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What being Christian means

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - A Christian isn't a person who simply follows some commandments, but is a person who tries to think like Christ, "act like him, love like him," Pope Francis said at his weekly general audience.

More than 30,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the audience April 10.

The crowd included a group whose presence Pope Francis described -- with a smile -- as "very important": directors of Argentina's San

Lorenzo de Almagro soccer team, which has been his favorite team since he was a child.

In his main audience talk, the pope continued a series of audience talks that Pope Benedict XVI had begun for

the Year of Faith, reflecting on basic Christian beliefs. Being a Christian, he said, means allowing Jesus "to take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free us from the darkness of evil and sin."

COMING SOON!

Youth Rally to feature Chris Stefanick



In anticipation of the upcoming Diocesan Youth Rally - to be held April 27 at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh - NCC writer Suzanne Pietropaoli reviews a book written by Chris Stefanick who will be the keynote speaker at the rally. Stefanick's "small but remarkable" book is called *Absolute Relativism: The New Dictatorship and What to Do About It*. Stefanick confronts the issues that confront young people with clarity, imagination and energy.

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Parish life in the Year of Faith

As the Year of Faith continues, parishes across the Diocese of Ogdensburg have planned special events to promote the growth of faith among Catholics in the North Country.

St. Peter's in Lowville was one of numerous parishes to sponsor a Lenten mission.

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's in Massena held a special fundraiser to support Trinity School.

And, the unique history of St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg was recognized during a day of history and prayer on St. Patrick's Day.

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Second annual celebration of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Immaculate Heart

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'I BAPTIZE YOU'



PHOTO BY ANN CHARLEBOIS

During the Easter Vigil at Holy Family Church in Watertown, Father Steven Murray baptized Fort Drum soldier Tyler Harris. Altar Server, Brandon Brusco, and Deacon Michael Allan are shown as they witness the sacrament.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Believing in the beauty of faith

As a member of the diocesan Year of Faith committee, I have the advantage of being among the first to know what's going to be happening throughout the rest of our special year.

In the coming weeks, we'll all be hearing much more about the celebration of Corpus Christi in Ogdensburg in June with its Eucharistic procession from Notre Dame Church to St. Mary's Cathedral.

And preparations are already

underway for the diocesan Mass in September in Lake Placid. There are committee members in charge of everything from security to music to snacks.

But, for those of us interested in artistic expressions of faith - and who isn't - there's another event that's definitely worth a trip to Potsdam in August.

As a member of the sub-committee planning The Beauty of Be-

lief for Aug. 18, my personal

hope is that we will be overwhelmed with musicians and artists who are willing to share their talents with the rest of us.

Father Bryan Stitt, Andrew Lauria and I (on the music side) and Donna Smith and Carol Gonthier (our artistic committee members) are approaching this event with a leap of faith of our own since we can't pull this off without a lot of support. We need talented, committed people to step up with paint brushes, pottery wheels, pianos and practices!

To make sure that people from all parts of the diocese

have the opportunity to "audition" for the event, we've set up a special email account - beautyofbelief@rcdony.org - through which the organizers can accept music demos and pictures of visual artwork.

It's also the place to ask for further information about the program.

If you have talent - or know someone who is - please join the show or give some encouragement. We want to make sure that this "celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith" is as spectacular as we know it can be!

Mary Lou
Kilian

An unexpected evening of enrichment

Jesuit Father John O'Malley is a historian who has written extensively on the history of the Catholic Church. I have quoted him often in this column, especially concerning the Second Vatican Council.

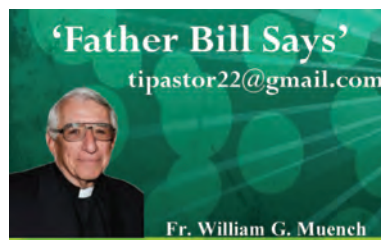
One of his recent books is about the Council - this is entitled, "What happened at Vatican II." The book is a wonderful, factual account of the Council.

A few weeks ago, just after Easter, I traveled to Syracuse to visit. My brother, Tom, who is in the Admissions Department at LeMoyne College, invited me and our cousin, Father Tom McGrath, a priest of the Syracuse Diocese, to lunch at the college. Father Bill Dolan, a Jesuit at LeMoyne, made certain we would visit the priests at the Jesuit Residence on the campus. I did renew my acquaintance with some of my Jesuit friends there.

I also met Father O'Malley, who was visiting the campus. I then learned that he was to give a lecture on the Vatican Council that very evening so I decided to stay over one more day and attend the lecture.

His presentation was sort of an overview of the Second Vatican Council. I was interested to see what he would consider the more important results of the Council.

He began with Pope John XXIII - and the surprise of his



calling of the Council. He did emphasize that Pope John was a good, even brilliant theologian. The calling of a Council was very important to him.

Father O'Malley stressed the Council's theme of the Call to Universal Holiness.

The Fifth Chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) is entitled and concerned with The Call to Holiness. Holiness, the Council says, is what the Church is all about.

This then set an agenda for the entire Council - the call to holiness became a theme that runs throughout the council - it comes up in several of the other documents - the call for holiness for Bishops, for priests, for seminarians - and in a rather unique way for the laity.

No previous council had ever explicitly asserted this idea.

Father O'Malley mentioned the importance of the document on the Sacred Liturgy and the changes that resulted from the Councils discussions. This document urged the full and active participation of all the

people in the Church's liturgy - clergy and laity.

Father O'Malley gave great importance to the Council's emphasis on Ecumenism.

The Council urged the Church to establish new and better relationships with the other Christian Churches.

Personally, I remember how this influenced my own ministry after the Council. To this day, I have enjoyed good relations with ministers and people of other Churches. Often, as I was assigned to a new parish - the first to welcome me to the parish were pastors of the neighboring Protestant parishes. Father O'Malley also reminded us of the Council's concern for reaching out to those who have no religion or no beliefs.

Finally, Father O'Malley chose to recall the Council's Statement on Religious Liberty - a

subject that was discussed long and hard at the Council.

Religious Liberty the Council emphasized as the right of a human person to the free exercise of their religion according to the dictates of their conscience.

The Council stated that religious liberty is a part of the Catholic tradition. The fundamental point was that human beings, created in the image and likeness of God are called by that very fact to seek and follow the will of God in their lives as that is made manifest to them through their conscience.

So - meeting Father O'Malley stirred up my interest to again dig into more reading on the Second Vatican Council, especially since I was recently given the *Journal of the Council* by the great theologian, Father Yves Congar.

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BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

Youth rally keynoter: author of remarkable book

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

Okay, I admit it: I am completely sold on Chris Stefanick, the author/speaker/songwriter/musician who will keynote the Diocesan Youth Rally on April 27th.

Chris Stefanick is coming to Plattsburgh April 27

I also admit that until last month his name meant very little to me. That changed—fast!—when Deacon Brian Dwyer, the Diocesan Youth Director, handed me Stefanick's small but remarkable book, *Absolute Relativism: The New Dictatorship and What to Do About It*.

Relativism is not new: remember how Pilate, face to face with Jesus who had been brought to him for trial, asked "What is truth?" Today the words are different, but the intent is the same: "If it feels good, do it." "That's your opinion and this is mine." "I would never want to impose my beliefs on anyone else." These slogans that masquerade as

moral reasoning in our culture are expressions of relativism, a mindset that rejects objective truth and, as Benedict XVI wrote, "... leaves as the ultimate criterion only the self with its desires." The result is a moral chaos that is ripping apart the fabric of society.

In his endorsement of Chris Stefanick's book, Archbishop Chaput reminds the reader that this is not merely a war of words: "... Benedict XIV stresses that 'in the name of tolerance, tolerance is being abolished; this is the real threat we face'." Furthermore, Archbishop Chaput explains, "That threat to human dignity has a name—relativism—and Chris Stefanick explains and refutes it with energy, imagination, clarity and force. Stefanick is one of the most engaging young defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today, and his booklet *Absolute Relativism* is an excellent resource for anyone seeking to understand the spirit of our times and the challenges we face in a world increasingly without a moral compass."

It would be hard to im-



prove upon this endorsement. It would also be hard to imagine a better way to spend the hour or two that it takes to read the 59 powerful pages of Stefanick's book. The clarity and vision of this work are sorely needed, and among those who have taken notice of its importance are Diocesan Family Life Directors, Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank. In their work with families, the couple is constantly reminded of how hungry people are to know the truth—and of how much

couples and families benefit from living as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. But the Franks also appreciate the challenges families face, especially in their efforts to raise their children in the faith amid a tsunami of relativism. So when Deacon Gary and Gayle read *Absolute Relativism*, they knew it was too good to keep to themselves.

They immediately ordered 50 copies (see www.catholic.com) and proceeded to give them away; quite a number were even tucked into Easter baskets! But the reason behind the gift is serious indeed. "Every day the news grows worse," Mrs. Frank points out. "When 10 year-olds sexually abuse their peers, it is past time to ask what we are doing wrong. We need to help one another survive in this culture, and Chris Stefanick is a great resource for that; we even gave away some of his books recently at a Virtus training. I may not have the right words, but Chris Stefanick does. Every parent should read this book! And as parents, you should attend this year's Youth Rally;

in fact, Deacon Dwyer is reminding folks that adults are most welcome to come and learn. If you wonder what your children are thinking or talking or texting about, don't miss this day. We see this as a special opportunity for our young people, but also as a tool for helping to build strong Catholic families," Mrs. Frank concludes.

Whether or not you are able to attend the Youth Rally (April 27 at Seton Central in Plattsburgh), do yourself a favor and check out Chris Stefanick's work. From Facebook to Twitter, from the Denver Catholic Register to Amazon.com, from Lighthouse Media to YouTube, he is not hard to find. In print and audio, Stefanick confronts the issues that confront young people. Of particular interest to parents: "The New Sexual Revolution" CD from Lighthouse Media; "Raising Pure Teens," co-authored with Jason Evert; and "Do I Have To Go?" co-authored with Matthew Pinto, which presents "the meaning and mystery of the Mass in a way that teens will be asking, 'Why wouldn't I go?'"

IHC announces Founders Day

WATERTOWN - Founders' Days 2013 - A celebration of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Immaculate Heart Academy, and Immaculate Heart Central Schools will be held April 27 at the Best Western/Carrage House Inn.

The second annual Founders Day has been planned in celebration of 132 years of service by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Catholic education in the North Country.

Three special awards will be presented during the program:

"The Foundation for Life"

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The "Friend of IHC" Award - Mr. and Mrs. James Coughlin, IHA '49

The IHC Community Service Award - Mr. Mel Busler, IHC '77

The evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7, followed by music and awards

Ticket prices are \$50; proceeds benefit The Immaculate Heart Scholarship Fund.

(*See coupon on page 5 to make reservations.)

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A celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith

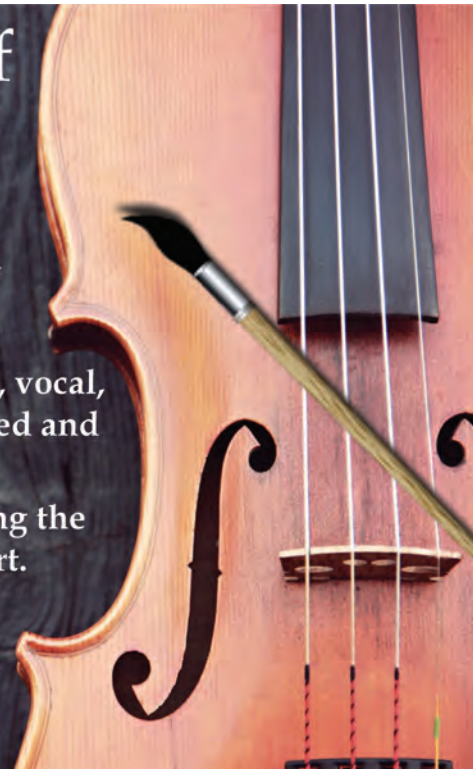
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PARISH LIFE IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick's Parish

By Father Martin Cline

Pastor, Hogansburg, Fort Covington, Bombay

This past St. Patrick's Day, the people of St. Patrick's Parish in Hogansburg opened the doors of their church to parishioners from Brasher Falls, Massena, Malone, and surrounding areas, for a history lesson, time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and veneration of the parish's relic of St. Patrick.

A day of history and prayer

Father Joseph Giroux, pastor of the Malone Catholic Parishes, thought it would be a good idea for his parishioners to see where they had come from...and the idea sprang right up from there.

St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg was the "mother church" for many communities: Massena, Brasher Falls, Malone, and as far out as Chateaugay.

The resident priest stayed in Hogansburg and traveled to these areas. On holy days such as Christmas and Easter, the people would walk to Hogansburg for Mass. (I guess they call those the good old days!)

Due to decreases in the number of active Catholics, an increase in costs, and the need for greater prayer and encouragement of vocations to the priesthood, St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg will be closing in July 2013.

This day of prayer and history was a chance for the people of the surrounding areas to come together to learn where they had come from - to know their roots.

Father Giroux put together a rich history lesson, drawing from St. Joseph Sister Mary Christian Taylor's History of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

As early as 1775, twenty-five Catholic Mohawk families settled at nearby St. Regis. Parish records there



St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg was the "mother church" of many local parishes, from Massena all the way to Chateaugay; today each of these communities has its own pastor. Pictured are the priests currently serving in these parishes: Father John Looby of Chateaugay/Burke, Father Martin Cline of the "mother church" in Hogansburg, Father Joseph Giroux and Father Tom Higman of Malone/Chasm Falls, Father Howard Venette of Constable/Westville, and Father Garry Giroux of Brasher Falls/North Lawrence. Present on St. Patrick's Day but missing from the photo are the priests of Massena, Father Donald Manfred and Father Scott Fobare.

go back to 1762, and these first settlers were served by Jesuits out of French Canada.

In 1827, Bishop Dubois of New York visited Hogansburg (traveling there by dogsled) and found more Catholics than expected he had expected (about 600). He began making arrangements to purchase property on which to build a church, with priests from St. Regis temporarily taking care of the congregation. Construction began on a stone church (60 x 40 feet) in 1834, on what is now the rectory lawn. The parish was incorporated on November 7.

The next year, 1835, the church property was deeded to the parish on St. Patrick's Day. After the first Mass was offered in the church, Bishop Dubois visited again and the first pastor was appointed: Fr. John McNulty.

Father McNulty's list of accomplishments included building churches in Malone (1836), Fort Covington (1837) and Massena (St. Peter's, 1838).

In 1843 Father James Keveny was named pastor. This was his first assign-

ment! He built the first rectory, the church in Chateaugay (1844) and the church in Brasher Falls (1851).

The year 1853 saw Malone made into a separate parish, lessening some of the work of the pastor. Father Bernard McCabe (who had been assistant in Hogansburg) was named the first pastor in Malone and later also took over responsibility for Chateaugay in 1865.

Father Thomas Keveny was named pastor in 1851, and he was pastor when in 1852 Massena was cut off (going to Waddington, and then made a separate parish in 1878). The year 1855 saw a new pastor in Father Francis McGinn; it was during his time that Brasher Falls was cut off (going to Potsdam, and then made a parish in 1864).

In 1859 Father Thomas DeLuca was named pastor, and in 1869, Father Thomas Walsh. During their tenures, Trout River/Constable was given to Malone (1867) and Fort Covington was made a separate parish (1873).

Then in the great year of 1872, the Diocese of Ogdens-

burg was established. In 1876, a new brick church in Hogansburg was dedicated by Bishop Wadhams. The new pastor in 1878 was Father Michael Brown. (I should add this was 100 years before the current pastor was born!) He was a Malone native (many of his predecessors were from Ireland) and he was the pastor for 39 years (the longest to serve), dying in office in 1917.

Father Brown was the pastor who welcomed the Sisters of Mercy to Hogansburg. There were only seven sisters at the start. They built a boarding school which in 1881 had 140 students. By 1895 it had jumped to 250 students, by 1899 there were 101 sisters in the community!

This community was visited by Miss Katharine Drexel, a wealthy heiress from Philadelphia who was interested in supporting education for Indians. She sent money for almost 30 years so that the school could become the Indian Girls Industrial School. Drexel then founded her own order...and wouldn't you know, was can-

onized in 2000.

1905 saw a great fire which destroyed everything but the exterior walls of the 1876 brick church. By 1906 the "new" church was completed within the "old" walls. The legend goes that the three beautiful marble altars, ordered by a church in New York City, were mistakenly sent to Hogansburg...but the community willingly paid extra to keep them!

In 1917 Father Hugh O'Reilly named pastor. In 1935 Fr. Leon Laporte was named pastor, and he organized the Altar-Rosary and Holy Name Societies.

In 1940 the tenth pastor was named, Msgr. Walter Funke. He was pastor for 18 years, and died en route to his next assignment. He extensively renovated the church and rectory. In 1941, Msgr. Funke welcomed the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement and the sisters stayed until 1984.

The eleventh pastor came in 1958, Fr. Joseph Stickelmyer, and number twelve in 1968: Fr. John McNamara. 1971 saw Fr. Joseph Stickelmyer named pastor...again! In 1984 Msgr. Clarence Devan was named pastor along with his duties at Bombay (where he had been pastor since 1976). St. Patrick's would be linked with another St. Patrick's, that of Brasher Falls, with Fr. Clark White as Pastor. After this time the Hogansburg church would again share a pastor with Bombay and Ft. Covington... as it does to this day, under successive pastors Fr. Kris Lauzon, Fr. Steve Rocker, Fr. Jerry Bleaux, and Fr. Martin Cline.

What a rich history: the fruit of the labor of fine men and women, priests and sisters, who sacrificed so much to assure that the faith would always continue! And even to this day, that is the goal of all the women and men who make up all the parishes that started in humble Hogansburg.

PARISH LIFE IN THE YEAR OF FAITH



BECKSTEAD PHOTO

Five employees at Whalen, Davey & Looney, CPA LLP are the winners of a \$10,000 raffle sponsored by Trinity Catholic School and the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parish. Pictured are the Father Scott Fobare, pastor at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's, Jennifer Bressard, Trinity Catholic School Principal Kathy Behrens, Carolyn Grigg, Tara Dickinson, Tiffany Boulais and Patrick Dowdle.

Winners galore at Trinity

By Bob Beckstead
Contributing Writer

MASSENA - A \$20 investment turned into a \$10,000 return for five employees at Whalen, Davey & Looney, CPA LLP in Massena.

Jennifer Bressard, Carolyn Grigg, Tara Dickinson, Tiffany Boulais and Patrick Dowdle each put in \$20 to purchase a \$100 ticket in a recent raffle to benefit Trinity Catholic School and the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parish. Of the 300 tickets that were printed and sold, their ticket number came up when the drawing was held following Easter Sunday Mass at St. Mary's.

"Tiffany sold two tickets. Everybody put in \$20," Mr. Dowdle said.

Unfortunately, only one group could be a winner, and that meant the other ticket sold at Whalen, Davey & Looney helped the cause, but didn't bring in the financial benefit.

The winners received \$10,000 to split among the five individuals, and two of them are donating a portion of their money back to the

school. Trinity and St. Mary's also received \$10,000 each.

Trinity Catholic School Principal Kathy Behrens and Father Scott Fobare, pastor at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's, said they had done separate \$10,000 cash raffles in past years before deciding to pool their resources this year.

"We've done it for several years," Father Fobare said.

Trinity families were asked to sell one ticket each, and other tickets were also available following Masses in the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parish, as well as the Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence parish.

By the time the fundraiser was over, all 300 tickets had been sold, benefiting not only the holders of the win-

ning ticket, but also the school and church.

"It's part of our fundraising," Ms. Behrens said, noting the money they raised will be put toward the school's budget.

As this fundraiser wraps up, she said they already have another planned for June 5, a day when they'll have their annual bike rally on the streets around Trinity and picnic at the school.

Ms. Behrens said they'll have a Chrysler-Dodge test drive that day for anyone 21 and older, and the school will receive \$10 for each person who test drives the vehicle. That fundraiser is sponsored by Chrysler and is being coordinated locally with Blevins Seaway Motors.


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Letter of thanks from pastor of Newtown, Ct.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

On behalf of our community and parish, we extend our gratitude to each of you who remembered us in prayer following the events of December 14, 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

We quickly realized the universality of the Church by the outpouring of support and concern that was shown to us by so many in our faith communities. The cards and letters from staff and students in Catholic elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities reminded us of the faith to which we are called to witness through the tradition of Catholic education.

No less important were the number of cards from parish religious education programs, especially the sacramental programs. We were also contacted by many Catholic organizations and groups on both the local and national levels.

The list of parishes, Catholic based groups and dioceses who contacted us is an overwhelming one.

We are also very appreciative of the number of donations sent to us to assist our parish in our continuing ministry to the community, to help pay the expenses of the victims' funerals, to support counseling programs, to provide direct aid to the families and so on.

Your generosity reminded us that we are not alone during this very sad and challenging time. We also want to thank our brother priests, deacons and religious sisters and

brothers for their letters of support and encouragement. Spiritual bouquets, Mass cards, hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and remembrances by many prayer groups have lifted our spirits knowing that our intentions are ever before the Lord.

We also received a number of rosaries, prayer shawls, religious works of art, memorial vestments, reliquaries, books focusing on grief and healing, original and recorded religious CD's and a variety of poems, spiritual reflections and meditations to help guide us in providing comfort and support.

While we tried to acknowledge every letter and gift sent to us, it became an overwhelming task, so please accept this letter as a thank you to every person who remembered us in prayer during the days immediately following the tragedy to these days of recovery and healing.

We know that the road ahead of us will be a long one, but we are given great hope by the outpouring of generosity and love shown to us. We are truly blessed by your many acts of faith and kindness.

Please know that you continue to be in our prayers of gratitude for the goodness you have demonstrated to us in so many ways.

**God bless,
Monsignor Robert Weiss, Pastor
Saint Rose of Lima Parish
Newtown, Conn.**

Listening Sessions for *Mutually Shared Vision*

Catholics from across the diocese are encouraged to participate in one of these listening sessions as part of the diocesan envisioning process to discern priorities and goals for the Church in the North Country

DATE	LOCATION	AUDIENCE (DEANERY)
1 Tue, May 14, 2013	2 pm at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg	Chancery Staff
2 Tue, May 21, 2013	7 pm Presbyteral Assembly, Alexandria Bay	Presbyterate
3 Wed, May 29, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake	Permanent Deacons/ Deacon Candidates & Wives from Eastern side of the Diocese
4 Thu, May 30, 2013	6:30 pm, Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown	Jefferson
5 Mon, June 3, 2013	6:30 pm, Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg	Permanent Deacons/ Deacon Candidates & wives from Western side of Diocese
6 Wed, June 5, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville	Lewis
7 Thu, June 6, 2013	6:30 pm, Trinity Catholic School, Massena	St. Lawrence
8 Tue, June 18, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga	Essex & Hamilton/Herkimer
9 Wed, June 19, 2013	6:30 pm, Seton Academy (across street from St. Peter's Church), Plattsburgh	Clinton
10 Tue, June 25, 2013	6:30 pm, Holy Family School in Malone	Franklin & Adirondack

Bishop's Schedule

April 17 - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

April 18 - 7 p.m., Confirmation For the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Constable

April 19 - 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Augustine's Church in Peru

April 20 - 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora
4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy
6:30 p.m., Confirmation at St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg

April 21 - 10 am., Mass at the Deacon Retreat Weekend at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

April 22-24 - Pontifical College Josephinum Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio

Environmental Stewardship

Wednesday April 17th is the Canadian Feast Day of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, who died on that date just south of Montréal at the age of 24. She spent most of her life in the Mohawk Valley and lived in close association with the wilderness. She has been declared the Patroness of the environment and ecology. "Kateri was a child of nature. Her sainthood will raise the minds and hearts of those who love nature and work in ecology."

--Bishop Stanislaus Brzana

The Tips for living more lightly . . .

Easter Season is the time of new life, and sprouting plants exemplify new life.

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Rest in Peace

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

April 17 - Rev. Peter J. Devlin, 1915; Rev. Vernon L. Doe, 1975; Rev. C. Albert Richardson, 1988; Msgr. Joseph G. Bailey, 2000

April 19 - Rev. William S. Kelly, 1908; Rev. Edward C. Laramée, 1932; Rev. William P. Fraser, 1961

April 20 - Rev. James Igo, 2007

April 21 - Msgr. Michael E. Fogarty, 1936

April 22 - Rev. Daniel M. Sullivan, 1933

April 23 - Rev. L. Victor Petit, O.M.I., 1898; Most Rev. Henry Gabriels, 1921

Protecting God's Children

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

April 16 - 6 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, Peru

Aug. 29 - 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam

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PARISH LIFE IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

St. Peter's Lenten mission: renewing baptismal vows

By Michelle Beagle
Staff writer

LOWVILLE - Over the course of three evenings in March, parishioners of St. Peter's considered the question "where are you?"

At a Lenten mission led by Montfort Missionary Father Roy Tvrdik, the question would be explored, dissected and put back together.

Father Tvrdik, director of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville, N.Y., facilitated the three day parish mission, focusing on "Consecration to Jesus through Mary."

The theme was based on St. Louis de Montfort's writing, "The True Devotion to Mary." The saint (1673-1716) had a strong devotion to the mother of God even taking "Mary" as his confirmation name. Ordained in Paris in 1700, he spent 17 years of his priesthood preaching throughout France. He wrote hymns, founded two religious congregations and wrote many books including the "The True Devotion to Mary."

As the mission opened, participants were called to "pay attention" and not take faith for granted. All were encouraged to "shut off your auto pilot" and dig deep into scripture, looking between the lines and listening to what God is saying.

To the question 'where are you' the answer that would be developed is - *Totus Tuus* (I am all yours).

At the conclusion of the first evening, a unique blessing of the feet was provided by Father Tvrdik and Father Chris Carrara, pastor.

On one of Father Tvrdik's journeys he observed monks in Thailand offer a foot blessing; he now incorporates the ritual in his retreats.

At St. Peter's, two lines were formed and each participant had his or her feet



PHOTO BY MICHELLE BEAGLE
Montfort Missionary Father Roy Tvrdik prays over Daniel Hirschev during a Lenten retreat Father Tvrdik led at St. Peter's Parish in Lowville. Deacon Ron Pominville is shown at right.

blessed for the journey. The blessing was symbolic as people's feet can carry them down the wrong path or down the one that leads them closer to Jesus.

The Gospel of John 5 dealing with healing was also explored during the mission. The question posed was, "Do you want to be well?" The answer should be a resounding "yes," Father Tvrdik said and "then we should ask God, through Mary's intercession to assist, to assist."

The priest explained that "we must not be afraid to bring our junk (problems) to Jesus."

We must offer our brokenness along with what is right in our lives and turn it over to God letting Him fully enter our lives, he said. "The journey won't be easy but the rewards great."

The second night of the retreat focused on the Annunciation. The participants explored the "joy of answering God's call and Mary's unwavering response."

Once again, Father Tvrdik stressed the importance of digging deeper into the bible, pulling the words apart and looking for a clearer understanding.

At the conclusion of the second night the washing of hands took place. Two lines were formed and one person would place their hands in a bowl of water and the second would dry their hands symbolizing leaving and taking / giving and receiving.

Each participant was to think of a concern or problem they had and wash it clean and give to God.

Each night built on the previous night's message. The third night a reading from the Book of Sirach was discussed. In chapter 1:1-8 it mentions Lady Wisdom. In the Old Testament wisdom is Jesus.

Discussion on the two wisdoms - divine and human wisdom - ensued. Divine wisdom comes from God while human wisdom is secular and material based.

It was brought up that Catholics are born again, again and again. As a practicing Catholic a person is reborn with the sacraments; attending Mass, confession, receiving Holy Eucharist and praying.

A final blessing was provided as the participants were encouraged to bring to the altar their copy of "Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary" according to St. Louis De Montfort.

One of the parishioners, Beverly Hardie provided the following observation after attending all three nights; "To be a true follower of Jesus you must have a close relationship with Mary His mother."

About Fr. Tvrdik

By Michelle Beagle
Staff writer

Father Roy Tvrdik, the eldest of five children, was born in Staten Island in 1957, and raised in Port Jefferson, N.Y. After he made his First Communion his parents purchased a farm house in Constable and the family spent many weekends and summers at the farm house.

With the traveling back and forth, though, church was lost by the wayside.

When he was nine his favorite cousin, who was only 13, died. Roy started to ask the hard questions about life and death. He would ponder these for years.

He would observe others attending Mass and wonder why and how they believed. During high school he started attending Mass with his high school friends still looking for the answers. After Vatican II, he was disenchanted with the Church, but, for a time attended a church that provided a traditional Latin Mass.

One day, though, while at the beach Roy flipped his bible to 1 Corinthians and his eyes focused on The Paradox of the Cross. This led him to explore the possibility of the priesthood.

He entered Montfort Missionary seminary at age of 18 and graduated from St. John University. At age 23 he would depart once again in his searching journey.

During this hiatus Father Tvrdik worked at Children's Hospital in Washington, DC as a chaplain and also sold real estate. During his days as chaplain a lot of pruning took place as he worked with children with terminal illnesses. It brought back memories of his cousin and his soul would bleed and hurt, he said.

He would take a break from his chaplain experience two times. During one his breaks from chaplain duties he and his friends drove to Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

The next day was Ash Wednesday and on the drive back to DC Roy kept thinking "I should be at church."

Ironically when he returned back home he received a call from the sister in charge of chaplains at the hospital who asked him to come back.

"God does work in mysterious ways," Father Tvrdik said. "He will try to get our attention through many avenues."

Soon after that he would reenter the seminary formation at Catholic University and be ordained in 1993.

When asked who helped develop his belief system, Father Tvrdik credited his aunt Mary Dicks from Saranac Lake. She was a Sister of Charity for 20 years but left the order in 1970's. In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, she served as director of Camp Guggenheim in 1977, worked with Haitian refugees and at one time worked at Mater Dei.

Because she lived near his parents, he felt free to leave the area to attend the seminary.

Naturally, faith is Father Tvrdik's life line and his goal is to help others on their spiritual journey.

He chose to enter the Montfort Missionaries, he said, because they staffed his parish in Port Jefferson. He was always interested in the Blessed Mary and felt this was the right fit.

Today Father Tvrdik is busy as Director to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville, NY. He likes to travel, bowl, delve into political and church history, and play with his canine companion.



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Dear Friends in Christ:

The sexual abuse of children and other vulnerable individuals by Church personnel, and the ways in which some of these crimes and sins were addressed, have caused enormous pain and anger to those victimized, as well as their family members, the Church-at-large, and to the thousands of faithful, holy priests. We continue to express sorrow and contrition for our failures.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg offers immediate pastoral care to those who have suffered such abuse. I encourage these individuals to contact

our Victims' Assistance Coordinator, Ms. Terriane Yanulavich at 518-569-0612 for assistance with the healing process.

Because We Care deeply for the vulnerable among us, the Church of Ogdensburg continues to review our policies and explore ways to ensure that our children are protected from all who would harm them. Under the direction and good guidance of Sister Ellen Donahue, SA, Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, the Diocese of Ogdensburg diligently works to ensure that the national and diocesan policies established to provide safe environments for our children are implemented fully here in the North Country. With the strong support and cooperation of our pastors and pastoral leaders, we have taken seriously this responsibility. For the last eleven years, independent audits have been conducted here to determine compliance with these standards. Each year we have been found to be in compliance.

I am grateful to all those individuals who assist with the implementation of our safe environment programs in our Diocese. Many have spent countless hours in our parishes and schools to train adults in providing safe environments for our children. Your continuing cooperation and prayers help us all keep the promise to protect and the pledge to heal. As Jesus, the Good Shepherd, showed constant care for the vulnerable, your local Church is seeking to do likewise.

With a Shepherd's care and concern,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



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- 126 adults and children attended Family Guggenheim
- 54 youth attended Sports Camp

Between July 1, 2012 and April 4, 2013:

- 36 Safe Environment training sessions were held
- 693 Background checks were performed

WHAT HAS THE CHURCH DONE TO PROTECT CHILDREN NATIONALLY?

The Church has done more to protect children than almost any other organization in the U.S. Of the 195 dioceses/eparchies, 188 participated in the 2012 National Audit.

- Over 2 million employees and volunteers have been trained to recognize the behavior of offenders and take action.
- 2 million employees and volunteers who have contact with children have undergone background checks.
- 164,372 educators, 37,991 priests, 15,684 deacons, and 6,316 Candidates for Ordination have had their background evaluated in the year 2012.

The Church has worked hard to protect children, but more needs to be done.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP??

➤ **YOU can be trained in safe environment practices.** Virtus training dates are printed in the North Country Catholic weekly with locations across the Diocese.

➤ **YOU can monitor the computer use in your home.**

• **1 in 5 children** (10 to 17 years old) receive unwanted sexual solicitations online. (Youth Internet Safety Survey, U.S. Department of Justice)

• **2 in 5 abductions** of children ages 15 to 17 are due to Internet contact. (San Diego Police Department)

• **76% of victims** in Internet-initiated sexual exploitation cases were 13 to 15 years old.

• **75% of victims** were girls.

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Catholic Korean War chaplain honored posthumously with highest military honor

Medal of Honor for 'shepherd in combat boots'

By Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - A Catholic Korean War chaplain who selflessly pulled wounded men from enemy fire and helped his fellow prisoners of war keep a sense of hope was honored posthumously with the Medal of Honor, the highest military honor, in an April 11 White House ceremony.

In paying tribute to Father Emil J. Kapaun, an Army captain, President Barack Obama told multiple stories of the "shepherd in combat boots" from Kansas who voluntarily stayed behind with the wounded to face certain capture, rather than evacuate when his division was overrun at Unsan, Korea, in November 1950.

"This is the valor we honor today - an American soldier who didn't fire a gun, but who wielded the mightiest weapon of all, a love for his brothers so pure that he was willing to die so that they might live," said Obama.

Father Kapaun received the Bronze Star before his capture and the Distinguished Service Cross after he died. Within the Catholic Church, he has an active cause for

sainthood, having been recognized by the Vatican as a "servant of God," a first step in the investigation of someone who is being considered for sainthood.

Some of Father Kapaun's fellow prisoners, who walked out of their prison camp carrying a crucifix they'd fashioned to honor their deceased chaplain, were in attendance at the ceremony. The medal, given to members of the armed forces for distinguished gallantry above and beyond the call of duty in active service, was presented to Ray Kapaun, a nephew of the priest, who never knew his uncle.

Guests for the ceremony in the East Room of the White House included Father Kapaun's extended family, military chaplains and other officers, people from his hometown parish, St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Pilsen, Kan.; and members of the Archdiocese for Military Services.

Also in attendance was Herb Miller, who as a sergeant in 1951, was injured when a grenade exploded near him. As Obama told the story, a Chinese soldier was about to execute Miller, when Father Kapaun stepped in to stop him. The priest then

carried Miller and assisted other wounded prisoners on a lengthy march to a prison camp at Pyoktong.

"He carried that injured American, for miles, as their captors forced them on a death march," said Obama. "When Father Kapaun grew tired, he'd help the wounded soldier hop on one leg. When other prisoners stumbled, he picked them up. When they wanted to quit - knowing that stragglers would be shot - he begged them to keep walking."

Father Kapaun's actions that day are what was being recognized with the Medal of Honor, Obama said, but he continued with stories of the priest's selfless actions in the prison camp - helping smuggle in more food; giving away his clothes to freezing men; fashioning pots to boil water to battle dysentery; praying with the men in their huts; celebrating Easter Mass.

Obama said Father Kapaun's background reminded him of his own grandfather's.

"Now, I obviously never met Father Kapaun," Obama said. "But I have a sense of the man he was, because in his story I see reflections of my own grandparents and their values, the people who helped to raise me. Emil and my grandfather were both born in Kansas about the same time, both were raised in small towns outside of Wichita.

"They were part of that Greatest Generation - surviving the Depression, joining the Army, serving in World



CNS PHOTO / BOB ROLLER

U.S. President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Honor to Ray Kapaun, who accepted it on behalf of his uncle, U.S. Army chaplain Father Emil Joseph Kapaun, at the White House in Washington April 11. The priest, who died May 23, 1951, in a North Korean prisoner of war camp, was honored with the nation's highest military award for bravery.

War II. And they embodied those heartland values of honesty and hard work, decency and humility - quiet heroes determined to do their part."

For the priest, he continued, that meant joining the Army in World War II and returning to military service after a two-year hiatus during which Father Kapaun earned a master's in education at The Catholic University of America.

"After the Communist inva-

sion of South Korea, he was among the first American troops that hit the beaches and pushed their way north through hard mountains and bitter cold," Obama said. "In his understated Midwestern way, he wrote home, saying, 'this outdoor life is quite the thing' and 'I prefer to live in a house once in a while.'

Suffering from an assortment of ailments, Father Kapaun died in that prison camp in Pyoktong on May 23, 1951.



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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

To understand Bible, one must understand its nature, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Catholic faith is not centered simply on a book -- the Bible -- but on Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, Pope Francis said. "The sacred Scriptures are a written testimony to the divine Word," which came before the Bible and exceeds it, the pope said April 12 during a meeting with members of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, an international body of scholars that advises the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Commission members met at the Vatican April 9-12 to conclude work on a document about inspiration and truth in the Bible, which is likely to be published in the coming months. Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the doctrinal congregation and president of the commission, told the pope the aim was to help people interpret the Scriptures "in accordance with the nature" of the Bible itself. The focus on "inspiration," he said, was an attempt to explain the divine origin of the Bible and the focus on "truth" was an attempt to describe what the Bible says "about God and his plan for salvation."

HHS lawsuits aim to 'secure religious freedom,' bishop says

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, said he has "deep gratitude" and "solidarity and appreciation" for those who have challenged the contraceptive mandate of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that forces employers to pay for contraceptive services. Catholic dioceses, as well as Catholic and other religious nonprofit organizations and businesses, have filed lawsuits challenging the HHS mandate that is part of the Affordable Care Act. In a recent decision on one of the lawsuits, a federal judge April 3 granted a Catholic-owned Minnesota company a reprieve from complying with the mandate until a permanent decision is reached on its implementation under the health care law. Archbishop Lori said in an April 8 statement that the goal of these litigants is "nothing less than securing the freedom of the church to continue to obey the Lord's command -- and, in turn, to serve the common good -- by providing charitable ministries in health care, education, and service to the poor, all without compromising Catholic beliefs." The mandate requires employers to cover contraceptives, abortion drugs and sterilization procedures in their health plans. The lawsuits challenging it have been filed on grounds that the exemption for those who object to it for moral or religious reasons should be expanded.

Demographic shifts mean Europe no longer Catholic Church's center

OXFORD, England (CNS) -- The election of Pope Francis, an Argentine, to lead the world's 1.2 billion Catholics confirms what observers have long known: Vast demographic shifts in the Catholic population are reconfiguring the face of the church and shifting the institution's center from its historic European heartland. What that means for the church remains unknown, but Europeans who have long viewed themselves as Catholicism's traditional guardians are likely to find they will have to share that role with others. "Although the bishop of Rome is its head, the church's center is no longer in Europe, and the presence of an Argentine pontiff expresses the new situation," said Jesuit Father Paul Zulehner, retired professor of pastoral theology at the University of Vienna and one of Austria's leading social scientists. "With many Catholics already coming here from other parts of the world, it looks as if we'll be learning from the church's peripheries in the future, as much as from its center," the priest told Catholic News Service.

Cardinal says Pope Francis' election is new phase in living Vatican II

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The election of Pope Francis marks a new phase in the Catholic Church's process of fully understanding, responding to and living out the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, said Cardinal Walter Kasper, who was part of the conclave that elected the new pope.

"From the first day of his pontificate, Pope Francis has given what I would call a prophetic interpretation of the council and has launched a new phase of its reception," the cardinal said in a speech prepared for an April 12-13 conference in Bergamo, Italy. The speech was published in the Vatican newspaper.

Cardinal Kasper, a theologian and retired president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, said Pope Francis continues to remind Catholics they are called to follow Christ, "who became poor for us," and to remind them of the "poverty and apostolic simplicity of the church."

The March 13 election of a pope from Argentina also highlights the need for the church to respond to the poverty afflicting the majority of the world's population and to the fact that most of the world's Catholics live in the global South, Cardinal Kasper told the conference.

The conference, looking specifically at the contributions of popes to the council and its implementation, was sponsored by the John XXIII Foundation in Bergamo and the Paul VI Institute in Brescia. The two institutions are named for the popes who presided over the council sessions from 1962 to 1965.

Cardinal Kasper said each of the major ecumenical councils in church history was followed by a time of turbulence and that it took decades, sometimes centuries, for its teachings to be fully understood and implemented. He outlined not only the visions of the two popes who presided over the council, but also the contributions Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI made to proper understanding and implementation of the council.

Pope Benedict's teaching about the need for "reform and renewal in continuity" with the church's tradition means the church must continue to respond to changing circumstances, showing how the Christian faith can answer the questions and needs of all people at all times, he said. The cardinal said Pope Benedict's remarks were not meant to deny the need for reform, but to remind people that the church must be the church.

"A church that bases itself on the social mainstream becomes superfluous," Cardinal Kasper said. "It does not

become interesting by decorating itself with feathers that don't belong to it, but by stating its case in a credible and convincing way."

One of the challenges, he said, is precisely the need to recognize that the world's Catholic population has shifted, and Pope Francis already "has changed the agenda: topping the list are the problems of the Southern Hemisphere."

"The situation of the church has changed since the time of the council. At the beginning of the last century, only a quarter of the world's Catholics lived outside Europe; today only a quarter live in Europe," and the South is where the Catholic population is growing most.

All of that makes the problem of unity in diversity even more important today, he said. The Petrine ministry of the pope is "a true gift of the Lord to his church" because it provides a focal point for unity, but that "does not mean accepting an exaggerated centralism."

"Therefore, it is very significant that Pope Francis has referred to (himself as) 'the bishop of Rome who presides in charity,' the famous affirmation of Ignatius of Antioch," Cardinal Kasper said. Focusing on presiding in charity is important in relations with other Christians, but also for the life of the church itself.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd

The Gospel this Sunday in all three reading cycles is about Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

This year the emphasis is on the voice of Jesus. We can imagine how that voice must have stirred the hearts of all who were disposed to listen to it. How it must have moved people with its authority and its power to persuade.

The voice of Jesus was at times so loving, and at other times so challenging. It was that voice saying to Peter, "Feed my sheep" that still rang in his ears as he preached boldly to the Sanhedrin; it was that voice crying out, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" that

echoed still in the heart of Paul as he and Barnabas preached in the synagogues of Perga and Antioch and Iconium.



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It was the voice of Jesus which drowned out the vicious lies of all those enemies of truth that tried to choke off the Good News so bravely proclaimed by Peter and Paul.

The readings during the Easter season clearly show us how gladly those great Apostles suffered persecution and even death "for the sake of the Name". No wonder we call Peter and Paul the great pillars of the early Church who inspired so many others not to fear contempt and bodily

harm because the Holy Spirit was with them.

Those who followed that voice would be rewarded with a glorious crown.

No wonder that literally millions of Christians have suffered for their faith down through the ages.

Millions even today are deprived of human rights, imprisoned and killed just because they are loyal to that voice of the Good Shepherd. Racial hatred, abuse of women, child slavery, and exploitation of the poor, to name but a few, are the effects of strident, angry, and evil voices which constantly try to drown out the loving voice of the Good Shepherd who proclaims justice for the oppressed.

In Jesus' lifetime on earth as preacher and healer, He was known for His compas-

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Acts 13:14, 43-52

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John 10:27-30

sion and love.

Shortly before His Passion and death, he stopped on his way to Jerusalem to weep over the city, crying out, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who were sent to it, how often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood together under her wings, and you were not willing!"

Jesus is best known, however, as a shepherd, leading His flock to eternal life.

He called himself the door, the gate, the sheep-fold itself. The shepherd knows each individual sheep by name, and each one of his flock are safe when they follow his call.

Today's Gospel emphasizes this aspect of a shepherd—his voice.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they never perish."

Many in our world are now fascinated by another voice—that of Pope Francis, who urges us to bring the power of our love and concern to the poor, the persecuted, and the powerless of this world. When we hear his voice, we recognize the authentic voice of Jesus Himself. May we heed his voice especially in the months ahead.

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Going too far with DNR (do not resuscitate)?

Resuscitating a patient who undergoes a cardiac arrest or stops breathing often involves multiple procedures. When a resuscitation "Code Blue" is called in the hospital (or on a TV show), something like a medical "flash mob" comes together to try to save the patient.

The sequence of events typically involves a combination of CPR, airway assistance, medications and shocks to the heart when the resuscitation is performed in a clinical setting.

Sometimes these interventions can seem unwarranted or extreme, and people wonder whether it would be OK to fill out a "Do Not Resuscitate" order (DNR) for themselves or for a family member.

Would declining permission to resuscitate someone mean they are abandoning their loved one?

Each crisis or emergency situation will have unique contours, and the question

of our moral duty to provide resuscitation will vary with the details of each case.

Sometimes a DNR order will be a reasonable choice; other times it will not.

If a DNR order is chosen, the condition of the patient must be such that the intervention would be of no significant benefit to him or her.

Sometimes out of a generalized fear of medical technology, people may decide to put a DNR in place many years before any serious medical situation arises.

Without knowing the medical particulars of their own future situations, however, this would be an unwise and ill-advised step. It can also be premature to decline a full code early in the course of a progressive disease, as resuscitation might well offer a bridge to healing or to another extended period of life.

As the patient's condition

worsens, though, he or she may later decide that a full code has become unreasonable, and choose a DNR at that point.

These judgments are tricky to make, because the specifics of each case differ, and those specifics change with time and disease progression.

DNR's should be put in place only when the circumstances warrant it, that is to say, on a case-by-case, patient-specific basis. In other words, when CPR/resuscitation can reasonably be determined to no longer offer a hope of benefit to the patient or if it entails an excessive burden to him, at that time a DNR can be put into place.

Some of the possible burdens that may need to be considered in deciding

whether to pursue resuscitative interventions for a patient would include some of the following: the risk of rib or other bone fractures, puncture of the lungs by a broken bone (or from the trauma of lung compression and decompression), bleeding in the center of the chest, cerebral dysfunction or permanent brain damage, the small risk (about 3

or 4%) that the patient might end up entering a vegetative state, and subsequent complications if the patient ends up staying on a ventilator for an extended period following the resuscitation.

During resuscitative efforts, elderly patients are more likely to experience complications or to have ribs break during CPR. Younger patients, on the other hand, tend to show a

greater resilience and are often better able to tolerate CPR.

Patients suffering from advanced cancer are also known to fare poorly following resuscitative efforts.

In terms of overall statistics, when a patient codes in the hospital and all resuscitative measures are taken, patients frequently do not end up leaving the hospital, especially when they are elderly or have other co-occurring conditions.

Based on data from the National Registry of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (NRCPR), studies have determined that patients who undergo cardiac arrest in the hospital have an overall survival to discharge rate of about 17%.

The rate drops even lower (to around 13%) for cancer patients. In other words, the benefits are oftentimes few and short-lived, while the burdens tend to be high.

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Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

AT THE MOVIES

EVIL DEAD

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

It's a lesson Hollywood characters just never seem to learn: When you stumble across a scary-looking book of necromancy (as you do) and the notes in the margins tell you, more or less, "Whatever you do, do not read the spell on this page out loud!" ... Well, don't.

But, then again, if everyone were to follow such sensible advice, we wouldn't have a movie. At least, we wouldn't have the repulsive reboot "Evil Dead" (TriStar).

The sleeping cinematic dog not being allowed to lie in peace here is Sam Raimi's horror trilogy that began with 1981's almost eponymous "The Evil Dead." The evidence at hand suggests

that the material's 32-year nap has not been an instance of beauty sleep.

The story, such as it is, kicks off with something like an intervention. Scarred by the experience of nursing her recently deceased mom, down-in-the-dumps young adult Mia (Jane Levy) has fallen prey to narcotics.

To help her kick the habit, and get through withdrawal, Mia's brother, David (Shiloh Fernandez), and a group of their friends -- most prominently hippy-haired academic Eric (Lou Taylor Pucci) -- have gathered at a remote cabin in the woods that formerly belonged to the siblings' parents.

There, as opening flashbacks have shown, nasty occurrences involving a demon have transpired in the past. Thus the presence,

in the cabin's spooky cellar, of the accursed conjuring tome cited above.

No sooner has this "quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore" been rediscovered, but nosy Eric, despite all warnings, must demonstrate his proficiency with obscure languages by verbalizing its most forbidden formula. And heck, what a hex it turns out to be.

Taking possession, first of Mia, and subsequently of her companions, the revived hell-dweller Eric's mumblings have inadvertently summoned proceeds to find creative uses for an electric carving knife, a nail gun and -- how did you guess? -- a chainsaw.

Predictably, the threadbare plot of director and co-writer (with Rodo Sayagues) Fede Alvarez's bloodbath is



CNS PHOTO/SONY

Shiloh Fernandez and Jessica Lucas star in a scene from the movie "Evil Dead."

rapidly revealed to be no more than an excuse for serial dismemberment.

The film contains pervasive gory and sometimes gruesome violence, an occult theme, drug references, flashes of partial nudity, brief sexual imagery and

constant rough and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

DNR

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There are, of course, exceptions -- while many patients do not experience significant benefits from resuscitative measures, a small percentage do.

So when death is imminent, and disease states are very advanced (perhaps with multiple organ failure), and assuming other spiritual matters, such as last sacraments, have been addressed, a DNR order may not raise any moral problems.

The key consideration in making the judgement will be to determine whether the benefits of resuscitation outweigh the burdens.

DNR orders can be misused, of course, if they are broadly construed as calling on medical professionals to abandon or otherwise discontinue all care of a patient.

Even as patients may be declining and dying of serious underlying illnesses, we must continue to care for them, support and comfort

them, and use the various ordinary means that they may have been relying on, such as heart and blood pressure medications, diuretics, insulin, etc.

We should always seek to do what is ethically "ordinary" or "proportionate" in providing care for our loved ones, though we are never obligated to choose anything that would be heroic, disproportionate or unduly burdensome when it comes to CPR or other resuscitative measures.

Rev. Pacholczyk serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org



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CLINTON

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Plattsburgh – A Little Rock Scripture Study “Good News in New Places” has been planned

Date: Tuesdays, April 23 – June 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter’s Church

Cost: \$15 donation

Features: Good News in New Places studies the earliest stage of the journey of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Registration: Call the Parish Office or fill out a registration form in the Atrium.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treadwell Mills – St. Alexander & St. Joseph’s Church will hold an all you can eat Pancake Breakfast.

Date: April 28

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph’s Church Parish Hall

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Peru – St. Augustine’s Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host an “All You Can Eat” spaghetti dinner.

Date: April 20

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

Place: St. Augustine’s Parish Center; Take-outs available

Cost: Adults, \$7.50; Children 6 to 12, \$3.50; under 5, free

CHICKEN AND BISCUITS

Mooers Forks – All you can eat Chicken & Biscuits dinner has been planned

Date: April 20

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Ann’s Church; Take-outs available by calling 236-6118.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, Free

CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

Plattsburgh – Dr. Gerry Gacioch, Chief of Cardiology at Rochester General Hospital’s Heart Institute who is also one of the nation’s twenty-one Catholic Climate Ambassadors trained by the Catholic Climate Covenant to speak.

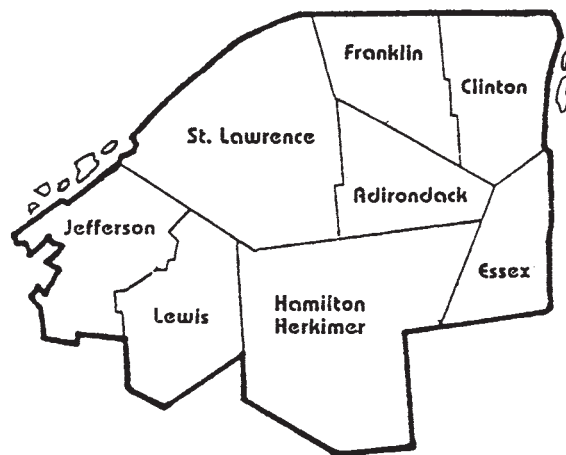
Date: April 21

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Emmaus Room, St. Peter’s Church

Features: The presentation will focus on What is climate change; [2] Why should we care?; [3] Catholic teachings and traditions associated with environmental stewardship; [4] Mitigation and adaptation to climate change; and [5] What we can be doing as individuals and together. There is no admission fee.

Contact: St. Peter’s Church Rectory at 563-1692 to reserve space.



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.

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg – Our Lady of the Adirondacks will be offering a Healing Mass.

Date: April 17

Time: 4 p.m.

Features: Fr. Doug Decker will preside at Mass and Anointing followed by individual prayer for your intentions by or prayer ministers.

RSVP: Email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St. John’s chapel

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

Theme: Priestly, religious, and missionary vocations will stem from this meeting with Christ in the tabernacle, and will bring the light of the Gospel to the ends of the earth; in this crucible of the ‘Love of loves,’ will be forged the apostolic spirit of lay Christians, witnesses to Christ.” (Bl. Pope John Paul II).”

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Keeseville – The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society will sponsor a Sunday weekly Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

PRAYER MEETING

Plattsburgh – A weekly prayer meeting will be held every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday).

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter’s Church, St. Brother Andre’ Chapel.

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

Sciota – Monthly prayer group to be held second Friday of the month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: To be determined, contact Nancy Monette at 561-8225 for details

Features: praying the Rosary, The Divine Chaplet, centering prayer

ESSEX

LIVING OUR FAITH

Schroon Lake - As part of the Year of Faith program at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Saint Joseph’s Church in Olmstedville, “Living Our Faith”: The Catechism of the Catholic Church” Will be presented

Schedule: Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church, Olmstedville; Sundays at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, Schroon Lake.

Features: A summary of the catechism, known as YOUCAT, is available at \$11.25.

Contact: For further information, call (518) 532-7100

FRANKLIN

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton – St. Mary’s Church events committee will be sponsoring a breakfast buffet.

Date: April 28

Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary’s Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-

12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$20 (mother, father, and children)

Features: Take-outs available by calling 518-529-6580

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Malone – Join members of the Malone Catholic Parishes each Thursday evening for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Time: 7 p.m. to 8

Place: Notre Dame Church

JEFFERSON

LIFERIGHT PRESENTS FR. TAD

Watertown – Liferight is sponsoring a luncheon and educational presentations by Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, a regular columnist in the *North Country Catholic*.

Date: April 20

Schedule: The program begins at 11:30 a.m. “Loving Those with Disabilities” followed by lunch and a second presentation at 12:30 p.m. “Dealing With End of Life Issues”

Place: Carriage House Savory Café

Cost: \$15

Contact: Mickey Squier at 782-2297 or Joan Boulio at 639-6688

LENT 4.5 PROGRAM

Watertown – “Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus, embracing Christian Simplicity”, this six week program explores ways of living in harmony with Creation, God and the whole human family.

Date: April 18 and 25

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 OR 6:30 p.m. to 8.

Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse

Cost: \$5 per session for materials and light refreshments

Presenter: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ

Contact: 324-5718 or 782-3460;

www.lent45.org for more information

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: April 25

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Evans Mills – “A Quick Journey Through the Bible” – Join us for this introductory “Great Adventure” course in Catholic scripture study.

Date: Eight Mondays beginning April 15

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary’s Parish Center

Features: DVD lectures by Jeff Cavins, discussion and home study.

Contact: Advance registration is required by April 10 at 767-1065.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – An Ecumenical Bereavement meeting to be held.

Date: April 22

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Hearthside Hospitality Center.

Speaker: Sr. Jackie Sellappan RN and Pastoral Associate at St. Anthony’s Church. Sr. Jackie, originally from India, will speak about “Spiritual Wholeness and Healing”.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

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

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

LEWIS

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Port Leyden – Spaghetti dinner for Boy Scout Troop 92 has been planned.

Date: April 18

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Port Leyden Community Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Students, \$3; under 5, Free

Contact: Take-outs and Deliveries available by contacting 348-6738

CHICKEN BBQ

Copenhagen – St. Mary’s will be having a Take-out only Chicken BBQ.

Date: April 21

Time: Noon

Cost: \$5 Half Chicken; \$7.50 Dinner

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Copenhagen – Sunday Brunch to be held.

Date: April 28

Time: After 8 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Mary’s Church

Cost: \$7 per plate; \$24 for family of 4 plus \$4 for each additional person; Children under 5, free

Features: Altar & Rosary Raffles; Lottery Ticket Wreath and Children’s Basket.

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

Each summer, one half of the Diocese of Ogdensburg participates in the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg collection. This collection is completed in one half of the Diocese each July. This year, the collection will occur in the East side Deaneries of Franklin, Clinton, Adirondack, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer.

The proceeds of this collection are used to fund different projects and emergency grants on a global basis where missionaries from the Diocese of Ogdensburg are still working closely.

In an ongoing basis, Mission Aid Societies are gifted grants from the collection throughout the year. I thought that it would be fitting to share some of these stories in our column this week.

At our Mission Parish in Mollendo, Peru, a monthly grant is in place to support the efforts and growth of our St. Martin de Porras Parish there. Over the last 50 years with assistance from our Diocese, this area has grown to thrive and know the love of Jesus.

The North Country Mission of Hope's Sister Debbie Blow was recently granted a donation to assist a group of Sisters in Nicaragua with much needed repairs to their convent.

Also, in late March, our office received correspondence from Danny Emanuel Torres, a young boy, at the Mission in Nicaragua. Danny is sponsored by the Diocese and through our generosity, we provide him with tuition at school, uniforms, clothing, school supplies and basic care.

Over 600 children in Nicaragua benefit from this program each year.

Several other mission aid societies such as the Augustinian Friars, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod receive much needed grant funds each year from our Diocese.

These grants enable them to continue much needed programs that provide nutrition to the destitute, training to seminarians and basic needs to a people far away that take nothing for granted.

Be assured of the gratitude that our missionaries around have for the Diocese. They are doing the work of the Lord, protecting God's Children and healing the sick. I am so grateful for their efforts and deeds.

I am also grateful to the people of the Diocese for the generous support.

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

OBITUARIES

Alexandria Bay – Francis Haas Musselman, 87; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. Cyril's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Rossie.

Carthage – Nicholas Daniel Marrocco, 84; Funeral Services April 13, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Hillside Cemetery, Natural Bridge.

Carthage – Michael F. Storms, 61; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Hillside Cemetery.

Chateaugay – Richard Paul LaPoint, 67; Funeral Services April 10, 2013 at Chateaugay Funeral Home.

Croghan – Edna M. (Grunert) Aubel, 96; Funeral Services April 8, 2013 at Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Elizabethtown – Mary Margaret A. (Finn) Gowdy, 73; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. Elizabeth's Church; burial in St. Elizabeth's Church.

Lowville – Martha (Repak) McDonald, 89; Funeral Services April 8, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Massena – Floyd M. Hatch, 87; Funeral Services April 8, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Anthony D. Trombino, 74; Funeral Services April 8, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mooers Forks – Cathleen M. (Beeder) Ayotte, 56; Funeral Services April 12, 2013 at St. Ann's Church.

Mooers Forks – Mark A. Bushey, 65; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morristown – Robert A. Cummings, 72; Funeral Services April 9, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Pine Hill Cemetery, Eel Weir.

Norfolk – Dorothy "Dot" Mae (Durant) Molnar, 89; Funeral Services April 12, 2013 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.



North Bangor – Kayden J. Niles, infant; Funeral Services April 12, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Gertrud K. (Orth) Kelley, 77; Funeral Services April 15, 2013 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Patricia A. (Breen) Wilmot, 72; Funeral Services April 8, 2013 at Fray Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Peru – Maurice Paul Tellier, 85; Funeral Services April 10, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Keeseville.

Plattsburgh – Shirley A. (Trombley) Hart, 75; Funeral Services April 13, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Constance M. (Steady) Stacy, 92; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Pauline E. Stark, 88; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. John's Church.

Port Henry – William J. Bryant, 91; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

Potsdam – Vernon G. "Vern" Murray, 66; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at the Garner Funeral Home; burial in Beach Plains Cemetery.

Raymondville – Lenora A. (Tyo) Kellison, 92; Funeral Services April 9, 2013 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Joan Elizabeth (Smith) Neese, 80; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery, Bloomingdale.

Standish – Edna E. Whyman, 80; Funeral Services April 12, 2013 at St. Michael's Church.

Watertown – Mary H. (Leva) Alteri, 88; Funeral Services April 12, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Sandra L. Biccum, 64; Funeral Services April 8, 2013 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown – Joseph A. Marra, 88; Funeral Services April 10, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Blanche A. (Grill) Michalzuk, 86; Funeral Services April 8, 2013 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Franklin F. Nickerson, Jr., 58; Funeral Services April 12, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in N. Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown – Irene S. (Snell) Pipe, 103; Funeral Services April 13, 2013 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

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K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls – The South Lewis Knights of Columbus will be having an all you can eat pancake brunch.

Date: April 21

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. John's Church

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

ST. LAWRENCE

LASAGNA DINNER

Lisbon – Ss. Philip & James Church will be having their annual Lasagna Dinner.

Date: April 25

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: American Legion Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$6; Children under 12, \$6

UNTOLD BLESSING SERIES

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's Cathedral will be presenting a 7-Week series by Fr. Robert Barron called Untold Blessings.

Date: Beginning April 18

Time: From 10 a.m. to 11:30 and 6:30 p.m. to 8

Place: Brzana Hall

Cost: Workbooks are \$11

Contact: Bill O'Brien, by email at wili315@aol.com.

K OF C SHOWTIME

Ogdensburg – the Msgr. A.D. Charbonneau Council #258 Knights of Columbus to sponsor Showtime Spring Show.

Schedule: April 20 at 7:15 p.m.; April 21 and 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Place: OFA Auditorium.

Cost: Adults, \$5; Students, \$2; under 5, Free

Features: Proceeds benefit local organizations and charities in Ogdensburg and the surrounding communities.

LIFE CHAIN PLANNED

Potsdam – Life Chain is to be held as a prayerful witness for the unborn babies.

Date: May 11

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: The participants will stand along Market and Main Street. Gather and get signs at 12:45 p.m. in parking lot across from Roxy Theater.

Features: Life Chain will happen rain or shine. We encourage all ages to participate. Don't forget chairs, hats and water.

Contact: Chris LaRose at 315-403-8123

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Norfolk – The Church of the Visitation's Catholicism program has begun for the Lent and Easter season.

Schedule: Tuesday mornings – 9 a.m. Mass followed by a light social; 9:45 a.m. DVD presentation by discussion. Thursday evenings – 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by a light social; 6:30 p.m. DVD presentation followed by discussion.

Contact: 315-384-4242

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Massena – The Catholic Community of Massena/Louisville will be using Fr. Robert Barron's video series "Catholicism" during this Year of faith.

Dates: April 17, 24; May 1, 8

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Mary's Social Hall

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

TRIP TO SHOW IN SYRACUSE

Ogdensburg – Notre Dame Altar & Rosary is sponsoring a bus trip to Landmark

Theatre to see Daniel O'Donnell.

Date: Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

Features: Tickets are \$125 which includes show ticket, S&W bus fare (leaves from Donut King) and dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant.

Contact: Call Cherie @393-5050 or 393-7158 or Joyce @713-4457.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

Canton – The Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Best Western University Inn

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

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

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

Date: May 5

Time: 2 p.m.

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

Plattsburgh – The annual diocesan Youth Rally is set

Date: April 27

Place: Seton Catholic Central

Features: Chris Stefanick is keynote speakers; registration through parishes or through the diocesan web site, www.rcdony.org.



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