peru Community Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Monica 2598 and Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will hold the 7th Annual Walk of Faith.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** Early registration at 11:45 a.m.

Opening ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

(behind St. Augustine's Church)

**Features:** Immediately following opening ceremonies, the Walk of Faith will begin, rain or shine. Walk is 2.7 mile route in the Town of Peru. Proceeds will go to The North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project.

**Dinner:** A pulled pork dinner, also benefiting the Mission of Hope and Jamaica

Project will follow the walk, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish Center. non-walkers, \$8; walkers, 6\$; children 12 and under, non-walkers, \$4, walkers, \$3.  
**Contact:** Christa Reyell at 566-6404.

**HARVEST DINNER**

**West Chazy** – St. Joseph's Church will hold its 40th Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 5-12, \$5;

Children under 5, Free

**Features:** Turkey with all the trimmings, a Country Store and much more.

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Dannemora** – St. Joseph's Parish will be hosting its Annual Roast Turkey and Trimmings Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-10, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take outs are available. Cash Raffles, Chinese Raffle, Crafts and Country Store, 50/50 and live music

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

**Plattsburgh** – A series of Natural Family Planning classes to be sponsored by the Diocesan NFP Office.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. John's Church [Parish Center, lower level]

**Program:** Three-part learner-centered format educates couples to observe and interpret the physical signs of fertility.

**Cost:** Fee of \$50 includes all materials; scholarships available.

**Contact:** Instructors Matthew and Sarah Bosley at 518-962-8966 (email: mbosley@westelcom.com) or the Diocesan NFP Office at 518-483-0459 (email: apietropoali@dioogdensburg.org.)

**IGNATIAN RETREAT**

**Ellenburg Center** – OLA will be having an Ignatian Retreat - Discernment of Spirits.

**Date:** Oct. 18-20 or Oct. 25-27

**Time:** Begin at 7 p.m. and ends at Noon on Sunday

**Presenter:** Fr. Jack Downs.

**Cost:** \$60 per weekend covers all food. Rooms available for overnight guests on a first come basis (+\$50 weekend).

**Features:** This time of prayer and learning will be based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment

**Contact:** Register by Oct. 7 with a \$15 non-refundable deposit. Email

olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 to register.

**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

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Elizabethtown** – St. Elizabeth's will be having a roast beef harvest dinner

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 6

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5;

under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available, 1:30 p.m. Cash raffle tickets

## ESSEX

**LIFECCHAIN IN WILLSBORO**

**Willsboro** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 3

**Place:** Route 22 at Main street

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** Margaret & Richard Smith 518-963-7814

## FRANKLIN

**ROSARY CRUSADE**

**Brushton** – Join the 2013 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 11:45 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Church

**HARVEST TURKEY DINNER**

**Brushton** – St. Mary's will be having a Harvest Turkey Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** Noon to 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Contact:** 518-529-6580

**ROSARY RALLY**

**Malone** – Rosary Rally to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Church

**Contact:** Elaine McGivney at 518-529-6133 or pmcgiven@twcny.rr.com

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## The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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# Respect for all

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

This October the Catholic Church throughout the United States will observe Respect Life Month. This annual tradition is now in its forty-second year.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has indicated that he wants us to celebrate his inauguration as Pope by performing acts of charity for the poor and those in need. As a concrete act of solidarity, we invite you to see the world as the Pope does, through the eyes of those struggling on a daily basis.

Imagine how different your life would be if you had never been introduced to God and to your Catholic faith? Imagine how much more difficult your life might be for you without feeling God's hand on your shoulder, helping you through.

God's gift of life requires that every person, in whatever stage of life be afforded dignity, respect, and protection. During October, pray for victims of domestic violence, child sexual abuse, human trafficking or abuse of any kind to another individual.

The family is the first place where children learn to honor life. If Jesus came as a homeless person, or as a child from extreme poverty, a terminally ill person needing extensive care, or even an unborn child, how would we treat Him?

We are all made to the image and likeness of God and therefore if we have met any of the people mentioned above we have met Jesus. Together, may we grow in love and respect for all and be more aware of how we honor life this month and every month to come.

To echo the message of Pope Francis, we pledge to bring God's mission of salvation to all, preaching the Good News to the poor, the broken, the lost and the victims and to bring the dignity and respect to all, for we are all very deserving.

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## OBITUARIES

**AuSable Forks** – Joseph T. Madden, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2013 at Holy Name Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery, Lake Placid.

**Chasm Falls** – Robert Joseph Darrow, 78; Funeral Services Sept. 28 at St. Helen's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Constableville** – Joseph R. Sullivan, 52; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Randy Joseph Brozzo, 65; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at the Green Funeral Home.

**Gouverneur** – Frank P. Langevin, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2013 at St. James Church.

**Lake Placid** – Francis Paul Jones, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2013 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Louisville** – Gerald F. Fregoe, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2013 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Darryl M. Renodin, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Amy L. (Meister) Tabolt, 100; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Ronald R. Bashaw, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2013 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

**Malone** – Frances M. (Bean) Marlow, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Malone** – Christopher James Moore, 45;

Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at St. John Bosco Church.

**Massena** – Rose (Pauline) Catanzarite, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Lorraine A. (Smith) Faucher, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2013 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Charles F. LaChance, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2013 at The Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Richard D. Schuler, 60; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2013 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Darwin "Whitey" J. Sucece, 78; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Curtis Frances Kennedy, 94; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2013 at

Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Dr. John L. Rury, Jr., 88; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

**Potsdam** – Flossie June (Carr) Cregan, 77; Memorial Services Sept. 26, 2013 at the Garner Funeral Home.

**Ticonderoga** – Raoulene Mary Gastonguay, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Keene Valley Cemetery, Keene.

**Ticonderoga** – Cora Marie (Clarke) Marek, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2013 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Marie E. (King) Godin, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in Parish Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Catherine E. O'Hara, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.




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## JEFFERSON

### BENEFIT DINNER

**Watertown** - A spaghetti dinner Will be held to benefit the Watertown Special Religious Education Program.

**Date:** Oct. 22

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

**Place:** Italian American Club

**Cost:** \$8.00

**Features:** Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad and Dessert. Take outs begin at 4:30 p.m.

### ROSARY RALLY

**Watertown** - A&R of Brownville and Dexter and the Watertown Legion of Mary will be sponsoring a Rosary Rally.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Patrick's Church

**Features:** Outside at Fatima Grotto- in good weather-may bring a lawn chair ; Inside the church --inclement weather.

**Contact:** Joan Boulio- 315-639-6688

### DATE NIGHT FOR COUPLES

**Watertown** - Date night to be held for Catholic Couples.

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Holy Family Church's sacristy.

**Features:** Build & strengthen your marriage by making time to be with each other and have fun together. Includes a 12-minute DVD, one-on-one sharing, fun games, refreshments. Reserve by Oct. 14.

**Contact:** Kathy Allan at 785-8576.

### SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** Oct. 24

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

### REVELATION COURSE BEGINS

**Evans Mills** - An 11 week course on the Book of Revelations to be presented by Indian River Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** Oct. 2 (Wednesdays) to Dec. 18

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** \$25

**Features:** "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" will consist of DVD lectures by Jeff Cavins, home study, discussion.

**Contact:** For registration and inquiries is 767-1065.

### 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.

## LEWIS

### TURKEY DINNER

**Copenhagen** - St. Mary's Parish will be hosting its annual Turkey Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 3

**Time:** 4:30pm

**Cost:** Adults \$8, Children 5 - 12 \$4.50, under 5 - free and Take-Outs will be available

**Features:** Raffle, a 50/50, bake sale, bazaar & "high end" rummage sale. Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Lowville** - Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 3

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Peter's Church

**Features:** All are welcomed to worship The Exposition, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, and Benediction.

### ROSARY CRUSADE

**Turin** - Join the 2013 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** Noon

**Place:** Spirit Walk, West Main Street

**Features:** America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face? We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help.

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

**Houseville** - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of October will be observed.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Features:** The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most

Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

**Contact:** 315-348-6260.

### ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

**Houseville** - St. Hedwig's Annual Polish Fest will be held.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** Noon after the celebration of the 11a.m. Mass.

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Features:** A delicious Polish Platter \$8, Theme Basket Raffles, Baked Goods, Ice Cream Sundaes, and a 50/50 Raffle. Take Outs Available. All are welcome. Proceeds to benefit church restoration and repairs

**Contact:** 348-8836 or 348-6260.

## ST. LAWRENCE

### FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

**Massena** - St. Mary's Church is holding a special rosary to mark First Saturday.

**Date:** Oct. 5

**Time:** 3:15 p.m.

**Features:** The Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and for World Peace will be prayed, followed by a 15 minute private meditation on the Luminous Mysteries. Confessions will be available starting at 2:45 p.m. and the Saturday Mass Vigil is at 4.

### K OF C TO HOLD FIRST DEGREE

**Ogdensburg** - Msgr. A. D. Charbonneau Council 258 Knights of Columbus will hold a First Degree Initiation.

**Date:** Oct. 10

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Features:** The K of C is dedicated to service to the Church and charity. Please consider joining our ranks in this most worthwhile of endeavors. Members wishing to join any local council can take this degree

**Contact:** For more information and an application contact the Club Rooms any day after 4 p.m. at 393-7990; Deputy Grand Knight Bill Barkley, 393-0303; Deacon John White, 393-6592 or PGK Tim Baker, 394-1008

### LIFECCHAIN IN POTSDAM

**Potsdam** - Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Market Street at Main Street

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** Chris LaRose 315-403-8123

### BRUNCH SET

**Norfolk** - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**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

### GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

**Brasher Falls** - The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Gun and Knife Show.

**Date:** Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** \$3; under 12 free must be accompanied by an adult.

**Features:** Many dealers will be present with hunting, fishing, archery and sporting items. Dealers wishing to reserve tables can contact Phil Davis at 315-389-4627. Concessions stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m.

### HARVEST DINNER

**Ogdensburg** - Notre Dame will be having a harvest dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 20

**Time:** Noon to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Knights of Columbus Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5;

Under 5, free (eat in only)

**Features:** Roast Turkey with the trimmings, dessert included, craft-tables, 50/50 raffle and take-outs available.

### COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

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

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** Noon

**Features:** Free hot lunch

### HEALING MASS

**Raymondville** - St. Raymond's Church will be having a Healing Mass.

**Date:** Oct. 16

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Features:** Fathers Jack Downs and Andrew Amyot and Msgr. John Murphy will celebrate Mass followed by the opportunity to be prayed for individually by a prayer team. We will begin with an introduction by Fr. Jack Downs about Understanding the Healing Ministry, followed by brief testimony, Mass, and Sacramental Anointing. All are welcome

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Norfolk** - A rummage sale is to be held to benefit the Altar Rosary Society.

**Date:** Sept 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon

**Place:** Church of the Visitation

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Fr. Donald Robinson will be leading a pilgrimage "Best of Spain and Portugal".

**Dates:** Feb. 18-28, 2014

**Cost:** \$2899 per person from NYC

**Included:** Roundtrip Air from NY, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing and much more.

**Features:** Madrid, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Granada & Toledo

**Contact:** Fr Robinson at 315-782-1190 or e-mail donrob4@twcny.rr.com

### BEST OF IRELAND

The Best of Ireland Tour lead by Fr. Andrew Amyot is scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 9th 2013 has a few openings.

**Contact:** Fr. Amyot at (315) 384-2064 or email: fraamyot2@twcny.rr.com

### DOVS VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, and the members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society for a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Montreal to promote and support vocations.

**Date:** Oct. 9

**Cost:** \$89 (covers lunch and bus travel from Schroon Lake/Plattsburgh or Ogdensburg/Potsdam/Malone)

**Features:** Mass at the Shrine, Rosary for Vocations at the Cathedral of Montreal. (Any proceeds will be used for the promotion of vocations in diocese.) Non-refundable payment due by Sept. 21.

Passports or enhanced licenses needed  
**Contact:** Connie Randall at 315-265-2762 or Lois McCasland at 315-265-9469

### MATTHEW KELLY EVENT

**Ogdensburg** - Matthew Kelly will lead a PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE! event at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Date:** Oct. 26

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1:30

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** Practical understanding and exploration of faith

**Contact:** See: rcdony.org/matthew-kelly.html or contact Marika Donders in at 315-393-2920, ext 1380