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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## Sharing the Gospel with the world

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The church can describe itself as "apostolic" only if it shares the Gospel with the world, remaining faithful to the teaching of the apostles and living out Gospel values, Pope Francis said.

A church closed in on itself and its past, a church concerned only with its little

rules, customs and attitudes is a church that betrays its identity," the pope told more than 70,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square Oct. 16 for his weekly audience.

Continuing a series of talks about how the creed describes the church, Pope Francis said the adjective "apostolic" comes from the

church's connection to the 12 men Jesus chose as his closest companions and sent to share with the entire world what he had told and shown them.

The church, he said, has "the firm conviction of being sent," and of having an obligation to "safeguard and transmit" the teaching of the

apostles.

Pope Francis said he wanted to emphasize the connection between the church's apostolic identity and its obligation to be missionary, "because Christ calls everyone to go out, to encounter others; he sends us, asks us to move in order to bring the joy of the Gospel."

### HARVEST MASS

Oct. 13 at St. James Church, Gouverneur



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley greets one of the worshippers at the conclusion of the annual Diocesan Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving Oct. 13 at St. James Church in Gouverneur. A Harvest Mass - in honor of farmers and their families - has been held in different parishes across the North Country each year since 2000. For this year's Mass, Bishop LaValley preached about the importance of gratitude. "May we never tire of seeking ways to dedicate ourselves to 'thankful praise' to God, he said...." "Because of our gratitude, people will see in us, the power and glory of God." Bishop LaValley shares his entire homily for the Harvest Mass for this Week's "Follow Me" column.

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## A Vocation Pilgrimage



Three busloads of pilgrims from across the North Country joined Bishop LaValley and D.O.V.S. (the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) for an Oct. 9 pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and the Cathedral of Montreal.

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## CALLED TO WITNESS CHRIST



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., delivered the keynote address at the 2013 Catholic School Superintendent's Conference Day held Oct. 11 at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. He spoke on the theme "Catholic School Teachers and Administrators Called to Witness to Christ." Bishop Caggiano also joined Bishop Terry R. LaValley in celebrating Mass with the teachers. Above, he blesses Meg Trainor, a teacher at St. Mary's School in Canton. See page 5 for more coverage.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

# Ready for a bit of passion & purpose?

The pages of this week's *NCC* show that our diocesan church has offered something for just about everyone in recent weeks.

We've seen a special day for teachers, a Mass for farmers and gatherings for pro-lifers, environmentalists and kids.

Next Saturday, though, St. Mary's Cathedral will host an event that promises something for everyone *all at the same time*.

Hundreds of Catholics of all ages, with all kinds of interests, will fill the pews to hear

Matthew Kelly, an acclaimed speaker and author, present "Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose."

Kelly's goal will be to guide the participants in bringing faith into their daily lives, enriching their prayer lives and learning how to share faith with others.

With his humor and dynamic teaching he will help us apply the "genius of Catholicism" to every aspect our lives: prayer and spirituality, work, dating and marriage, personal finances, health and well-being,

parenting and more!

Marika Donders, our director of evangelization and one of the organizers of the program, said that the day "will prove powerful for regular parishioners, engaging to those who are searching for a faith home and captivating for young people."

This is definitely an opportunity that shouldn't be missed.

As of press time, the website ([http://rc-](http://rc-dony.org/matthewkelly)

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showed that the program

hadn't sold out... yet.

This past weekend, Kelly presented his program in Wisconsin; during November, he will be in Illinois, Pennsylvania and California.

What a privilege for us that, on Saturday, he will be in Ogdensburg!!

If you haven't signed up yet, don't waste another minute.

See you there!



Mary Lou Kilian

**A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

# Accepting the challenge to evangelize

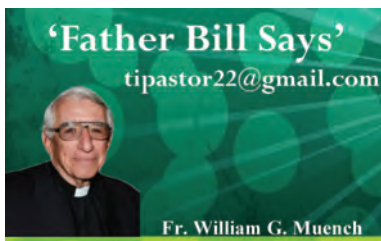
Over and over during this Year of Faith, I hear the challenge to evangelization.

As followers of Jesus Christ, as Catholics, in faith, as evangelizers, our task is to be ready to live the Gospel, to make the message of Jesus our way of life. As evangelizers, we believe that the real secret to making the world a better place is by walking in the path of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis often challenges Catholics to be evangelizers. Recently, he spoke about this when he addressed the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

Pope Francis urged all evangelizers to have hope – good things are going to happen – this is our hope as people of faith. The pope, however, did realize that we, Christians, often encounter an attitude of indifference towards faith, which is no longer considered relevant to human life. Yet, with hope, Christians will not lose the enthusiasm to reach out to others – to make our Church more alive and welcoming.

Pope Francis said this, "It is important that we, Christians, demonstrate that we live faith in a concrete way, through love, harmony, joy, suffering, because this gives rise to ques-



tions, as at the beginning of the Church's faith: why live like this? What is the impetus of our actions? These are questions which leads to the heart of evangelization, which is the witness of faith and charity."

Can you imagine such a Christian life – a life that would be so outstanding, so impressive that people would ask – "what is the impetus of your actions?"

Pope Francis gives us some guidelines: can we be a people who live lives that truly reflect our faith and all we believe, lives that reflect Christian love, harmony, joy – and even, lives that demonstrate a willingness to suffer in our efforts to make life better for others.

This can be successfully accomplished when we have hope – a hope that is alive, brought alive by faith – that gives confidence that good things are going to happen with God's help, a hope that makes our Church strong and

alive.

Pope Francis says this: "The Church is sent to reawaken everywhere this Hope, especially where it is suffocated by difficult and, at times, in human conditions, where Hope cannot breath – we need the oxygen of the Gospel, the breath of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, to reignite Hope in our hearts. The Church is the house where the doors are always open not only to welcome everyone to breath love and Hope, but also so we can take this love and Hope outside."

Pope Francis challenges us to be a people who live our faith – a faith that is noticed – a faith that makes the world a better place.


Pope Francis challenges each parish to become a place

where everyone will find hope and confidence, a confidence to do something that will make each parish a welcoming place where people will come and find God – and live in peace.

There is one more thing to add here – that is to convince each of you that every one of us – priests and people – is an important part of this evangelization effort.

Without all of us accepting our Christian responsibility – accepting the challenge of the Lord Jesus – and the call from Our Holy Father, Pope Francis – then we will never be successful in this evangelizing effort. We will never be able to bring Jesus and the Gospel to make this world all that it should be.

So, you are called – each and every one of you. Will you accept the Lord's invitation?

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FOLLOW ME

# Living with a spirit of gratitude

Bishop LaValley's homily at  
2013 diocesan Harvest Mass,  
St. James, Gouverneur, Oct. 13.

It may come as a surprise to learn that, according to Biblical scholars, despite the cures from leprosy in today's readings, leprosy, as we understand it today, probably did not exist in the Holy Land during biblical times. The horribly disfiguring disease that we call "leprosy" today, Hansen's disease, was one of the plagues of Europe that was introduced into the Middle East quite possibly by Crusaders and European merchants.

**Gratitude can be expressed through our good stewardship of God's creation - not wasting natural resources or food.**

Biblical leprosy included a wide range of skin problems or diseases, many of which were only temporary. Real leprosy is a devastating disease that can lead to disfigurement and death. Though often far less medically threatening, the leprosy of the Scriptures could be even worse because it carried a social dimension.

Those with anything labeled "leprosy" were by law immediately made social outcasts. As you know, there was a lack of understanding of medical problems. Anything that was not understood was seen as the doings of evil or the result of sin. To keep the evil or the sin from spreading, people were labeled as "unclean" and exiled from the community, oftentimes being forced to live in special encampments.

While this sounds terrible, we are really no more sophisticated than the ancients. Not too long ago, we would not let blacks live among whites. We created internment camps for Japanese Americans during World War II. Why? In both cases, it was their appearance. It is still a reality today that many people with serious illnesses become isolated and lonely. So many of our elderly who are without close family are left alone and abandoned in nursing homes. Yes, we are still making lepers.

Naaman from our first reading and the Samaritan from the Gospel, who both enjoyed cures from leprosy, had other strikes against them. Neither was a Jew and, therefore, both were unwanted. But the cure, the real cure, was not from ailments. Rather, the real cure came from an end to isolation, with both Naaman the Syrian and the Samaritan finding a place within the community. Naaman came to worship the Lord of Israel, and the Samaritan came to be a member of the community of believers.

There is an important dimension beyond the cures that we witness in our readings today. We also see a spirit of gratitude being expressed. Gratitude to God is something very much in short supply today. Yet, the response of grati-



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

**Benjamin Chase and his mother, Amanda, had a chance to meet Bishop LaValley at the annual diocesan Harvest Mass held Oct. 13 at St. James Church in Gouverneur.**

tude is part of the focus of each reading. In many ways, we are not a people quick to show gratitude. A recent study revealed that few parents teach children to write thank-you cards for gifts anymore. This being true, it is safe to assume that signs of gratitude to God have lessened as well. Gratitude is something we must find within ourselves and give expression to. That's why, for me, it is so heartening to see you here this afternoon at this Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving. We are here to give thanks. We know we have been blessed and we seek to acknowledge that before our God who is the giver of all good gifts.

In our second reading today, we hear what St. Paul writes to Timothy while sitting in prison awaiting execution. The prisons of Rome were rarely more than airless, dark cisterns converted into places to chain prisoners to walls. Not only was Paul left in such a place, but the Christians of Rome were fleeing the city to escape the persecution of Nero. Paul was left behind in prison, abandoned and alone.

But Paul was not thrown into despair. Rather, he writes to his closest friend, Timothy, encouraging him to live a life of gratitude. Jesus Christ has freed us from evil. "So what if I am in prison?" declares Paul. "I am freed by Christ!" If we stay faithful, if we hold out, we will live with Christ. Paul's gratitude was that this knowledge gave him reason enough to live.

We know that all is not well when it comes to farming or the agricultural sector today. But, like Paul, no matter our life circumstance on this earth today, our prayer of grateful praise ex-

presses a profound hope that no governmental, economic power can take away.

**We show gratitude by teaching our youngsters not to take the fruits of the earth for granted and by teaching them about how our food is produced.**

Truly thankful people call others to share in their blessings. The Scriptures refer to giving thanks as "making a return to the Lord." Today we see Naaman dedicating himself to prayer and praise to the God of Israel in thanksgiving. The Samaritan returns to Jesus with overt thanks, not so much for a cure but for being allowed to know who God really is.

Paul gratefully endures hardship and willingly awaits death in order to share the great gift of faith he has been given. He believes that his perseverance will give others the courage to persevere. Paul calls the giving of self for the sake of God real gratitude.

But what about us? How do we make a return? We never tire of seeking ways to dedicate ourselves to "thankful praise" to God like Naaman. Naaman took home two mule loads of dirt in order to praise God on the earth of Israel.

What do we have to show of our dedication to God in our homes? Gratitude can be expressed through our good stewardship of God's creation—not wasting natural resources or food.

We show gratitude by teaching our youngsters not to take the fruits of the earth for granted and by teaching them about how our food is produced. We show gratitude through disciplined prayer. After asking for something from God, we might consider making a special trip to church to say thank you, as the Samaritan returned to Jesus. Of course, our great prayer of thanksgiving is the Eucharist. At least the nine who did not return to Jesus went to show themselves to the priests and make an offering.

Because of our gratitude, people will see in us the power and glory of God. No matter what you harvest, please know that this bishop and the faithful of the North Country are so very grateful to all of you who earn your living by making your hands dirty and brow sweat to provide us with the fruits of God's good earth. We pray that the weather cooperate as you tend to your fields seeking a bountiful harvest. We pray that you receive just compensation for your hard labors. We pray for those who go to bed hungry because they lack the means to obtain food to fill their bellies. We pray that decision makers in government not turn a deaf ear to the farmer's plight. We pray for all farming families, that they persevere in their faith and trust in God. We pray that we might always praise our God with grateful hearts for the Bread of Life that nourishes our souls and praise God for our farmers who provide sustenance for our bodies. In all things, we praise and thank God.



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE  
More than 150 pilgrims from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg joined Bishop LaValley and the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (D.O.V.S.) for an Oct. 9 pilgrimage to the tomb and St. Kateri of Tekakwitha and the Cathedral of Montreal.

# On the way with St. Kateri

By Fr. Bryan Stitt  
Diocesan vocation director

For their annual Pilgrimage for Vocations the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society (D.O.V.S.) needed one bus-load, was hoping for two, and ended up with three filled with 152 people.

Pilgrims from as far away as Henderson and Schroon Lake joined Bishop LaValley and the D.O.V.S. on a day long pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and the Cathedral of Montreal.

Though it was an early start for those in the outlying parts of the diocese (buses began their runs as early as 6 a.m.) everyone agreed that it was well worth it. The autumnal weather couldn't have been more pleasant and the events of the day were inspiring.

After crossing the border into Canada, we arrived at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in Kahnawake (where St. Kateri is entombed). There we received a presentation on the history of St. Kateri and the Shrine by Shrine staff and visited their museum of historical artifacts and their gift shop.

The Holy Mass was celebrated at the Shrine by Bishop LaValley along with Father Bryan Stitt, the chaplain of D.O.V.S., and Fathers Richard Sturtz, Andrew Amyot, Howard Venette, and Thomas Higman. Assisting at the Mass was newly ordained Deacon John Lucero.

Bishop LaValley preached on the Our Father and the importance of prayer for gaining courage.

"Kateri Tekakwitha," he said, "had such a deep relationship with Jesus, her prayer was so profound, that it gave her the courage and the perseverance to live her Christian faith in a truly hostile environment."

This prayer-inspired courage that we saw in St. Kateri is so necessary in those responding to and promoting Vocations in the Church.

Following the Mass was a buffet lunch and then a trip to the Cathedral of Montreal, Mary, Queen of the World. The Cathedral is closely modeled after St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

At the Cathedral Father Higman led a Rosary for Vocations.

## About D.O.V.S.

Bishop LaValley also en-

couraged the pilgrims that D.O.V.S. is always looking for new members to help support and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The group, founded in 2012 to replace the former Serra Club of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, draws its 28 members from throughout the diocese. (Two of whom

have joined in the last few months.)

Besides their annual pilgrimage, D.O.V.S. activities include prayer for vocations, production and distribution of vocations materials, letter writing to priests, religious, deacons and seminarians, and an annual Christmas luncheon for priests and religious.

Meetings are generally the third Wednesday of the month. Contact the secretary of D.O.V.S., Connie Randall for more information at (315) 265-2762.

D.O.V.S. will be announcing the location of next year's pilgrimage in the near future. Keep watch here and plan to join us for another great day.



A highlight of the day was the celebration of Mass at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in Kahnawake where St. Kateri is entombed. Bishop LaValley was joined around the altar by Father Bryan Stitt, the chaplain of D.O.V.S., and Fathers Richard Sturtz, Andrew Amyot, Howard Venette, and Thomas Higman. Assisting at the Mass was newly ordained Deacon John Lucero.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY

# CALLED TO WITNESS

Teachers and administrators from the 13 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Ogdensburg gather in Lake Placid Oct. 11 for a day of prayer and learning



Bishop Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, Conn., served as the keynote speaker for the day. He addressed the theme "Catholic School Teachers and Administrators Called to Witness to Christ."



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK  
Kelly Donnelly, a teacher at Seton Catholic School in Plattsburgh, and Jamie Burns from St. Mary's in Canton, made a stop at the Silver Burdett booth during the annual Catholic schools superintendent's day held Oct. 11 in Lake Placid. Roseann Hickey, right, represented Silver Burdett and also led a workshop "Ministry to Today's Adolescents and Their Faith View."



Bishop LaValley is shown as he delivers the homily during the Superintendent's Day Mass. At the conclusion of the liturgy, he offered a special blessing to the principals "for the grace to be faithful and strong leaders in their schools." There are currently 11 Catholic elementary schools and two junior/senior high schools in the diocese, serving 2000 students and their families.



St. Joseph Sister Sharon Anne Dalton, principal at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga, looks over the material at the Daughters of St. Paul booth.



The 2013 Teacher of the Year, Aimee Biedekapp, a science teacher at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, was recognized during the program. At right is St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, diocesan mission director.



Musicians for the Mass were Karen Reynolds, a teacher at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh; Catherine Russell, principal at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh; and Pam Ballantine, assistant director for Christian Formation and Catholic schools for the diocese.

# Deanery asked to support St. Joseph's Home

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has written to the pastors of St. Lawrence Deanery inviting them to support St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg through a second collection to be held in their parishes on the weekend of Nov. 2-3.

This collection has been taken up annually in St. Lawrence Deanery for the past several years.

St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg is the only Catholic healthcare facility remaining in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Like many other nursing homes, it is experiencing financial challenges.

St. Joseph's Home Foundation conducts fundraising activities each year. The collection will benefit the Foundation.

This organization in turn provides financial assistance annually to the Home. In the past, it has been able to meet the cost of certain needs of the Home which could not be met from the nursing home's resources.

Further information about St. Joseph's Nursing Home, including information about its financial circumstances, can be obtained from the Director of Development, Joyce Kelso. St. Joseph's Home is located at 950 Linden Street in Ogdensburg.

# Bishop's Fund aids deacon formation

By Deacon John White  
Associate director, Permanent  
Deacon Formation Program

October 5, 2013 saw the Ordination of 12 new Permanent Deacons for service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. These men progressed through the formation process over the past four years, growing in their knowledge of their Church, their faith, and their roles in Church and community.

They studied Scripture, Spirituality, Canon Law, Liturgy, Public Speaking, Homiletics, Pastoral Practice and Counseling. They met monthly at Wadhams Hall for study, prayer and discernment. They spent numerous hours on-line participating in courses offered through the University of Notre Dame's Satellite Theological Education Program. The men also participated in retreats and spiritual direction, in addition to working closely with Pastors in their parishes. All of this occurred while the men maintained careers, family and community responsibilities.

The support and involvement of the men's spouses was integral to the candidate's development and their ultimate success. Many of the candidate's wives regularly joined together at Wadhams Hall to learn about the life and function of a Permanent Deacon, as well as to understand how this new role would impact their husbands, themselves, and their families. With the support and encouragement of Sr. Donna Franklin, D. C., Sr. Jennifer Votraw, S. S. J., and others, these women grew in their own spirituality, while learning how to support their husbands in this new phase of their lives together.

While the candidate's for Ordination were busy completing their work and preparations, a new group of 20 men and their spouses from across the length and



breadth of the diocese were involved in orientation, application and testing processes, looking forward to beginning the next phase of their own spiritual journeys. These couples will undertake similar courses of study beginning in January and, God willing, look forward to their own ordination in 2017.

As with most worthwhile endeavors, Deacon Formation is not inexpensive. A portion of each Candidate's formation expenses are supported by his parish and the men purchase most of their own required textbooks. Equally important is the spiritual support of Pastors and parishioners, whose encouragement and prayer provide much needed incentive as the men and their wives progress through the formation process. The principle source of funding for the Deacon Formation Program remains the Bishop's Fund. Were it not for the generosity of Catholics across our diocese, who year after year support the Bishop's Fund, the Deacon Formation Program, as well as many others would not be able to function as effectively as they now do. Permanent Deacons are a valued and valuable asset to the entire diocese. They, along with the Bishop's Fund, exist to help "Open the Doors of Faith" for all. Your generous support of the Bishop's Fund makes it a reality.

## Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 24** – 10 a.m., Opening School Mass and Visit to Holy Family School in Malone

**Oct. 25** – 10:45 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 26** – 9:00 a.m., Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose with Matthew Kelly at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Oct. 27** – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

1 p.m., Harvest Walk in Ogdensburg

4:30 p.m., Caritas Dinner at the Gran View Restaurant in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 29** – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall 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. 23** – Rev. Discorides Forget, O.M.I., 1916

**Oct. 24** – Rev. John P. O'Rourke, 1918

**Oct. 25** – Rev. J. Michael Duvic, O.M.I., 1917

**Oct. 26** – Rev. J. G. Lavoie, O.M.I., 1908

**Oct. 27** – Rev. John M. Fagan, O.S.A., 1966; Msgr. George Norton Whittaker, 1971; Msgr. Gerald H. Service, 2002

**Oct. 28** – Deacon Richard Gaebel, 2008; Msgr. George M. Phillips, 2011

**Oct. 29** – Rev. James R. Scanlon, 1880; Rev. Peter F. Cody, 1888; Rev. John Canning, 1998

## 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:

**Nov. 4** – 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Chazy

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# Jefferson parishes respond to new ministry need

By Kevin Mastellon  
Staff Writer

**WATERTOWN** – A new residential opportunity for seniors in Watertown has also provided an opportunity for a collaborative effort to bring the faith to them.

Samaritan Medical Center recently opened Summit Village on Route 11 in the Town of Watertown. The nearly 300 bed facility offers a new range of services and living accommodations for seniors.

The privately run Mercy Center of Watertown closed when the Summit opened. So did the Jefferson County Home for the Aged (Whispering Pines Nursing Home) operated by Jefferson County. Various parishes and groups had been providing Catholic ministry services to those facilities.

Now they have reorganized to meet the new challenges of Summit Village. There are 168 Skilled Nursing, 100 Assisted Living and 20 Enhanced Assisted Living apartments/rooms at Summit Village.

Father Andrew Mulvaney started offering a weekly Mass for residents of the Summit earlier this spring. With his recent death Rev. Steven Murray, pastor of Holy Family in Watertown, with assistance from other priests in the Deanery will continue the ministry.

Deacon Patrick Donahue is organizing teams of laity from across the Jefferson Deanery to take Communion and fellowship to any of the Catholic residents of the Summit who wish. He will be assisted by Deacon Kevin Mastellon who previously coordinated St. Patrick's ministry to The Mercy Center residents.

Father Arthur J. LaBaff is the Jefferson County Dean. "We had a great concern about ministry to our Catholic residents at this new facility," he said. "At our Deanery meetings we discussed how best to minister to our brothers and sisters residing there. I contacted all the parishes and asked if

they would seek Eucharistic Ministers who would be willing to minister at the Summit. Almost 40 men and women responded. What a tremendous response."

Dr. Donahue will organize the volunteers in teams to make regular weekly visits to the Summit. While many residents are physically capable of attending the weekly Mass, others may find it

more convenient to have a minister visit their residence.

"Many of those responding are Commissioned Lay Ministers or in the Lay Ministry Formation Program," Father LaBaff said. "This has proven to be a wonderful response from the people of the deanery who have a love and concern for our sick brothers and sisters and those who have found an alternative to

living in and taking care of a private home."

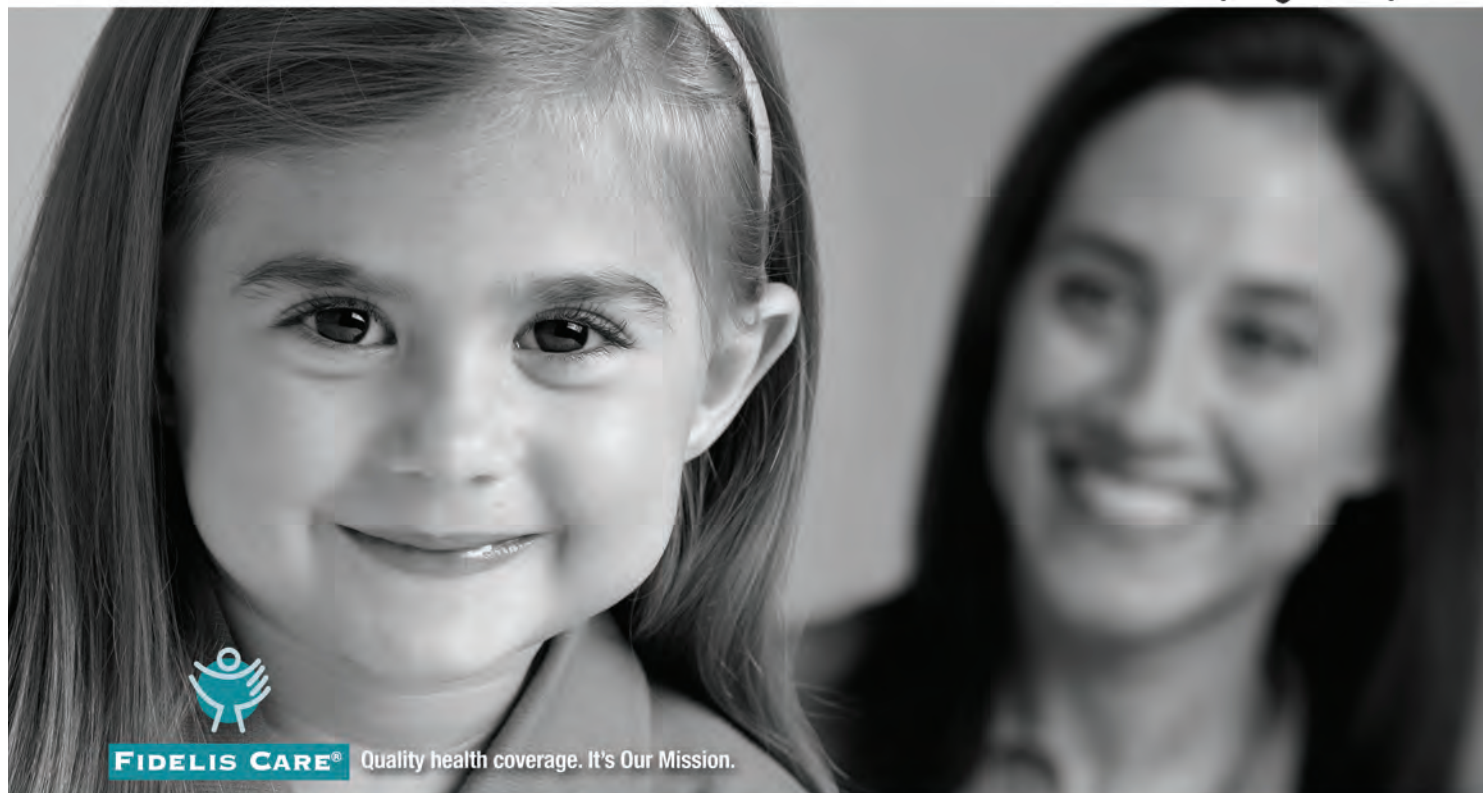
Assisted living communities are designed to provide residents with assistance with basic activities of daily living such as bathing, grooming, dressing, and more. Assisted living residents are usually seniors who have had a slight decline in health in some way and need assistance performing

one or more activities of daily living.

Enhanced Assisted Living provides a more advanced level of care to serve people who wish to remain in their residence as they begin to have age related difficulties. With private funds, the resident is able to add services that are not available to assisted living residents.

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Youth ministers in Clayton and Cape Vincent find:

# Working with youth - rewarding, satisfying

By Dave Shampine  
Staff Writer

What keeps Christine Woodley going?

Comments like when a 14-year-old girl told her in August, "This is the best day of my summer."

And what give Sharon Turner a lot of pride?

"The accomplishments and growth of our youth group," says Ms. Turner.

These two women, who happen to be neighbors, have worked separately, yet jointly, in organizing youth groups in their respective parishes - St. Mary's of Clayton for Ms. Woodley, and the Catholic Communities of Cape Vincent, Chaumont and Rosiere for Ms. Turner.

"Our goal," Ms. Turner said, "is to flourish the faith of our young through community service, prayer and worship, and team-building activities."

And indeed, her group of nine boys and 10 girls, along with "six sets of very actively involved parents," has taken to heart the meaning of activity. Our community service activities include helping at the urban mission, dollar dinners, and volunteering with church-related functions," Ms. Turner said. "We helped pull weeds at a



A recent partial gathering of Sharon Turner's youth group in the Catholic Communities of Cape Vincent, Chaumont and Rosiere, included, front row from left, Mariah Turner, Amity Scoff, Brooke Peters, Grace Docteur, and Rylee Babcock; back, Roman Putnam, Ryan Peters, Paul Stewart, Zack Turner, Skyler Stewart and Colby Stewart.

parishioner's house, worked at the parish chicken barbecue, and the Knights of Columbus roast beer dinner."

She said Deacon Robert Ruddy and his wife Judith, both dealing with health issues, "were overwhelmed" when the group raised about \$600 for them by conducting a spaghetti dinner.

"They were appreciative

that the kids were thinking about them," she said.

Over in Clayton, Ms. Woodley's team of 19 volunteered at a Salvation Army soup kitchen, and has participated in the "March For Life" in Washington, D.C.

They marched in the Christmas parade; went apple picking, prompting a boy to say, "Wow, this is fun;

I have never been apple picking," and held a youth day at Cedar Point State Park.

That's when the teen girl had her best summer day.

"Statements like that keep my faith strong and keeps me going," Ms. Woodley said.

"I always say that the hardest part is getting them through the door," she continued. "If 10 kids show up,

or two, it's about reaching out to those young persons and maybe making some kind of difference in their lives."

Sixth graders through high school seniors are eligible for membership.

St. Mary's Parish started the effort, Ms. Turner said. The church decided to send Ms. Woodley, their youth ministry director, to the National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC) in November 2011, and "she suggested we do it together. I asked my parish to send me, and they did. We went and it was amazing."

Ms. Woodley added, "When Sharon and I started, I had no idea how rewarding this would be for me. ... I truly love what I do and it is very satisfying when you see teenagers with a sparkle in their eyes or a smile on their faces, and laughter.

"I think these kids have a big burden called life on their shoulders, and when they know the Lord is in their life, things are much easier to deal with," she said.

The two groups will be sending members to the NCYC being held Nov. 21-23 in Indianapolis, Ind.

"This trip is huge," Ms. Woodley said. "I look forward to giving these kids an opportunity of a lifetime."

## Jefferson

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A skilled nursing facility is a place where a person would go to recover after a

stay in the hospital. It is normally a facility where a person has the ability to have some extensive therapy.

In addition to this collaboration, volunteers from several parishes in the County continue long standing ministry to seniors.

The Samaritan-Keep Nursing Home and Angels Inn adult home are served by volunteers from St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's in Watertown.

Our Lady of the Sacred

Heart provides visits to a number of housing developments in the City.

The Watertown parishes also serve the Ives Hill Retirement Community and The Lodge, a recently opened 18 apartment enriched living facility.

St. James Minor Church in Carthage provides services to Country Manor Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center and skilled nursing beds at Carthage Area Hospital. Skilled Nursing Beds at

River Hospital in Alexandria Bay are served by St. Cyrils.

The team approach to Eucharistic Ministry does not pre-empt the regular pastoral visits by priests, deacons, religious and laity to members of the parish who live in those settings.

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# FACES OF FAITH



PHOTO BY MICHELE BEAGLE  
 Three young parishioners of St. John's Parish in Lyons Falls pray the rosary at the Lewis County Rosary Rally Oct. 12 held at Spirit Walk Fatima garden. The children are Haakon Richard, Katherine Lucia, and Hjlmar Joseph.



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER  
 Dorothy Metz, parishioner of St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake took part in the Lifechain held in the village on Respect Life Sunday Oct. 6.



Bishop LaValley visited St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga Oct. 3 and celebrated Mass. He is seen in this photo with Father Kevin McEwan, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga, St. Joseph Sister Sharon Dalton, principal, and students of St. Mary's School as they congratulate Bishop LaValley on his 25 years of the priesthood.



PHOTO BY SHAWN RYAN  
 Dozens of protestors braved a driving rain Oct. 6 to hold signs and pray silently as part of the Respect Life Sunday Lifechain along Smithfield Blvd in Plattsburgh.



Members of Our Lady of Lourdes, Schroon Lake, and Saint Joseph's, Olmstedville, hosted this group from the Diocese of Rapid City in South Dakota who were on pilgrimage to the shrines of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in New York and Canada. Among the pilgrims were parishioners from a mission church on the Standing Rock Reservation that receives support from the two North Country parishes.



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE  
 Newly ordained Deacon David Wells of Heuvelton reads the Gospel at the Diocesan Harvest Mass Oct. 13 at St. James in Gouverneur.

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Father Paul Beyette, kneeling in front, hosted Bishop LaValley and the Lake Clear Faith and Ecology Group, at his Adirondack home Sept. 27. Father Beyette, a priest of the diocese for 63 years, has lived "off the grid" since 1972, bringing energy into his home with solar panels. He hopes to see the Catholic church become a leader in the use of renewable energy.

## 'Let there be light'

*This reflection was submitted by members of the Faith and Ecology group from Lake Clear.*

Scientists tell us that our solar system (our sun and revolving planets) was born approximately 5 billion years ago with enough solar energy to warm the Earth and to provide conditions sufficient for various life forms. In time, with God's guiding presence, life as we understand it today has evolved and continues to evolve.

### The first solar initiative: And God Said, 'Let There be Light' (Gen.1:3)

If the Earth can depend upon our sun to keep it warm enough to sustain life, why can't we depend upon this same sun to provide the energy we need to warm and cool our homes and public buildings in the form of electricity?

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It is with this utmost respect for the awe of creation and the desire to protect it that Father Paul Beyette, a priest in the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 63 years, has lived "off the grid" and has done so since 1972. It is his dream to model in this diocese a Church

initiative for clean energy. He notes that the Vatican has been a model for the world since 2008, with the use of solar panels, which provide energy to power the Vatican and even export excess solar energy to Italy.

On Sept. 27, 2013 the Lake Clear Faith and Ecology Group, composed of people located throughout the diocese, gathered with Bishop Terry LaValley at Fr. Paul's home in the Adirondacks. It was a beautiful, sunny autumn day befitting the reason for our gathering.

Bishop LaValley graciously heard the enthusiasm and hopes of this group for the Church in the North Country. The challenge is for the Church to take a more prominent role in utilizing renewable sources of energy and lessening dependence on fossil fuels thereby modeling a more sustainable way of living on the earth for all.

How better to express thanks and show respect for God's creative process than to pursue this goal. Our recent popes have made it very clear that the care of God's handiwork is a moral obligation upon all of humanity.

Pope Francis has said, "We must initiate processes rather than occupy spaces". Therefore, let the Church be a beacon of light leading all of us to think and act with moral dignity and resolve as we search for responsible ways to satisfy our energy needs.

Bishop LaValley has given his complete support to this collaborative solar initiative and as the details get worked out, additional updates will be forthcoming.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Faith leaders welcome gov't reopening, point to unfinished work

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Religious leaders welcomed the congressional deal of Oct. 16 that reopened the federal government after a 16-day shutdown, but some cast wary glances at the unfinished business of Congress as well as the circumstances that brought about the shutdown in the first place. "The shutdown has had a widespread impact on many people, especially the poor, who suffered for lack of basic services during the period," said an Oct. 17 statement by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. "With the government now open, beneficiaries of government services, particularly the elderly and children, can hope to resume a normal life with a safety net securely in place," Bishop Blaire said. The bishops had hoped that the deal that reopened the government and raised the debt ceiling into early 2014 would have included a provision granting a wider exemption to the Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate required of most employers, but no such provision was in the package.

## Pope denounces wasted food as fruit of 'throwaway culture'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis denounced widespread hunger due to wasted food as a symptom of a "throwaway culture," and called for greater effort to build a worldwide "culture of encounter and solidarity" instead. The pope's words appeared in his annual message for World Food Day, Oct. 16, addressed to the director of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome. "The tragic condition in which millions of hungry and malnourished people, among them many children, live today" is "one of the most serious challenges for humanity," Pope Francis wrote. The pope called it "paradoxical" that globalization is increasing the world's awareness of humanity's needs even as growing individualism "leads to a certain attitude of indifference -- at the level of persons, institutions and states -- toward those who die of hunger or suffer malnutrition, almost as if it were inevitable." The pope called the waste of food, which, according to the FAO, accounts for approximately a third of worldwide food production, "one of the fruits of the 'throwaway culture' that often sacrifices men and women to the idols of profit and consumption; a sad sign of the 'globalization of indifference,' which is slowly 'habituating' us to the suffering of others, as if it were something normal."

## Pope, at Mass, encourages people to visit retired priests, nuns

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Calling homes for retired priests and nuns "sanctuaries of holiness," Pope Francis asked Catholics to visit those who spent their lives sharing the Gospel and caring for others. In his morning Mass homily Oct. 18, the pope described retired clergy and religious as "good priests and good sisters, aged and bearing the weight of solitude, waiting for the Lord to knock on the doors of their hearts. Let's not forget them," he said during the Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, according to Vatican Radio. Pope Francis spoke about how Moses, John the Baptist and St. Paul all endured suffering, but the Lord never abandoned them. They were filled with energy when they began their service, he said; then challenges came and eventually the end of life. Pope Francis said when he thinks of the closing days of St. Paul's life, "My heart remembers those sanctuaries of apostolicity and sanctity, rest homes for priests and sisters."

# Vatican II continues to mark ecclesial life today, says Vatican official

By Mary Solberg  
Catholic News Service

ERIE, PA. (CNS) - Archbishop Piero Marini, a Vatican official, recalls watching bishops day after day pour out of the Vatican hall where they gathered 50 years ago to formulate the constitutions, decrees and declarations that brought historic change to the Catholic Church.

A young priest at the time, Archbishop Marini arrived in Rome in September 1965, only a few months before the close of the Second Vatican Council.

Bishops and theologians began gathering in 1962 for the first of four three-month sessions to address more than a dozen aspects of church life, ranging from interfaith relations to greater lay participation in the liturgy, from social communication to relations between the church and the modern world.

"Fifty years later, I feel a great nostalgia and a desire to understand more fully and to experience anew the spirit of the council," said Archbishop Marini, who is president of the Pontifical Commission for International Eucharistic Congresses.

He addressed the nearly 200 people gathered in Erie for the annual national meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

Clergy, religious sisters and laypeople in charge of Catholic worship in dioceses across the United States came together Oct. 7-12 to conduct regular business. But the larger purpose this year was to mark the 50th anniversary of "Sacrosanctum Concilium," or the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, one of the best

known documents of Vatican II.

The weeklong conference allowed participants to explore the theological principles of the document and its place in the world today.

## The council is not behind us. It still precedes us

Archbishop Piero Marini

Issued Dec. 4, 1963, the document ordered an extensive revision of worship so that people would have a clearer sense of their own involvement in the Mass and other rites.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Archbishop Marini told the audience, was really "a matrix for other reforms" and possible changes yet to come. It is not enough, he said, to look at the written document as a manual for reforming the church's rites.

"It was an event that continues even today to mark ecclesial life," the archbishop said. "It has marked our ecclesial life so much that very little of the church today would be as it is had the council not met."

Archbishop Marini, who was master of liturgical ceremonies under Blessed John Paul II, told the liturgists that Vatican II did not give the world static documents. In an ever-evolving culture, the Catholic liturgy is incomplete unless it renews communities of faith.

"The council is not behind us. It still precedes us," Archbishop Marini said.

Two other archbishops attended the national meeting, co-sponsored by the federation and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship. New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, chair of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, reviewed the work-

ings of the various committees, and Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of Denver spoke on the sacraments of initiation as a source of life and hope.

Also speaking was author and Scripture scholar Sister Dianne Bergant, a Sister of St. Agnes, who is a distinguished professor of Old Testament studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

All speakers referred to Vatican II as only the beginning of reforms within Catholic liturgy and the church as a whole. The traditions of the church, Sister Bergant added, are kept alive through contemporary culture.

The best way the church can share Jesus' story, she said, is if it follows the lead of Pope Francis, who has opened his arms to the suffering, the outcast, the poor and the marginalized. For Jesus, there were no "outsiders," she added, saying the church needs to rid itself of the notion that if someone doesn't fit certain standards then they can't be part of the faith community.

"This is not the church of Christ," Sister Bergant said.

Bernadette McMasters, director of worship for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va., said the messages shared during the week reflect the words and actions of Pope Francis.

"Liturgy has to spread to the people. It has to be relevant to our lives," McMasters said. "How do we make people go out and do the mission of the church? How do we get back to the basics?"

Archbishop Aquila discussed the need to return to the basics of the church's sacramental life. He is at the forefront of a national effort to restore the order of the sacraments of initiation -- baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# More prayer advice: be humble and truthful

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus gives us more direction on prayer.

Last week, Jesus advised us to be more persistent in asking God for favors, like the widow who bothered that judge.

Just to get rid of her, the judge finally gave in.

This week, Jesus urges us to be humble and truthful when we speak to God in prayer.

That includes honestly taking the blame for sins

and failings.

The Pharisee in today's parable wasn't really praying to God, but merely talking to himself about all his virtues.

At the same time, he was guilty of rash judging that poor tax-collector at the rear of the Temple who didn't even dare raise his eyes to heaven as he begged forgiveness for all his sins.

The Pharisee's prayer didn't impress the Lord very much. In fact, he didn't even return home justified..

On the other hand, the tax collector's prayer earned him forgiveness from God.

Why?

Not because of his offenses, but because he honestly acknowledged them and humbly repented.

God loves us when we pray with humility.

We could even say that humility is the key to God's heart, a sure guarantee to a favorable reply.

The first reading from the Book of Sirach teaches the same thing. Humility is the beginning of wisdom.

A humble heart puts us on the level of the poor and needy to whom God always

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Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

are so very beautiful. "I have competed well, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Some would ask, "Why is Paul's prayer any different from that of the proud Pharisee?"

The difference is the humility in Paul and the complete lack of it in the other.

While neither you nor I have a record of heroic virtue like St. Paul's, wouldn't it be great if, at the end of our lives, we could justly our deeds on Judgment Day as he could?

Daily exercise in humility and truth is the key.

bends an ear. Of course, when we pray, we must not play games with God.

We must really mean what we say when we acknowledge our sins and imperfections.

St. Paul's words to Timothy in the second reading

## RESPECT LIFE

## Prison ministry and the pope's interview

BY Kathleen M. Gallagher

Director of Pro-Life Activities  
New York State Catholic Conference

It so happened that the publication of Pope Francis' interview in America magazine overlapped with the annual retreat/conference of New York State's Catholic prison chaplains. Coinci-

dence? I think not.

The likelihood of those two things fitting together in such a meaningful way can only be described as the work of God.

Here was the Holy Father, pouring out his heart, exploring us all as Catholics to be more merciful, more accepting, more loving.

And here were the prison chaplains, coming together in need of renewal, fellowship, and a shot in the arm to sustain them in their ministry.

And what a shot in the arm it was!

The very first answer Pope Francis offers in the interview in response to the question, "Who are you?" is: "I am a sinner."

Get that? He identifies with sinners because he is a sinner.

Aren't we all?

The chaplains know that well; they would be the first

to tell you of their failures.

They also know that while the sins of those living behind bars crossed a line, for which they are rightly being punished, so many of them have been deeply wounded by abuse, neglect, and addiction.

They are hurting, and they need the restorative power of the Lord.

So when the Holy Father speaks of the Church as a "field hospital" after battle, healing wounds and warming hearts, I say "yes, YES!" that is what our prison chaplains do, day after day, hour after hour, in the bowels of the prison system, touching those who are hurting.

Chaplains are the presence of Christ...his hands, his eyes, his words. They are bringing inmates closer to the Lord.

It is not an easy job; prison chaplaincy is a de-

manding call. It is stressful, dirty, dangerous. The statistics tell us that while the crime rate has dropped and the prison population has decreased over the past ten years, those in prison are more violent, and many more have been diagnosed with mental illness; the inmate suicide rate is way up. I have visited several correctional facilities over the years and the one thing I will never forget is the stench.

Overcrowded cells, unflushed toilets, and recirculated air, overlaid with the smell of distrust and fear, do not add up to a pleasant aroma.

When Pope Francis speaks of the "freshness and fragrance of the Gospel" I inhale deeply and rejoice: Yes! The prison chaplains are there, bringing the sunshine and bouquet of our faith to the offenders just as the Pope suggests: simply, profoundly, radiantly.

The Jesuit magazine interview with Pope Francis is a deep and revealing introspective look at the successor to St. Peter, the same one who washed the feet of youthful offenders on Holy

Thursday earlier this year. With that powerful gesture, the Pope declared this is where God needs to be present – with the outcast, in the darkest of places.

Pope Francis says, "In life, God accompanies persons, and we must accompany them, starting from their situation. It is necessary to accompany them with mercy."

Like our Holy Father, prison chaplains are not just "talking the talk." They are literally walking the walk, accompanying troubled men and women on their journey. God bless the prison chaplains. I am honored to work with them.

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## AT THE MOVIES

## CAPTAIN PHILLIPS

By John P. McCarthy  
Catholic News Service

Docudramas tend to underwhelm emotionally, intellectually or both. That's not the case with "Captain Phillips" (Columbia), a complex and compassionate film that engrosses from the start and builds inexorably toward a devastating conclusion. Prepare to be hooked.

Exhibiting a rare combination of empathy and technical virtuosity, the picture highlights numerous moral dilemmas without passing conclusive judgment on any of them.

Tom Hanks, perhaps the most reliable Everyman in the history of cinema, portrays Richard Phillips, the American skipper of a container ship who was kidnapped by Somali pirates off the horn of Africa in 2009.

As Phillips and his wife, Andrea (Catherine Keener), drive to the airport from their Vermont home in the first scene, the tension is already profound. Then we're shown male villagers on the coast of Somalia preparing to target vessels in international waters.

When Phillips' command, the Maersk Alabama, leaves Oman with a crew of 20 en route to its first port of call, Mombasa, Kenya - where it will unload humanitarian supplies - an encounter between the two sides becomes inevitable.

Mindful of increased pirate activity, Phillips focuses on security, but water hoses

constitute his unarmed crew's primary defense.

Led by a skinny man called Muse (Barkhad Abdi), four fishermen-turned-pirates board the Alabama and eventually take Phillips hostage on a lifeboat.

A U.S. naval task force responds. Its mission is to intercept the boat before it reaches the Somali coast and Phillips is ransomed for millions of dollars.

After a Navy SEAL team arrives, the situation devolves into one of desperation for the Somalis - and for Phillips.

Being aware of the general outcome doesn't diminish the intensity for viewers. A surprising amount of emotion is wrung from the story and many resonant themes bob to the surface.

These motifs cluster around one form of power disparity or another - economic, military and interpersonal. And the vulnerability of each party is keenly felt at some point.

There are moments when it seems on the verge of striking a triumphal note, but "Captain Phillips" never trumpets American military might. Nor are the Somalis demonized. They're motivation is money, not a terrorist ideology, and they answer to a warlord.

For their part, the American forces act at the behest of politicians.

Henry Jackman's intrusive score is the only major flaw. By trying to carry too much of the expressive burden, the music threatens to overwhelm the experience.

Still, other aspects of the

production, such as taut editing and cinematography and sterling acting, diminish the negative impact of the aural onslaught.

Hanks delivers one of his most nuanced performances. Often when interacting with his captors, it's unclear whether Phillips is being wily or considerate, scheming for his release or behaving altruistically.

This uncertainty adds another layer of depth. And Abdi's memorable turn as Muse provides a fascinating counterweight to the title character.

"Captain Phillips" leaves the viewer with mixed feelings yet few unanswered questions. Its equanimity and determination to keep everyone's humanity intact, even those who lose their lives, implies that human beings are always the most precious cargo, no matter the circumstances.

Because its fair and empathetic treatment provides a model for processing the events depicted, "Captain Phillips" is probably suitable for older teens, the elements listed below notwithstanding.

The film contains numerous menacing sequences, several violent episodes with nongraphic bloody images, substance abuse, two instances of profanity and three uses of crass lan-

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Tom Hanks, left, and Barkhad Abdirahman star in a scene from the movie "Captain Phillips."

guage. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rat-

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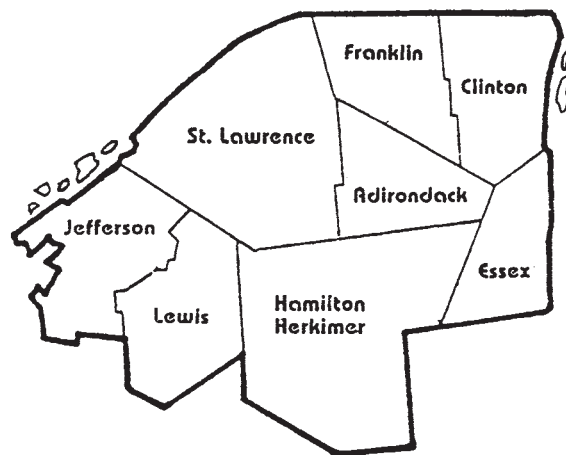
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**Saranac Lake** — The CDA Court St. Bernard #787 and K of C Saranac Lake Council #599 will be sponsoring a Halloween Harvest pork roast dinner.  
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**Place:** St. Bernard's School cafeteria  
**Cost:** Adults, \$10; ages 8 and under, free

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**Morrisonville** — The RCC of St. Alexander and St. Joseph will be having a Harvest Dinner.  
**Date:** Nov. 10  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Alexander's Parish Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, free; Take-outs, \$9  
**Features:** Turkey dinner with all the fixings. Raffle, Drawing at 6 p.m. Grand Prize \$1500, Second Prize, \$500; other prizes. Country Store and Silent Auction.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese". Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:  
**North Country Catholic**, PO Box 326,  
 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

**CONTEMPLATION RETREAT**

**Ellenburg Center** - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having a Meditation and Contemplation Retreat day.  
**Date:** Nov. 2  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$25/day  
**Presenter:** Father Jack Downs  
**Features:** Associated with St. Ignatius, this way of prayer opens our eyes to God's daily self-revelation and clarifies for us our response to it. The day will end with Anticipated Mass. Lunch and dinner provided.  
**Contact:** olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253 by October 26.

**QUILTING CLASS**

**Ellenburg Center** - The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop will have a quilting class.  
**Date:** Nov. 9  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$15.  
**Features:** Make a lap quilt top in a day. A perfect class for beginners and fun for advanced quilters. Bring a sewing machine, scissors, thread, a jelly roll, and a bag lunch. Jelly rolls can also be purchased in our newly-opened fabric shop located at OLA House of Prayer.  
**Contact:** Reserve by emailing thelostsheepquiltshop@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253.

**DAY OF REFLECTION ON**

**Ellenburg Center** - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, will have a day of reflection on the Holy Family and Bethlehem House.

**Date:** Nov. 16  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Features:** Fr. Ted Crosby will give a talk on the Holy Family and the spirituality of Bethlehem House followed by Mass and lunch. Donations welcomed.  
**RSVP:** olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253, by Nov. 13

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

**IGNATIAN RETREAT**

**Ellenburg Center** — OLA will be having an Ignatian Retreat - Discernment of Spirits.  
**Date:** 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.

**HARVEST DINNER BUFFET**

**Altona** — Holy Angels Church will be having a Harvest Dinner Buffet.  
**Date:** Oct. 27  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children, \$4; under 5, Free  
**Features:** Roast Turkey and Ham. Largest buffet around. There will be raffles, pull tabs and a country store. Immediate seating and take-outs.

**QUILT SHOP OPEN**

**Ellenburg Center** - Lost Sheep Quilt and Fabric Shop is now open!  
**Place:** Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer,  
**Hours:** Tues. - Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Evenings and other times by appointment. Phone 594-3253 or email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com to come at other times  
**Features:** the Moda line plus Jo Morton fabrics by Anover., wool and patterns to make penny rugs, some notions including King Tut and YLI thread, batting, pins, etc. Some precuts - charm packs and jelly rolls and kits.

**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.  
**Theme:** "Blest of all women, both Virgin and Mother, Favored in grace for the Son whom you bore, Christ is Your Son whom all peoples must worship. Christ is your Son whom all angels adore." ("Mary, How Lovely")  
**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

**ESSEX**

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Willsboro** - Harvest Dinner to be held.  
**Date:** Oct. 24  
**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7  
**Place:** St. Philip of Jesus Church  
**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, free  
**Features:** Turkey dinner 50/50 Raffle and a Basket of Cheer Raffle. Take outs orders can be placed in advance at 963-4524 and picked-up starting at 4:30 p.m. the day of the dinner.

**CRAFT FAIR**

**Ticonderoga** - St. Mary's School will hold its Annual Craft Fair.  
**Date:** Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 3 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Features:** Lunch will be available with homemade soups, chili, michigans, hot dogs, sandwiches and more. There will also be a country store, home-baked goods of all kinds and a white elephant sale. Many vendors. There is no admission fee.

**Contact:** The school at 518-585-7433

**FRANKLIN**

**HARVEST DINNER**

**North Bangor** — The Catholic Community of St. Augustine will be hosting a Harvest dinner.  
**Date:** Oct. 27  
**Time:** Noon to 4 p.m.  
**Place:** John C. Dwyer Parish Center  
**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Senior Citizens, \$7; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, free  
**Features:** Turkey Diner with all the trimmings. Take-outs will be available.

**JEFFERSON**

**ADULT RETREAT DAY**

**Watertown** — An adult retreat day has been set  
**Date:** Nov. 16  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse  
**Cost:** \$25  
**Theme:** "Becoming the Body of Christ"  
**Presenters:** St. Joseph Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, will be the speaker and St. Joseph Sister Juliana Raymond will be the baker  
**Features:** Did you ever wonder what Jesus meant when he said "Do this in memory of Me"? This day of prayer will be woven around bread-making with reflections on what these elements and this process may reveal to us about the mystery of life, of dying and rising daily, and becoming the Body of Christ for one another. Overnight accommodations are available on request.

**Contact:** To register, call 212-6592 or email srbeth@cit-tele.com by Wednesday before Retreat.

**BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

**Watertown** - There will be an Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting.  
**Date:** Oct. 28  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Hearthside Hospitality Center at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.  
**Speaker:** Mrs. Kathy Strader. Kathy, using her own grief experience, has presented at many public forums.  
**Topic:** "Grief is the Price We Pay for Love."

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# With much gratitude



## Mission Sunday

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

Thank you for putting your faith and action together by responding generously to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Your generosity will help Sister Clara and her Sisters serve children at risk in India and reach also the many priests, religious and lay ministers and leaders around the world who offer practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children and families in desperate need.

I believe you will be blessed abundantly for responding to the plea of Pope Francis, "Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important."

Thank you for your generous gifts on this World Mission Sunday. God Bless you and your families!

## OBITUARIES

**Cadyville** — Donald C. Jordan, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

**Canton** — Danny Paul Robinson, 53; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

**Chateaugay** — Louella Thibeault Clark, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** — Jennie Nolan Toohill, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** — Marlene B. (Dame) Favaro, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 12, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Fort Covington** — Marianna A. Banaszkiwicz; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

**Hammond** — Clara (Amyot) Felder Leckinger, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Redwood.

**Heuvelton** — William F. Willard, 78; Funeral Services Oct. 14, 2013 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in Purmont Cemetery.

**Massena** — Rosemary H. (Hartgan) Leonard, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Timothy John Perdue, 61; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2013 at Sacred

Heart Church.

**Morrisonville** — Joanne M. (Dowling) Barrette, 71; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Morristown** — Carol J. (Sweet) Hunt, 71; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Black Lake Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Ethel (Sellers) Anderson, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 14, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Ronald J. Gardner, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2013 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Ogdensburg Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Lisa May (DuBrey) Boomgarden, 53; Memorial Services Nov. 2, 2013 at St. Peter's Church.

**Plattsburgh** — Linda Burdeau, 66; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2013 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Ellenburg Depot.

**Plattsburgh** — Thomas F. King, 50; Funeral Oct. 14, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Jane A. McGivney, 71; Fu-

neral Oct. 14, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Potsdam** — James A. Garfield III, 72; Memorial Services Oct. 19, 2013 at the Garner Funeral Home.

**Saranac Lake** — Annabelle 'Belle' (Boula) Paradis, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Lake Clear.

**Star Lake** — Arthur 'Artie' L. Cassell Sr., 75; Memorial Services at St. Hubert's Church.

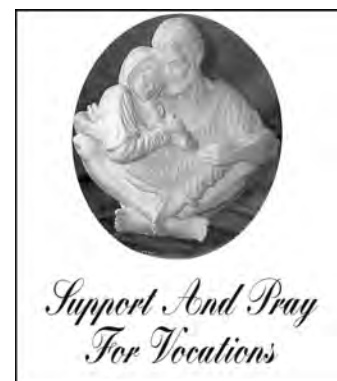
**Tupper Lake** — Arnold W. Strader, 78; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2013 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Watertown** — Mary M. (Mangini) Cook, 91; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Paul F. Donohue, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 14, 2013 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — David E. Piche, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2013 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home.

**Willsboro** — Wanda Veronica (Shambo) MacDougal, 89; Funeral at St. Philip's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.



### 2013 Fall Retreat Alcoholism: A Family Disease with Father Bernie Palka, S.A.

November 15-17, 2013 at  
Wadhams Hall Retreat Center

Director:

**Father Bernie Palka, S.A.** has years of experience in treating alcohol and chemical dependency. Most people whose lives have been touched by these dependencies would be interested and benefit from this retreat. Father Bernie has been giving retreats at Wadhams Hall for six years, both in the Fall and Spring. He is a dynamic presenter and very well-known and respected in his field.

For additional information, please call  
(315) 393-4231 or email [inquiry@wadhams.edu](mailto:inquiry@wadhams.edu)

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## JEFFERSON

### AN EVENING OF REFLECTION

**Clayton**—An evening of reflection with Sister Rita Mawn has been planned

**Date:** Oct. 27

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

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

**Features:** Exposition, followed by a reflection by Sr. Rita, and ending with Benediction. A reception will follow. Hosted by the Carmelites Immaculata Community at St. Mary's.

**Contact:** Parish Office at 686-3398.

### HARVEST HAM DINNER

**Black River**—St. Paul's Church will be having a Harvest Ham Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 24

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

**Features:** Family style dinner, home-made desserts. Take-outs available.

### HAM DINNER

**Alexandria Bay**—St. Cyril's Church will be having a Ham Dinner.

**Date:** Nov. 5

**Time:** Take-outs 4 p.m. to 5; Serving 5 p.m. to 7

**Cost:** Adults, \$8.50; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

**Contact:** 955-5504 for delivery

### 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

### 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.

## ST. LAWRENCE

### HARVEST WALK/RUN

**Ogdensburg**—The Harvest Walk/Run to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 27

**Time:** Registration begins at noon, walk/run begins at 1 p.m.

**Place:** Dobisky Visitor Center

**Features:** Get a team together; Bring your recyclable cans and bottles; ask family and friends to sponsor you. Sponsor sheets can be at Catholic Charities.

**Contact:** 315-393-2255

### ANNUAL BAZAAR

**Star Lake** -St. Hubert Church will have its annual Bazaar.

**Date:** Nov. 2

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coffee and Donuts start at 9 a.m.

**Features:** Live wreaths, floral arrangements, handcrafted items, gift baskets.

### ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION DINNER

**Ogdensburg** - St. Joseph's Foundation will be holding its annual steamship roast dinner.

**Date:** Nov. 2

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Place:** Knights of Columbus Hall

**Cost:** \$8

**Features:** Beef will be available both rare and well done. There will be drawings, a lottery tree and silent auction.

### FALL BAZAAR

**Norfolk**—The Altar Rosary Society will be having a Fall Bazaar.

**Date:** Nov. 2

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Place:** Church of the Visitation

**Features:** Food Sale with Cabbage Rolls, Country Store, Candy Sale, Coffee & Donuts, Hand Made Crafts, Christmas Crafts, Attic Table, Religious Articles. Luncheon served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Raffle tickets \$1 donation

### HARVEST DINNER

**Star Lake**—The St. Hubert's harvest dinner has been rescheduled

**Date:** Nov. 9

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Place:** St. Hubert's parish hall, Take outs available

**Prices:** Adults, \$9, children, 5-10 - \$5.00

### ADULT RETREAT DAY

**Morristown**—Adult Retreat Day to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 2

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Place:** Cederhaven

**Cost:** \$25

**Theme:** "Becoming the Body of Christ"

**Speaker:** Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ; Baker, Bessie Flanders

**Features:** This day of prayer will be woven around bread-making with reflections on what these elements and this process may reveal to us about the mystery of life, of dying and rising daily, and becoming the Body of Christ for one another. Overnight accommodations are available on request.

**Contact:** To register, call 212-6592 or email srbeth@cit-tele.com by Wednesday before Retreat.

### K OF C TO HOLD FIRST DEGREE

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

**Date:** Nov. 14

**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.

### CRAFT SHOW

**Brasher Falls**—The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its 23rd annual craft show.

**Date:** Nov. 19

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

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$1; students, \$.50; under 5, free

**Features:** Many dealers will be present with all kinds of crafts. Luncheon and refreshments will be available. Plenty of free parking is available.

### HARVEST DINNER

**Gouverneur**—St. James Church is holding a harvest dinner

**Date:** Nov. 7

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. till all are served

**Place:** St. James School, take outs available

**Prices:** Adults, \$9; children, 5-12, \$5; under five, free.

### K OF C BRUNCH

**Norfolk**—The Knights of Columbus are holding a Sunday brunch

**Date:** Nov. 10

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to noon

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center

**Prices:** Adults, \$7; children under 12, \$4; children under five, free

### 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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Massena**—St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday.



**Time:** 9 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. Mary's Family Room

### LATIN MASS

**Potsdam**—A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr.

Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

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

### 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

### NOVENA FOR MILITARY

**Ogdensburg** - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

**Date:** Tuesday evenings

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

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown, 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

### 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



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