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## PAPAL NUNCIO LEADS A DIOCESE IN PRAYER



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Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, was the principal celebrant at the diocesan Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith held Sept. 29 at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid. Full story/photos, pages 3,4,5

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## Meet our 12 new deacons

Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained 12 men as permanent deacons Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The diocese's newest clergymen are profiled in this week's NCC. Coverage of the ordination ceremony will appear in the next issue.

The group includes an accomplished trombonist and a bag-pipe player.

There is a lawyer, psychologist, college professor, corrections officers and an owner of a sawmill and logging business.

There are husbands, fathers and grandfathers.

What they all the men have in common is the desire to serve God and the people of the North Country as deacons for the church.

### Harvest Mass

Bishop LaValley will preside at the annual diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving next Sunday at St. James Church in Gouverneur

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## Some great days to be Catholic!

It's hard to imagine that any diocesan gathering could match the excitement of the Year of Faith Mass Sept. 29 in Lake Placid.

The numbers who traveled to the Olympic Center exceeded all expectations.

We were greatly blessed by the presence of Archbishop Carlo Viganò, the personal representative of Pope Francis for our country.

The liturgy was uplifting and the weather was spectacular.

The atmosphere was positively electric.

It was a great day to be a

Catholic in the North Country!

Less than a week later though, Bishop LaValley presided at yet another celebration that was marked by pure joy and excitement.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

Last Saturday morning, nearly every pew at St. Mary's Cathedral was filled for the ordination of 12 men as permanent deacons.

After years of study and discernment, the new deacons were supported in the next step of their faith journeys by family, friends and scores of fellow clergymen.

As in Lake Placid, everyone heard a powerful homily and

glorious music.

It was another great day for Catholics!

The Mass in Lake Placid was the culmination of a special Year of Faith that may not be officially repeated in our lifetimes, but it certainly wasn't meant to be any kind of end in our efforts to grow in faith.

Bishop LaValley made that point explicitly as he described the day as "launching pad for the living of our faith."

The men ordained on Saturday are prepared and committed to help us realize that goal.

When all the major liturgies are over, they will be serving in our parishes day in and day out. They will work alongside their pastors and lay ministers

in their communities to serve all of God's people.

For this week's NCC, each of the new deacons offered a sentence or two answering the question "why do you want to be a deacon."

Deacon Brian Neureuther of West Chazy, said it beautifully:

*My call to be a deacon is centered on my desire to provide service to all of God's people through his Church. The need to evangelize our faith is more important than ever. The grace associated with becoming a deacon will help in evangelizing the Catholic faith in both word and deed.*

It looks like the great days for Catholics just might go on and on!

## 'The Lord smiled down on our gathering'

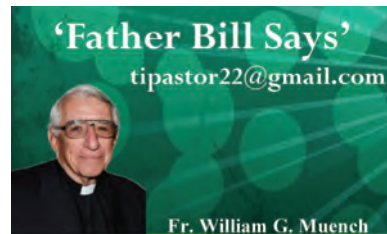
I talked with people from Wadertown, from Clayton, from Massena, from Ogdensburg, from Plattsburgh, from Ticonderoga, from Lowville, from Saranac Lake, from Lake Placid – folks from all over the Diocese of Ogdensburg who were gathered in Lake Placid for a Mass.

As part of the Year of Faith, Bishop LaValley invited people from the diocese to join him at the Olympic Arena for a Mass. Also, in attendance at the Diocesan-wide Mass was the Apostolic Delegate to the United States – the Pope's Ambassador to the United States – Archbishop Carlo Viganò.

It was quite a Mass – the Olympic Arena was turned into a Cathedral. A wonderful choir was formed from people of most every parish in the diocese – seated together, they covered one whole side of the arena.

Bishop LaValley delivered a stirring homily – calling us all to a new and stronger faith – as we move through this Year of Faith.

In addition, Archbishop Viganò spoke – he mentioned that that morning he had been taken to see Whiteface Mountain. Then he used that as a way to remind us of Pope Fran-



cis' call to people of faith that we take on the face of the Lord Jesus.

The day was all about a Mass – a rather special Mass – but a Mass.

However, no Mass is just a Mass. Each Mass is a celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Each Eucharist is the heart of our Catholic Faith.

Each Mass, whether there are five people there or three thousand, is the most important moment on this planet – wherever it may be celebrated.

Each Eucharist – in each of the churches of this diocese – unites us together in such a miraculous unity.

So, this special Diocesan Mass becomes a wonderful symbol of the unity and strength of the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

One of the great parts of the experience of a Diocesan-wide

Mass was the wonderful opportunity to meet up with many friends – people from the parishes I was once assigned to – meeting others for the first time.

After the Mass, I spent so much time just wandering around looking for someone else to talk with and renew a friendship and catch up with the news and families.

I must add this – I met a few folks who approached to meet me because they read this column. I truly felt rather pleased and honored. I like to think of you, readers, as a part of my

family – so on this day, I had the opportunity of meeting some of my family.

By the way, the day was almost perfect – the weather was excellent – a glorious Fall day. The trees were bursting with color – the Adirondacks were at peak.

As many mentioned to me – it was like the Lord had smiled down on this gathering of the Diocese of Ogdensburg – for our very special Mass. It was the perfect place to bring everyone together.

To quote that car dealer – it was a *huge* day.



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# A day to rejoice and be glad!

*Diocesan Year of Faith Mass brings 3000 to Olympic Arena in Lake Placid*

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff Writer

LAKE PLACID - September 29th was a day to rejoice and be glad as 3000 Catholics gathered at Lake Placid's Olympic Arena for a Solemn Mass celebrating the Year of Faith.

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Bishop Terry R. LaValley

From every corner of the diocese they came: young and old, infants and octogenarians, the active and the infirm. They came as individuals, as families, as friends - but most of all they came as believers to glorify God.

Their joy was palpable and, as Bishop Terry R. LaValley observed: "The beauty of nature outside these doors is surpassed only by the beauty of the faces of faith gathered here today."

Entering through those doors, participants were greeted by a setting made truly beautiful for the day's celebration. Candles and flowers banked the stage and surrounded the exquisitely carved wooden altar and other sanctuary furnishings.

Organ, brass, and a 300-voice choir provided preludes in addition to music for the liturgy itself; the Joyful Youth Choir from Peru also offered two prelude pieces.

The procession, which lent both color and solemnity to the occasion, included the 4th degree Knights of Columbus honor guard, the Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

They were followed by the deacons and priests of the



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop LaValley delivers the homily at the Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith held Sept. 29 at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid as Archbishop Carlo Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, looks on. An estimated 3000 Catholics from every corner of the diocese traveled to the Adirondack village to take part.

diocese, and by the seminarians and servers who preceded Bishop LaValley and Archbishop Vigano to the altar.

The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Carlo Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. He, too, was struck both by the beauty of the setting and the beauty of the faces before him.

He thanked Bishop LaValley for the invitation to celebrate this Mass, which brought him "to this beautiful part of this beautiful country."

Assuring all present of the blessing of Pope Francis, Archbishop Vigano recalled that, "The Holy Father has spoken often of our faces, which should be bright like the face of Jesus. That is so because our dignity comes from having been created in the image and likeness of God.

"We need always to be in contemplation of the face of Jesus, so that we can become messengers of his Gospel

and of his charity," he said. "If not, we no longer recognize the face of Jesus in one another.

"You have been growing in this Year of Faith," Archbishop Vigano said. "As Pope Benedict reminded us, growing in holiness makes us ready for our new vocation to be evangelizers.

"Being together here has given us strength and courage in the Holy Spirit so that we can become new creatures and the Gospel of the Lord can be rejuvenated in this country," he said.

In his homily (published 10/02/13 in the *NCC*) Bishop LaValley likewise highlighted the nature of faith and the call to holiness.

"With a deep desire to re-echo the universal call to holiness of the second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict 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," Bishop LaValley said.

"Faith is a gift from God, but a gift that we must accept and unwrap," he said. "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..."

"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," Bishop LaValley said.

"For before all else it is necessary for us to grasp the 'height, breadth, and depth' of our calling," he said. "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..."

"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." he said.

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"And so I ask you today: are you ready to grow in your knowledge and love of Jesus and His body the Church, and to confidently share and humbly give witness to it?" the bishop asked. "I am!"

Throughout the liturgy, it was apparent that every care had been taken to connect the Year of Faith with the diocesan Church and to involve a wide cross-section of the faithful.

The representations of new saints with local connections - St. Andre Bessette, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and St. Marianne Cope - which debuted at the liturgy that opened the Year of Faith last fall, graced the hallway at the arena.

Altar servers and readers for the occasion came from across the diocese, including Akwesasne and Fort Drum. In honor of their new patron saint, a special contingent from the Mohawk people was seated in the front of the arena.

Masters of ceremony for the occasion included Fathers Albert Hauser, Douglas Lucia, Bryan Stitt and Scott Belina. They were assisted in their task by 3rd degree Knights of Columbus who guided 14 priests to pre-arranged stations for the distribution of Holy Communion.

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PHOTO BY ROGER MICHAEL

Jackie M. Kelly, conference center coordinator for the New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority, told the Watertown Daily Times, that the authority was expecting 2,000 people for the Year of Faith Mass,

but about 2,800 showed up. She said ORDA wasn't planning to open up some of the bleacher seats in the balcony, but had to use them. It also gave up reserved seating for the Knights of Columbus and had to bring in more chairs.



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For the Liturgy of the Word during the solemn Year of Faith Mass, St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng of Watertown, left, superior general of the Sisters of St. Joseph, proclaimed the first reading; Seth Conklin of Gouverneur, a teacher at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown, read the second reading; and Bishop LaValley delivered the homily. Not shown, Deacon Mark Bennett of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh, read the Gospel.

## A day

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As the liturgy concluded, Bishop LaValley expressed his thanks to all whose efforts had made the day possible.

He particularly noted the presence of Archbishop Viano: "Through your presence we know of Pope Francis' deep care for us, and we are grateful!"

Bishop LaValley also praised Father Garry Giroux, chairman of the Year of Faith committee, who suggested inviting the Apostolic Nuncio to the diocese:

"It was a great idea, the bishop said. "Up here we are used to thinking of ourselves as small and forgotten—not so, not so!"

The entire Year of Faith committee earned special

commendation for their efforts, which made the inspiring event possible.

Bishop further thanked the deacons, servers, emcees, seminarians, Knights, and musicians - and expressed special gratitude to his brother priests.

Recognition was also extended to Father John Yonkovig for making the arena arrangements, and to Father Scott Seymour for coordinating the music.

Finally, Bishop LaValley thanked honored guests and all those who had traveled to Lake Placid for the Mass.

"Thank you for helping us to celebrate who we are - and Whose we are," the bishop said.

"This day is a launching pad for living our faith."



THE SOLEMN MASS FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

# A DAY OF DAYS

Olympic Arena is filled with Catholics who traveled to Lake Placid from every part of the Diocese of Ogdensburg



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER  
Emma Therese Conklin of Gouverneur, held by her mother Amanda, receives a blessing from the papal nuncio. Mrs. Conklin is the campus minister in Canton.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU KILIAN  
The day was like a family reunion for friends from across the diocese. Above, Gayle Frank of Clayton is flanked by Aaron and Cindy Gadway of Indian Lake.



PHOTO BY ROGER MICHAEL  
After the Mass, Bishop LaValley had a chance to spend time with two important people in his life, his mother, Doris LaValley of Mooers Forks and the papal nuncio.



PHOTO BY ROGER MICHAEL  
The historic liturgy was enhanced by 300 voices who formed a diocesan choir, under the direction of Lonel Woods, a voice professor from Crane School of Music, Potsdam.

The music was coordinated by Father Scott Seymour, pastor in Morrisonville and Treadwells Mill. The Joyful Youth Choir, featuring young people from the Peru area, sang two songs before the Mass and then joined the adults.

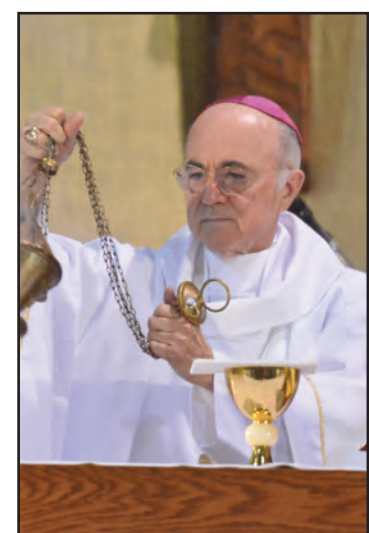


PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK  
Archbishop Vigano incenses the altar.



# Harvest Mass to be held Sunday

**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.

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.

# Annual Caritas Dinner set Oct. 27

**OGDENSBURG-** Reservations are being accepted for 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.

- President's Award: Thomas Hanley, former General Manager of WPBS, Watertown and his Wife, Mary Anne Hanley Who worked for the Jefferson County Indus-

trial Development Agency.

- Legacy Award: Jordyn Black, Malone

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

Reservations are needed for the dinner.

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. 9** – 10 a.m., Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society Pilgrimage to St. Francis Xavier Mission in Quebec

**Oct. 10** – 11 a.m., Council of Priests Meeting at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay

**Oct. 11** – 9 a.m., Mass at Superintendent's Day at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

**Oct. 12** – 4 p.m., Confirmation at St. James Major Church in Lake Pleasant  
**Oct. 13** – 2 p.m., Harvest Mass at St. James Church in Gouverneur

**Oct. 15** – 10 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Team Meeting with the Catholic Leadership Institute 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. 9** – Rev. William Normandeau, 1892; Rev. Francis Xavier Chagnon, 1911; Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, 1963

**Oct. 10** – Rev. Robert Duford, 1949;

**Oct. 11** – Rev. William Burns, 1837

**Oct. 12** – Rev. Francis X. Pelletier, 1881; Rev. P.J. Mullins, O.S.A, 1960

**Oct. 13** – Rev. Francis X. Campbell, O.S.A., 1984

**Oct. 14** – Rev. James Alexander Haggarty, 1903

**Oct. 15** – Rev. James Haffey, 1918; Rev. Mark Collins Liebler, 1975; Rev. Robert Fleig, S.J., 1986; Most Rev. Thomas Andrew Donnellan, 1987

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"O Lord, spark our imagination so we might find new ways to live harmoniously with creation and new technologies to reverse the damage we have done to your Creation."

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## Support for priest graduate studies

By Fr. Jay Seymour  
Vicar for Clergy

Quite a few years ago and prior to my taking the leap of faith to enter seminary, I was a college student at Plattsburgh State University where I participated in the local Big Brother Program.

### 2013 Bishop's Fund Appeal

Once a week I would try to find some time to spend with my "Little Brother" and, because I wanted it to be an enjoyable time, I would sometimes buy him a treat with my meager savings.

I recall passing through a store with him one afternoon and he wanted a snack, or something of that nature, but I had to tell him that I didn't have any money. His response was, "Just write a check". At that age I guess it didn't dawn on him that not having any money included checks.

Education back in the 1970's, even in the State Universities, was a considerable investment. My parents assisted, of course, but with 14 children their resources were limited and so student bank loans were a big part of the picture.

If higher education back then was costly, it does not compare with today. Costs have gone through the roof. Still, for most, the sacrifices made for education are worth it.

That also applies to our priests who go on for graduate studies. Even though it is Faith that "Opens the Door" to a richer spiritual life, it is education which opens the door of knowledge to help nourish that faith and keep it alive.

One of the key charisms and duties of a priest is to teach and so we need priests who are educated even beyond the normal rigorous studies of seminary.

Priests who go on for graduate studies in areas



such as Canon Law, Scripture and Spirituality are able to assist our Bishop by keeping the "Doors of Faith" wide open allowing the fresh air of new knowledge to invigorate our church in the service of brother priests and laity alike. Our own Bishop LaValley, with his advanced degree in Canon Law, is a good example of how we in the Diocese of Ogdensburg have benefited from such studies. I suspect that having that degree was a key consideration in his being named Bishop.

In addition to Canon Law, there is a growing need among our faithful for qualified spiritual direction. Deacons, religious, commissioned lay ministers and the laity in general are hungry for good spiritual guidance and our priests should be in the forefront in being able to offer it. The same is true in the area of scripture where there also is such great hunger to be nourished.

As previously noted, advanced study is very costly and it would be impossible to offer it without your generous assistance through the Bishop's Fund Appeal. Each year, a portion of this fund is set aside so that when our Bishop sees a need to send on a priest for further study, that need can be met. So, please continue to support this important Appeal. It really is a good investment.

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**(Ps. 118)**



# Meet Our New Deacons



Deacon Ambeau



Deacon Donahue



Deacon Drollette



Deacon Leader



Deacon Javarone



Deacon Lucero



Deacon McGrath



Deacon Neureuther



Deacon Pastizzo



Deacon Walentuk



Deacon Wells



Deacon White

## Deacons ordained

**Bishop Terry R. LaValley** ordained 12 men as permanent deacons Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Full coverage of the ceremony will be published in next week's *NCC*. Profiles of the new deacons are printed here.

### Deacon Lawrence R. Ambeau St. Cecilia's Church, Adams and Queen of Heaven, Henderson

Deacon Ambeau was born Nov. 22, 1954, in Rochester. He grew up in Spencerport, NY, and has resided in Henderson for the past 24 years.

He and his wife, Vickie, a secretary for the New York State Department of Transportation, were married Aug. 23, 1975. They are the parents of two daughters, Melissa Kotary and Shellie Tucker; and a son Thomas Ambeau; They have two granddaughters, Amelia and Allison Tucker; and three grandsons, Lucas and Logan Kotary and Owen Tucker.

Deacon Ambeau earned an associate's degree in science laboratory technology from SUNY Canton and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from SUNY Cortland. He is employed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Watertown as a regional permit administrator.

In his parish, Deacon Ambeau

has served as a Eucharistic minister, altar server and lector for over 20 years. He has also been a member of the parish council, has overseen altar servers for several years and has assisted in the Confirmation preparation program.

For his community, Deacon Ambeau has been a volunteer firefighter for ten years including a term as fire chief. He is a medic for the local Rescue Squad, assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scouts, coach for Little League baseball and soccer league teams and a 4-H leader specializing in raising farm animals.

*As a deacon...*

*I love serving and helping people especially those in most need. I have been given the precious gift of faith in God's love and mercy. As a deacon for the Diocese of Ogdensburg I want to share that faith with each and everyone I meet.*

### Deacon Patrick J. Donahue St. Mary's Church, Evans Mills

Deacon Donahue was born May 2, 1951, and grew up in Rome N.Y. He and his wife Karen (McCale) Donahue, the superintendent of schools for Lyme Central School District, were married June 29, 1996.

Deacon Donahue has four grown children, Mark Robinson, Sean Donahue, Kevin Donahue and Meghan Donahue; and a

grandson, Addison James Catlett. Deacon Donahue currently serves as the assistant director of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Ogdensburg and as director of the Formation for Ministry Program.

He earned a masters in social work from Syracuse University, a masters in divinity from St. Bernard's in Rochester and completed a doctorate of ministry from Washington Theological Union earlier this year.

Through the years he has worked as a campus minister for Syracuse University, in social ministry for Catholic Charities of Utica/Rome and in catechetical ministry at St. John's, Camden, N.Y.; St. Mary's, Evans Mills; and All Saints, Chaumont.

From 2005 to 2008, Deacon Donahue was involved in Katrina Relief programs in New Orleans

*As a deacon...*

*I want to serve the Catholic Church in a more meaningful capacity. Becoming a deacon is a greater commitment to serving in the life and mission of the Church. It is for me, both personally and communally, the next destination along the faith journey.*

### Deacon John J. Drollette St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh

Deacon Drollette, 58, and his wife, Donna have been married for 35 years. They are the parents

of a son, Tyler, and daughter, Emily. Mrs. Drollette is a supervisor in the foster care unit of the Clinton County Department of Social Services.

Retired from the Plattsburgh Police Department as a detective sergeant after 30 years of service, the deacon currently works in the Federal District Court in Plattsburgh as a court security officer.

He graduated from Mount Assumption High School in Plattsburgh and Clinton Community College in Plattsburgh with an associate's degree in criminal justice.

His parish ministries have included service as a Eucharistic minister and lector, and in the adult confirmation program.

Deacon Drollette also plays the bagpipes as a member of the Plattsburgh Police Pipes and Drums.

*As a deacon...*

*I am on fire to bring people back to God through a deep personal relationship with Christ. I want to serve and to assist Bishop LaValley in a profound renewal of our Church.*

### Deacon Henry J. Leader St. James Church, Gouverneur

Deacon Leader was born April 16, 1962, in Syracuse and grew up

in Gouverneur.

He and his wife, Dayna Rae, were married June 10, 1995, and are the parents of eight children, Zackery Mark, Joy Anna, Grace Dorothy, Robert Joseph, William Charles, Hope Mary, Faith Nancy and John Michael Angelo.

Deacon Leader graduated from Cornell University and Syracuse University College of Law. He is a partner at Case & Leader LLP, in Gouverneur.

Deacon Leader and his wife serve the diocese as Pre-Cana coordinators. They have been active in youth ministry, Marriage Encounter and Guggenheim family camp ministry. He has also been a volunteer with his older daughters in the North Country Mission of Hope.

*As a deacon...*

*I am on fire to bring people back to God through a deep personal relationship with Christ. I want to serve and to assist Bishop LaValley in a profound renewal of our Church.*

### Deacon Guy Javarone St. Anthony's Church, Watertown

Deacon Javarone was born Oct. 18, 1954 in Gloversville, where he was raised.

He and his wife, Linda, were married Oct. 19, 1974; they have two children and one grandchild.

Deacon Javarone graduated from Colorado State University

with a bachelors degree in civil engineering.

He served in the U.S. Army from October 1975 to October 1978 and is now self-employed.

In his parish, he serves as a lector and Eucharistic minister

*As a deacon...*  
*We are on earth to know, love and serve God and we do that by serving others. I will do that under the guidance and direction of Bishop LaValley.*

### Deacon John D. Lucero Catholic Community of Keeseville

Deacon Lucero, born Aug. 11, 1937, in Pittsburgh, Penn., resides in Keeseville. He and his wife, Bonnie J. Mitchell, who died in 2004, raised one son, John D. Lucero III.

Deacon Lucero studied physics and experimental psychology at Ohio State University. Through the years, he has worked for the federal government, in electronic business and as a farmer. He also spent four years in the U.S. Navy.

For his parish, the deacon has spent 13 years in sick and elderly ministry and has been a high school religion teacher, lector, Eucharistic minister and server.

Deacon Lucero has served his community as a member of Village of Keeseville Board of Appeals, Revitalization Committee and House Renovation Business

*As a deacon...*

*I want to be a deacon to better serve the bishop, pastor and parish community*

### Deacon Daniel B. McGrath St. John the Baptist, Madrid

Deacon McGrath was born in Rockville Center, NY and grew up in Jericho, Long Island. He earned a graduate degree in community psychology at Marist College and has worked as a psychologist in a variety of settings.

He retired from the New York State Office of Mental Health in 2007 but continues to provide occasional consultation as a licensed mental health counselor.

Deacon McGrath's wife of 35 years, Laura, also retired from NYS after working as a psychologist for 30 years. They operate a consulting business, Northern Light Mental Health Consultants.

The McGraths moved to Madrid in 1986 and have four grown sons, Kieran, Corey, Sean and Kyle.

In his parish, Deacon McGrath works in the ministries of catechist, lector, extraordinary minister of the Eucharistic, and parish trustee.

He is a licensed amateur radio operator and volunteers with St. Lawrence County Emergency Services providing emergency communications. His hobbies also include photography and playing the guitar.

*As a deacon...*

*I am looking forward to serving people of the parishes of St. John the Baptist in Madrid and their sister parish St. Mary's in Waddington.*

### Deacon Brian D. Neureuther St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy

Deacon Neureuther was born Aug. 28, 1970, in San Antonio, Texas, and grew up in Beekmantown. He and his wife, Tammy, were married May 4, 1996. Mrs. Neureuther home schools their three children, Bradley, Christopher and Katilyn.

Deacon Neureuther earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from SUNY Geneseo, an MBA from Wright State University and a PhD in Operations Management, Texas Tech University. He is a professor of Supply Chain and Operations Management, SUNY Plattsburgh

For his parish Deacon Neureuther has served as a catechist and lector, and has worked in children's ministry and hospital ministry

*As a deacon...*

*My call to be a deacon centered on my desire to provide service to all of God's people through his Church. The need to evangelize our faith is more important than ever. The grace associated with becoming a deacon will help in evangelizing the Catholic faith in both word and deed.*

### Deacon Anthony J. Pastizzo St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Deacon Pastizzo was born Nov. 18, 1960 in Gouverneur. He and his wife Cheryl Chauvin Pastizzo, a secretary at Ogdensburg Free Academy, were married July 16, 1981. The couple have two grown daughters, Gretchen and ToniJo and three grandchildren.

As a military dependent, Deacon Pastizzo attended high school at Upper Heyford American High School, Oxfordshire, UK. After high school, he returned to Plattsburgh where he had spent part of his childhood and was employed in management for Marriott Educational Food Services SUNY Plattsburgh. In 1985 he became a NY State Correction Officer and is a 28 year veteran of the department, currently employed at Ogdensburg Correctional Facility.

At the cathedral, the deacon has served as a commissioned lay minister, and certified catechist. His ministries include eighth grade catechist, RCIA team, lector and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Deacon Pastizzo is an accomplished trombonist and has enjoyed playing with local bands including the Seaway Valley Community Band and "Jack Kelly's Little Big Band". He enjoys the outdoors especially the family's hunting camp in Pierrepont.

*As a deacon...*

*My call to the diaconate has been one of slow steady growth involving the support of my parish community and the entire Church. Adding personal prayer, study and discernment I have come to the assurance and conviction of continued growth including being a minister of "word and charity" as a deacon.*

### Deacon Joel E. Walentuk St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay.

Deacon Walentuk and his twin sister Joan were born Nov. 27, 1956, in Watertown and grew up in Alexandria Bay.

He and his wife Dawn, a first grade teacher at Theresa Primary School, were married June 18, 1983. They have a son, Matthew. Deacon Walentuk studied at SUNY Potsdam and has been self-employed as the owner and operator of Upstate Distributing since 1983.

In his parish, Deacon Walentuk has served as a church school teacher and Third Order Carmelite currently serving as prior. He has also served on the Sacred Heart Foundation for 10 years and is a member of the Diocesan Development Board of Advisors.

A member of the Alexandria Bay Chamber of Commerce, he is also a minor hockey coach and member of St. Cyril's choir.

In addition, Deacon Walentuk

has worked with Father Ned Blick on Fort Drum through the Hispanic, wounded warrior, military family and Theology on Tap ministries.

*As a deacon...*

*I want to help and encourage others in their faith especially those who lack confidence.*

### Deacon David P. Wells St. Raphael's Church, Heuvelton

Deacon Wells, a native of Ogdensburg, was born Jan. 23, 1945. He and his wife, Dorothy L. (Teris) Wells were married Nov. 20, 1945. They have three children, Joanne Cunningham, Julie M. Bice, and David M. Wells, and eight grandchildren.

After graduating from high school, Deacon Wells attended the Naval Hospital Corps School, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Hospital Nursing School and Nurse Practitioner School at Community General Hospital in Syracuse.

He served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam and in the U.S. Army.

Deacon Wells is now retired. In his parish he serves as a lay minister for the sick and elderly, an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, member of the parish council and an altar server

He enjoys traveling, camping, and coaching.

*As a deacon...*

*After completing my Lay Minister's classes I felt a calling to dea-*

*con formation. I am a follower and believer of Jesus and want to serve as a disciple. I look forward to being a servant to Christ, my diocese, and community.*

### Deacon Paul M. White St. Elizabeth's, Elizabethtown

Deacon White was born April 18, 1962 in Plattsburgh and grew up in Willsboro.

He and his wife Theresa Ann Wimett, a speech and language pathologist employed by Mountain Lake Services, currently live in Lewis. The Whites were married Nov. 2, 1990, and have three daughters, Rebeckah, Corinne, and Christian Carlson

Deacon White has been employed at the Essex County Correctional Facility in Lewis as a correction officer for the past four years. He also continues as the owner of a small sawmill and logging business. He has been employed in this field since his early 20's.

At St. Elizabeth's Parish, he is active in Confirmation instruction, and serves as a Eucharistic minister, lector and acolyte.

*As a deacon...*

*My desire to become a deacon is a response to a lifelong call from God. I felt it was His plan to have me in the service of His Church. I feel a very strong tie to God's people, especially the poor and marginalized.*



# Pope Francis in Assisi

*Calls on church to embrace poverty, renounce the 'spirit of the world'*

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

ASSISI, ITALY (CNS) - Making his first pilgrimage as pope to the birthplace of his papal namesake, Pope Francis called on the whole church to imitate St. Francis of Assisi, embracing poverty and stripping itself of the "spirit of world."

"A Christian cannot coexist with the spirit of the world," he said. Worldliness "leads us to vanity, arrogance, pride. And this is an idol, it is not of God."

The pope spoke Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis, in the "stripping room" of the Assisi archbishop's residence, where the saint shed himself of his rich clothes and embraced a life of poverty.

"This is a good occasion for inviting the church to strip itself," the pope said, adding that he directed his invitation not merely to the hierarchy but all the church's members, and that he sought renunciation of spiritual complacency as well as material riches.

"It is so sad to find a worldly Christian, who thinks he enjoys the security of the faith and of the world. One can't have it both ways."

The pope was accompanied to Assisi by the eight-member Council of Cardinals he has appointed to advise him on governance of the universal church and reform of the Vatican bureaucracy, and with whom he concluded an initial series of

meetings Oct. 3 at the Vatican.

Pope Francis' talk in the archbishop's residence, one of six addresses he was scheduled to deliver during his daylong visit to Assisi, was to a group of poor people receiving assistance from local Catholic charities, whom he later joined for lunch.

"Many of you have been stripped by this savage world, which doesn't provide work, which doesn't help, to which it makes no difference that children die of hunger," he said.

Earlier in the morning, he addressed a group of disabled children and young people and their caregivers at a church-run rehabilitation center, the first of a dozen stops on his tightly packed schedule.

Pope Francis spent about 45 minutes prior to his talk personally greeting the young patients, many of whom were confined to wheelchairs. Throughout his visit, the room resounded with their cries and moans.

"We are among the wounds of Jesus," the pope said. "Jesus is hidden in these kids, in these children, in these people. On the altar we adore the flesh of Jesus, in them we find the wounds of Jesus."

The pope noted that Jesus' body after the resurrection was unblemished except for the five wounds he had received during his crucifixion.

"He wanted to preserve only the wounds, and he took them with him into heaven," the pope said. "We

treat the wounds of Jesus here and he, in heaven, shows us his wounds and tells all of us, all of us: 'I am waiting for you.'"

In the pope's undelivered remarks at the rehabilitation center he called for more "works of the culture of welcome, works animated above all by profound Christian love, love for Christ crucified, for the flesh of Christ."

The pope's morning in Assisi culminated in a Mass he celebrated in the square outside the Basilica of St. Francis.

In his homily, the pope disputed what he characterized as popular misconceptions of St. Francis and his legacy.

"Many people, when they think of St. Francis, think of peace," he said. "Very few people, however, go deeper."

"What is the peace which Francis received, experienced and lived, and which he passes on to us?" the pope asked. "It is the peace of Christ, which is born of the greatest love of all, the love of the cross."

He later added: "Franciscan peace is not something saccharine. Hardly. That is not the real St. Francis. Nor is it a kind of pantheistic harmony with the forces of the cosmos."

"That is not Franciscan either," he said. "It is a notion some people have invented."

Celebrating St. Francis' love for all creation, the pope said that the saint "bears witness that man is called to safeguard man, that man is at the center of creation, where God the creator wanted him."



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**Pope Francis blesses a disabled person during his visit at the Serafico Institute in Assisi, Italy, Oct. 4. The pontiff was making his first pilgrimage as pope to the birthplace of his papal namesake.**

Pope Francis also paid tribute to his namesake as a "man of harmony and peace" and drew attention to those "who are suffering and who are dying because of violence, terrorism or war, in the Holy Land, so dear to St. Francis, in Syria, throughout the Middle East and everywhere in the world."

The pope's day in Assisi included visits to various sites associated with St. Francis, including his tomb in the Basilica of St. Francis; the Church of San Damiano, where the saint had a vision of Jesus; the hermitage where he went to pray in isolation; the small "Porziuncola" church, now contained inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where he founded the Franciscan order; the tomb of his friend St. Clare; and the cathedral where St. Francis and St. Clare were baptized.

In a short impromptu talk

to cloistered nuns at the Basilica of St. Clare, the pope voiced sympathy over the challenges of community life and urged them to strive for harmony.

"The devil takes every opportunity to divide. He says, 'I don't wish to speak ill but ...' And the division begins," the pope said. "Foster friendship among yourselves, family life, love, that your monastery not be a purgatory but a family."

Later in the afternoon, addressing diocesan clergy, religious and laity in the cathedral, Pope Francis charmed the crowd like a folksy parish priest, drawing frequent laughter and applause.

"Enough with these interminable, boring homilies of which nothing can be understood," said the pope, who favors short sermons typically based on three key words.



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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Canonization for Blessed John XXIII, John Paul II set for April 27

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Recognizing that Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II have widespread reputations for holiness and that years of studying their lives and actions have proven their exceptional virtue, Pope Francis announced he would declare his two predecessors saints at a single ceremony April 27. The pope made the announcement Sept. 30 at the end of an "ordinary public consistory," a gathering of cardinals and promoters of the sainthood causes of the two late popes. The consistory took place in the context of a prayer service in Latin and included the reading of brief biographies of the two sainthood candidates. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, read the biographies and highlighted the "service to peace" and the impact both popes had "inside and outside the Christian community" at times of great cultural, political and religious transformation. The testimonies of their lives, "completely dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel, shine in the church and reverberate in the history of the world as examples of hope and light," the cardinal said. Blessed John Paul, known as a globetrotter who made 104 trips outside Italy, served as pope from 1978 to 2005 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011. Blessed John XXIII, known particularly for convoking the Second Vatican Council, was pope from 1958 to 1963; Blessed John Paul beatified him in 2000. Asked by reporters if retired Pope Benedict would participate in the canonization ceremony, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters it was possible, but given the retired pope's preference for staying out of the public eye, he could not say for sure.

## Pope, cardinal advisers looking at major overhaul of Roman Curia

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis and his international Council of Cardinals are laying out plans to completely overhaul the Roman Curia, underlining its role of "service to the universal church and the local churches," the Vatican spokesman said. As the pope and the eight cardinals he named to advise him were about to begin the final session of their Oct. 1-3 meeting, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman, said the role and responsibilities of the Vatican secretary of state, the revamping of the world Synod of Bishops, and the Vatican's attention to the role and responsibility of laity also were major themes of discussion. Father Lombardi said the group's agenda was partially dictated by the pope's own timetable. Pope Francis has named Archbishop Pietro Parolin to be his secretary of state and has given him an Oct. 15 start date, so it made sense to discuss how the pope and cardinals see his role in a renewed curia. Under the terms of Blessed John Paul II's constitution "Pastor Bonus," a 1988 reform of the curia, the Secretariat of State includes two sections: One section deals with foreign relations and the other deals with internal church matters. "Pastor Bonus" said the secretariat was to "foster relations" with other Curia offices and "coordinate their work."

# Being pro-life 'requires us to be heroes,' Cardinal Timothy Dolan tells group

By Angelo Stagnaro  
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) - New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan told a group gathered recently for the Human Life Foundation's annual awards dinner that "being pro-life requires us to be heroes."

"Everyone here this evening supporting life is a hero!" he said at the event held at the Union League Club in midtown Manhattan.

The foundation presented its 2013 Great Defenders of Life Award to a married couple, Eric and Susanne Metaxas, for their outstanding service to the pro-life movement.

Eric Metaxas is the author of the best-selling books "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy" and "Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery."

He also is the founder and host of Socrates in the City, an ecumenical discussion forum that encourages busy professionals in New York

City to think about "life, God and other small topics" and the creator of "Veggie Tales," a children's television series that relates biblical stories and moral lessons through the use of animated vegetable characters.

Susanne Metaxas is the president and CEO of the Midtown Pregnancy Support Center, offering unwed and impoverished mothers support so they can keep their babies. The center has received a number of Human Life Foundation "baby-saving" grants throughout the years.

Under Susanne's guidance, the center has seen an increasing number of clients seeking its support, said Maria Maffucci, foundation director and the daughter of its founder, Jim McFadden.

"Eric and Susanne represent both arms of our foundation -- the educational advocacy for life through words and reasoned arguments, and charitable, practical help offered to mothers and babies," said Colleen Barry, a foundation volun-

teer.

Eric Metaxas, tongue-in-cheek, took official "objection" to the fact that he had to share his award with his wife, claiming it was a sign of creeping political correctness to honor both of them simultaneously.

After the laughter died down, he praised his wife's work with young mothers at the Midtown Pregnancy Support Center and the Human Life Foundation's commitment to safeguarding the lives of children, the elderly and the disabled in the U.S. and around the world.

The foundation supports pregnancy centers throughout the world

The foundation publishes Human Life Review, a quarterly academic journal devoted to life issues.

Abortion is its primary focus, but it also includes articles on infanticide, genetic engineering, contraceptives, cloning, in vitro fertilization and fetal-tissue experimentation, as well as end-of-life issues, such as euthanasia and assisted suicide.

# Have the courage to marry, start family, pope tells youths

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In societies that trumpet individual rights, see everything as fleeting and see no value in sticking to something that's difficult, deciding to get married today takes courage, Pope Francis told young people in Assisi.

"Don't be afraid of taking definitive steps, like that of marriage," the pope told thousands of young adults and teenagers who flocked to see him Oct. 4 in the square outside Assisi's Basilica of St.

Mary of the Angels.

As the pope's meeting-filled day in Assisi turned to evening, he arrived at the basilica and went straight to a group of people with disabilities, taking his time to bless them, kiss them and be kissed by them.

He also entered the basilica to visit the "Porziuncola," the tiny church first entrusted to St. Francis in the early 1200s; when St. Francis heard God tell him to rebuild the church, he first thought he

meant the little chapel.

When the pope went back outside to begin his meeting with the youths, some of them asked questions about marriage, about discerning a vocation, about evangelization and about making the world more just.

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Am I really grateful for God's constant love?

Despite the fact that God had chosen the Jewish people as his very own, He was disappointed at their lack of faith and trust in Him, and their lack of gratitude for His favors.

There are two great stories this Sunday in which God clearly points out that "outsiders" were more trusting in God's healing power and more grateful for His favors than were His chosen people.

The two healing stories today highlight Jesus' intention of bringing salvation to Jews and gentiles alike.

The first reading is really a shortened version of the very exciting story of God's healing an "outsider" named Naaman, a Syrian military

commander who has contracted leprosy. His wife's

Jewish slave had suggested that he seek help from the prophet Elisha. He goes to the King of Israel loaded with gifts and letters of introduction from his won king.

Fearful of a plot, the King sends him to the prophet Elisha who tells him to wash seven times in the Jordan. At first he storms away in anger.

"Aren't our rivers better than yours?", he complains. But on the advice of his own servants, he swallows his pride and obeys the prophet.

As soon as he enters the waters of the Jordan, his leprosy is cured! Immensely grateful, he is converted, and worships the

God of Israel.

In the story, this Syrian has more faith in God's power than the Jews have!

A similar theme is found in today's famous Gospel about the ten lepers. Because their disease, incurable at the time, was contagious, lepers were shunned by all, and looked down upon as great sinners.

The disciples must have been appalled when Jesus shows these outcasts such compassion. When He sends them to the priests for official reinstatement into society, He also heals them during their journey.

One of them, a Samaritan, returns immediately, and falls down in thankful adoration at Jesus' feet.

Luke emphasizes how disappointed the Master is that only one of them comes back. "Where are the other nine? Has none but this for-



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eigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Both of today's readings deal with God's disappointment with His special children, the ones to whom He calls His chosen people.

As disciples of Jesus, we have ample proof that we are His special ones, His chosen ones. Yet, over and over again we have been disobedient complainers.

Often we have even turned to false gods of money or possessions, and neglected to love Him and to serve Him. God must be

so disappointed when we don't show our gratitude for His favors. In the contrary, we are often resentful that God hasn't done more for us. Like spoiled children, we just take God for granted!

This ingratitude in the face of His gifts and our indifference in response to His love is what hurts God the most.

We need to ask ourselves today, "Am I really grateful for God's constant love and for his forgiveness? Or do I just take Him for granted?"

We pass by the confessional in our churches countless times. Instead of going in from time to time to ask God's forgiveness, we just take it for granted. "Oh, sure I believe that God is forgiving. He forgives me all the time!" And God says, "Not so fast! Show me you mean it."

## PAPAL AUDIENCE

## Church welcomes sinners, shows path to holiness

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - If the church excluded sinners, it would pretty much be empty, Pope Francis told thousands of people gathered for his weekly general audience.

In the history of the church, "some have been tempted to say that the church is the church only of the pure" and that others should be shunned, he said Oct. 2. "This isn't true. This is a heresy."

With close to 50,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis used his audience talk to explain what Christians mean when they profess in the creed that the church is holy.

The church is holy because it belongs to God, has been

saved by the blood of Christ and is guided by the Holy Spirit, he said.

Anyone who knows Christian history knows there were times when the church's members sinned seriously, he said, and Christians aren't pretending that isn't true when they recite the creed. Rather, he said, the creed affirms that "the church is not holy because of our merits, but because God makes it holy."

"You can tell me, 'but the church is formed of sinners; we see it every day,' and this is true," Pope Francis said. The church is made up of "sinful men and women, sinful priests, sinful nuns, sinful bishops, sinful cardinals, a sinful pope -- all of us are like this."

However, he said, "we sinners are called to let our-

selves be transformed, renewed and sanctified by God."

"The church, which is holy, does not reject sinners, it does not reject all of us," the pope said. "It calls everyone to let themselves be embraced by the mercy, tenderness and forgiveness of the father, who offers everyone the opportunity to encounter him and walk the path toward holiness."

Those who think they are so sinful that they doubt they have any chance of being part of the church have the attitude God wants everyone to have, he said. "The Lord wants you to say, 'Lord, here I am with my sins.'"

"The Lord wants to hear us say, 'forgive me, help me walk, transform my heart,'" Pope Francis said.

## OUR READERS WRITE

## Clarifying pope's response

Congratulations on another keep-sake edition of the *North Country Catholic*. My husband and I enjoyed thoroughly the stories, history and archival photos that celebrated the twenty five years of the priesthood of Bishop La Valley, a native son of the North Country.

In the jubilant celebration of this occasion, however, some the *NCC* readers might have been confused by the words of Pope Francis in your article "A frank conversation with Pope Francis."

Francis X. Rocca of the Catholic News Service quotes Francis as saying, "I am wary of a solution that can be reduced to a kind of 'female machismo'."

This statement could be open to misinterpretation. According to Phyllis Zagano, author of *Women and Catholicism and Women in Ministry*, in an article that appeared in the online edition of the *National Catholic Reporter*, two lines of the original Italian edition were dropped.

To quote from her article: "The Italian editor wrote about Francis: 'In an interview he had affirmed that the

feminine presence in the Church has not fully emerged, because the temptation of machismo has not left space to make visible the role women are entitled to within the community.'" The response of Francis regarding machismo in the church was: "It is necessary to widen the space for more incisive feminine presence in the church."

Fr. Matt Malone, editor of *America* magazine, has since amended their translation of the interview to include the pope's omitted line, but has not yet included Fr. Spadaro's whose framing of the question to Francis clarifies the pope's deep appreciation of the feminine within the church. Surely the people of God would want to know the direction in which Pope Francis wants to lead his flock in this matter.

Thanks again to the many dedicated, informed and hardworking people who report on the faith filled people of the diocese of Ogdensburg in the *North Country Catholic*.

SINCERELY,  
DEANNA HAGAN  
HUNTERSVILLE, NC



## AT THE MOVIES

# BAGGAGE CLAIM

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

A good man is hard to find, especially at 30,000 feet.

So a determined flight attendant searching for a soul mate among her passengers discovers in the romantic comedy "Baggage Claim" (Fox Searchlight).

Director David E. Talbert ("First Sunday"), who also adapted the screenplay from his 2005 novel, charts an old-fashioned, predictable course with some thematic turbulence along the way.

Though riddled with cliches and overly sentimental, "Baggage Claim" is ultimately a trip worth taking.

It's that Hollywood rarity, a film that upholds and promotes the institution of marriage.

Montana Moore (Paula Patton) thinks she's finally found Mr. Right in wealthy businessman Graham (Boris Kodjoe). Unfortunately, on the eve of their "engage-

ment," he turns out to be married.

"My relationships have never been cleared for take-off," Montana laments to William (Derek Luke), her neighbor and friend since childhood. "I don't want to end up alone in a house full of cats."

Her mother, Catherine (Jenifer Lewis), has the opposite problem, having been married five times.

When Montana's younger sister, Sheree, (Lauren London), announces her engagement, Montana is determined to make it to the altar at last (and shed her relationship "baggage").

With the help of colleagues Gail (Jill Scott) and Sam (Adam Brody), Montana arranges in-flight rendezvous' with a series of ex-boyfriends, hoping to rekindle a past romance.

We follow Montana's slapstick adventures in the air and on the ground as she reunites with, among others, record producer Damon (Tremaine "Trey Songz" Neverson), rising politician Langston (Taye Diggs), and

millionaire Quinton (Djimon Hounsou).

To her credit, Montana resists the temptation to settle for second-best and a life of submission and exploitation.

She's looking for true love, a lifelong commitment, and mutual respect, and is willing to wait. Unfortunately, she's not always so patient where sex is concerned.

In the end, Montana realizes that staying married is a bigger challenge than just getting hitched. For that reason alone, "Baggage Claim" deserves a test flight.

The film contains implied nonmarital sex, mature references, including to homosexuality and contraception, a same-sex kiss, innuendo and some crude language.

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



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Jill Scott, Adam Brody, and Paula Patton star in a scene from the movie "Baggage Claim."

ing is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.

Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.





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## ADIRONDACK

## PARISH NURSING COURSE

**Lake Placid** — Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, a mission sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, will offer the International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC) Basic Preparation Course for Parish Nursing.

**Dates:** Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 16 and 23.

**Features:** The course is offered to registered nurses of all faiths. Mercy Care provides the training at no cost to participants but pre-registration is required. The parish nurse offers assistance in obtaining community services, helps with understanding diagnoses, medications and diagnostic tests, provides blood pressure screening, health education programs and much more. The parish nurse does not do hands-on nursing or duplicate what is available through the public health nurse, but does bring her nursing experience and her faith to the service of others.

**Speaker:** Mercy Sister Catherine Cummings, RSM, Ed.D., R.N. is qualified as a Parish Nurse Educator and will lead the training course. The Basic Preparation Course for Parish Nurses requires 34 contact hours of training.

**Contact:** Sister Catherine Cummings at 523-5582 or ccummings@adkmercy.org.

## ROSARY RALLY

**Bloomington** — 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:** Viv at 891-2286, Sister Carol 891-2286 or Mary Lou 891-1308.

## HALLOWEEN HARVEST DINNER

**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.

**Date:** Oct. 27

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Bernard's School cafeteria

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; children 8 and under, free

## CLINTON

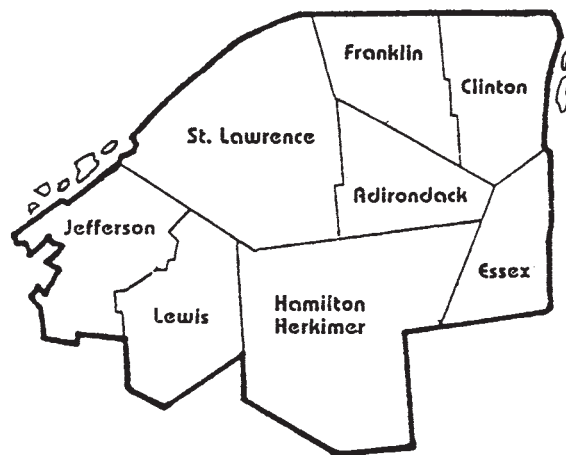
## HEALING RETREAT

**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



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

retreat will help you.

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

## 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:** Share coffee and donuts after the 8 a.m. Mass at OLV and then attend the monthly meeting of the Champlain Valley Right to Life. Prayer in front of Planned Parenthood follows 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.

## CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

**Moers** — 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:** Healing Mass, 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

## IGNATIUS 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.

## 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

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## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email

Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

## FRANKLIN

## HARVEST DINNER

**North Bangor** — The CC 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 12 and under, \$5; under 5, free

**Features:** A home-cooked Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Take outs will be available.

## ROSARY CRUSADE

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

**Date:** Oct. 12

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

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

## 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@twcnr.com

## JEFFERSON

## 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:** Dinner will be served family style with homemade desserts. Take-outs available.

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

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# World Mission Sunday 2013

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

This year's theme "Do Good on Earth" highlights that outreach as it's carried out by dedicated missionaries among the poor and marginalized half a world away.

## Do Good on Earth

Every day they live out these words as they reach out to those most vulnerable in our society, sharing His love by offering practical, emotional and spiritual care. They specific example we have chosen, of Sister Clara and her fellow Salesian Sisters, is just one of so many that reflect the call on our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to "give voice to those not able to make their cries of pain and oppression heard."

In India, child trafficking and child labor are the reality for 12 million children. Every day, countless young children are stolen from or sold by their families into domestic work and prostitution against their will. Many are forced to become street beggars just to survive. This is a terrible crime before God as it violates the inherent life and dignity of God's "little ones." As Pope Francis said this past May, human trafficking is a "despicable activity, a disgrace for our societies, which describe themselves as civilized."

With the support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Sister Clara and the Sisters in her religious community work tirelessly throughout Chennai, India, to rescue young girls from this tragic reality and to provide them with safe haven at their Marialaya Children's Home. The Sisters also offer counseling, medical care, education and spiritual formation to the girls, helping them see their worth as beloved children of God.

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery, widespread throughout Africa, Asia, India, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Russia, Canada and every state in the United States in New York State, to include the North Country. "Human trafficking is the 21st Century's most extensive form of slavery." ..... Pope Francis, April 1, 2013

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## OBITUARIES

**Adams** – Michael James Laisdell, 31; Memorial Services Oct. 4, 2013 at the Paddock Funeral Home; burial in Ellisburg Cemetery.

**AuSable Forks** – Dorothy Elizabeth (Andrews) Madden, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2013 at Holy Name Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery, Lake Placid

**Burke** – Betty J. Bushey, 76; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2013 at St. George's Church; burial in North Burke Cemetery.

**Cadyville** – Rodney L. LaVarnway Sr., 54; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery

**Canton** – Mark A. Lee, 52; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

**Canton** – Katherine Barbara (Bedoe) Reasoner, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Champlain** – Alfred R. "Melody Al" Willette, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Bernard Ashline, 73; Funeral Oct. 2, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Edwards** – Patricia M. (Jockimo) Wayering, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in South Edwards Cemetery.

**Ft. Covington** – Marianna A. (Szwedowski) Banaszkiwicz, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

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**Gouverneur** – Isabelle M. (Howard) Hance, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2013 at French Funeral Home; burial in New St. James Cemetery.

**Keeseville** – Merilda E. (Champagne) Gumlaw, 96; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Lake Placid** – Elizabeth V. "Bess" (Collins) Nugent, 100; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2013 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Massena** – Jacqueline A. (Prevost) Horan, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Morristown** – Stephen Anthony Spilman, 64; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2013 at St. John the Evangelist Church; burial in Sunnyside Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Nancy (Brien) Ross, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Patrick F. Akey, 56; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2013 at St. Peter's Church.

**Port Leyden** – Elaine J. (Carpenter) Dexter, 67; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2013 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Potsdam** – Ronald R. DeGouff, 66; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2013 at the Garner Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Canton.

**Potsdam** – Eleanor Margaret (Phillips) Farnsworth, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

**Potsdam** – Ann K. (Murray) Scott, 105; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Rosiere** – Angela L. (Pilon) Burns, 66; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2013 at St. Vincent De Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent De Paul Cemetery.

**Star Lake** – Ann Rose Kerr, 78; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2013 at St. Hubert's Church.

**Star Lake** – Lucas P. McCormick, 28; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2013 at French Family Funeral Home.

**Watertown** – Francesco S. "Frank" Roselli, 89; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.



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### 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, Meatballs, Salad and Dessert. Take outs begin at 4:30 p.m.

### 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

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### "MARY AND FAITH"

**Lisbon** - Ss. Philip & James will have a Presentation and Prayer: "Mary and Faith"

**Date:** Oct. 10

**Time:** 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY ROGER MICHAEL

Catholic Daughters of America from around the diocese were among the many groups taking part in the opening procession of the Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith.

## ST. LAWRENCE

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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:** 11:30 a.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