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## Easter blessings

*Excerpts from Bishop Terry R. LaValley's Easter message to Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg:*

The news is literally earth-shattering! The implications are mind-blowing! Jesus Christ has risen! He who once lived among us, suffered the agony of the cross,

and died, is dead no more. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Alleluia! Indeed, Alleluia!

...At this time, our nation and our Church thirst for Resurrection evidence in you and in me. I pray that we

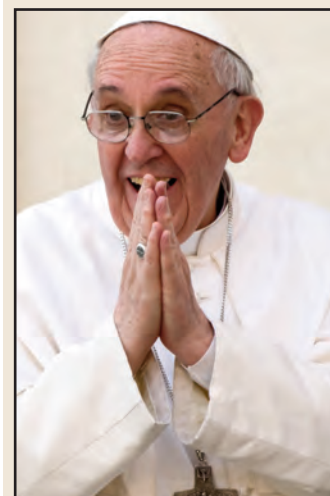
may more fully live our baptismal promises: *Lord, gift me with the courage, the love and the energy of Mary Magdalene, who was the first witness to others of your resurrection. Never let fear of ridicule or rejection, a lukewarm faith or laziness stop me from living openly and*

*sharing warmly the Good News that Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for me, rose from the dead.*

May you and your loved ones rejoice in the hope and peace that our Risen Savior has won for us.

A blessed Easter to you and your family!

## POPE'S FIRST HOLY WEEK



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Pope Francis gestures as he greets people after celebrating his first Palm Sunday Mass as pope in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican March 24. The pope led a full slate of Holy Week and Easter liturgies in Rome and at the Vatican, keeping pace with a usually busy papal schedule. He celebrated a morning chrism Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Holy Thursday. That evening, he presided over the Mass of the Lord's Supper in Rome's Casal del Marmo Prison for minors where he washed the feet of some of the young detainees. On Good Friday, Pope Francis celebrated the liturgy of the Lord's Passion in St. Peter's Basilica in the late afternoon, and then led a nighttime Way of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum. On Saturday, he celebrated the Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica and on Sunday morning, celebrated Easter Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and afterward bestowed his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city of Rome and the world).

## More than 1000 NYS Catholics in Albany



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## Holy Name School closing

Pastor hopes to launch a new model of Catholic education for AuSable Forks area children in September  
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## A HOLY WEEK TRADITION



SCHOOL PHOTO

For more than 25 years, eighth grade students of Holy Family School in Malone have offered a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. The 2013 participants included Paul Tighe and Ryan Marshall who portrayed guards and Jordan Kane who was Jesus.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## Welcome to the new life of Easter!

Welcome Easter!  
After a long, cold snowy winter we are all so ready to greet new life... in our church, in our parishes, in our families.

At about the half-way point of this Year of Faith, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, a perfect boost for all our efforts to draw closer to God.

With the strength drawn from Lenten prayer and sacrifice, I think most of us are ready for a burst of activity.

For our young people there are great opportunities to gather, play and pray together.

The annual Youth Rally will be held at the end of this month and each of our teens is encouraged to sign up for a life-changing week at Guggenheim and/or SportsCamp.

**Mary Lou  
Kilian**

In our parishes, we can see what faith has brought to life.

For example, in this week's NCC, you can read about the excitement surrounding the birth of a new Catholic Daughters court in Morrisonville.

These women are thrilled at their opportunity to serve their community in "unity and charity" as members of the Sts. Ka-

teri & Andre' Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2663.

And, as we learn about this new court, it's good to note that the Diocese of Ogdensburg can boast that two major state CDA leaders call the North Country home. Penny Martin of Elizabethtown is in her second term as state regent while Father Scott Seymour, pastor in Morrisonville, is the state chaplain.

More major diocesan events are planned for the Year of Faith including a Corpus Christ celebration in Ogdensburg in June, "The Beauty of Belief" a religious concert/art show in Potsdam in August and a spectacular closing liturgy in Lake

Placid in September.

Through all these months, Bishop LaValley is continuing to meet with the Envisioning Leadership Team to chart the course for the diocese in the future.

While there are just 12 people on the envisioning team, every Catholic of the diocese is invited to join in the process. (An updated list of listening sessions appears on page 12.)

This year we can see the strength of the faith in our North Country Church; how exciting to imagine its force as we work from a *Mutually Shared Vision*, the goal of this 13-month process.

There is much to celebrate at Easter this year!

## FATHER BILL SAYS

## Easter Vigil: perfect time for baptism

Each Easter, I am reminded of the many times I have baptized a catechumen – an adult who completed the RCIA program and made a decision to receive Baptism and enter the Catholic Church.

This is a joyful occasion for any priest.

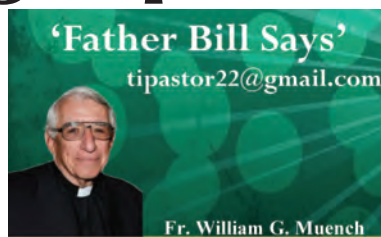
Each year, during the summer months, every parish searches out those interested in investigating the Catholic Church and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Many of these will develop a deeper interest and decide to be baptized and enter the Church.

In the RCIA program that prepares a person for Baptism, the weeks of Lent become the final steps before receiving Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

These weeks of Lent are a spiritual retreat especially for those to be baptized so that they make their relationship with Jesus ever stronger leading up to that definite decision – that conversion – to find new life with the Lord.

These weeks become a time of prayer leading to a deeper understanding of all that Baptism means.



The Easter Vigil becomes a perfect time for Baptism. Easter celebrates the Resurrection of the Savior.

Easter is then a time for all Christians to celebrate their Baptism – their rebirth – their time of new life. This then is a perfect time for Baptism – the sacrament of rebirth and new life.

These Easter Vigil Baptisms have brought many wonderfully dedicated people into my life. They all have made a life changing decision – difficult at times yet, faith filled – as they chose Baptism.

I have heard their stories and have been deeply touched by these stories.

In many ways, their stories have reminded me of many Gospel stories as Jesus brought someone to a new and different life.

There are also many stories

of the apostles who brought many to Baptism. The Acts of the Apostles tell of nearly 5000 being baptized in the first Pentecost.

In many of the stories that I have heard I noticed the importance of one individual who led someone into the RCIA Program and the decision to be baptized. They were often led to God and the Church by someone – a husband or a wife – a friend.

I remember so well a fellow telling me that he was led to the Church by a man at work. He was truly impressed by this man's Catholic faith. He told me that he was so impressed that he wanted exactly what his friend had. He even identified that man by name.

I know the person and I have no doubt that, if I approached that fellow and told him how he had led another to Baptism because of his faith, he would be very surprised. He would probably tell me that he was just an ordinary Catholic, trying to live a good life as best he could. Yet, in doing just that he changed the life of another and brought him to the Lord. By the way, I didn't look

that fellow up.

Many of these stories involve the power of prayer. I am immediately reminded of the well-known story of St. Monica who prayed so much for the conversion of her son that she became a saint herself. Her son, St. Augustine became a saint also – a great gift to the Catholic Church through his writings and teachings.

This story has been repeated over and over again. I have heard it told often of Catholic husbands or wives who have prayed successfully for the conversion of a spouse.

Our Catholic faith has become stronger and more alive by many wonderful converts. I have known many who have brought so much to my parishes.

I must add that the priesthood of the Catholic Church has been enriched by many converts who discovered a vocation to be a priest.

I know them – many wonderful priests, caring pastors, brilliant theologians – who were converts to the Catholic faith.

We thank you, Lord, for these many converts to our Catholic faith.



*After a century of offering Catholic education*

# AuSable Forks school to close its doors in June

By Shan Moore  
Staff Writer

**AUSABLE FORKS** - After a century of providing Catholic education here, Holy Name School will graduate its last class in June.

The little school, with 56 students in pre-K through grade six, just can't make it financially anymore, Principal Christine Reynolds said.

"Our census is so low," she said. "(And) as the census goes down as a school, it obviously costs more per student."

## 'A major loss'

Enthusiastic efforts to raise money to supplement tuition, with several fundraisers yearly, couldn't keep up with need. And earlier this school year, Holy Name had to borrow \$50,000 from the Diocese of Ogdensburg to help stay afloat.

Last year, the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew Parish Council decided should the debt reach \$100,000 closure would be likely.

"We can go so far in debt, but we have the responsibility to pay the debt," Father Kris Lauzon, pastor, said.

The budget for 2012-13 is about \$350,000. Ten em-



SCHOOL PHOTO

**Father Kris Lauzon, pastor in AuSable Forks and Black Brook, celebrated Mass for the children at Holy Name School in AuSable Forks March 22, the day after the announcement that the school would close in June. But the pastor looks to the future with confidence. "It is the hope of the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew that, in September, Holy Name School will open its doors again with a new model of Catholic School," Father Lauzon said. "The core curriculum of the school would be the Catholic Faith where traditional educational skills: reading, writing, math, science and social studies, would be used to support the core curriculum. The school would be opened from 2 – 6 in the afternoon and also offer a period for students to work on homework with the guidance of an experienced teacher. While the prospect is new it is also very interesting and promising."**

ployees, among them Mrs. Reynolds and seven teachers, will lose their jobs.

"The people who work here are devoted to the school and to the children," she said. "They're a wonderful staff."

The recent news of im-

pending closure brought sorrow.

"The school's closing is a major loss to our community," said Randy Douglas, town supervisor of the Town of Jay, which includes the hamlet of AuSable Forks where the school is located.

He and his children attended Holy Name, where, he said, they "learned the importance of building meaningful relationships with God, family and community."

## No Roadrunners

Susan Richards's daughter, Sara, attends second grade at the school.

"It's kind of like a second little home for her," Mrs. Richards said.

Her son, Samuel, now 12, had transferred to Holy Name from the local public school some years ago, after struggling some with focus and staying on task.

"He just did a 360," his mother said. "I think his whole life just turned around."

"To this day," she added, "... he says, 'I just love that school.'"

But it was clear Holy Name was moving toward closure, Richards said, with the declining enrollment and decreased class sizes. A few

years ago, the art program was cut.

And this year, she said, there weren't enough children for the Roadrunners basketball teams, and the kids had to join others in the community.

"That was really sad," she said. "It was like the writing on the wall for me."

## After-school option?

But Father Lauzon sees a possibility for rebirth.

"We're exploring the idea of a Catholic School that runs on a different model," he said.

In the "talking phase" is a program that would run from perhaps 2 to 6 p.m. at the school, with a curriculum on Catholic education.

The tuition-based program would give parents an option for after-school care and, the priest said, "teach the next generation values, virtues ... and the Catholic faith."

Lauzon took the idea from magnet schools that focus on specific themes.

"My understanding is there are some urban places that have done this type of program," he said, emphasizing that the proposal for something similar in AuSable Forks is in very early stages.

"There are lots of possibilities that we're trying to look at and explore."

The day after the official announcement that the school would close, Father Lauzon spoke to the students at Mass.

"Today, it's sad for us," he told the children.

But he reminded them of the promise of Good Friday, and also how even those closest to Jesus didn't recognize him when he rose from the dead.

Holy Name School, he said, might also undergo a transformation, he said, telling the students they might be able to return for afternoon sessions.

"That's the hope we work with now," the priest said, "a resurrection."

## School fundraisers are set

**AUSABLE FORKS** - Holy Name School has two fundraisers coming up aimed to help pay the debt and cover costs for the rest of the school year.

The Blue and Gold Semi-Formal Dinner Dance is set for Saturday, April 20, in the Gold Room of Rainbow Wedding and Banquet Hall in Altona, with doors opening at 5 p.m. and a DJ from 7 to 11 p.m.

Tickets for that event, which celebrates Holy Name School's 100th anniversary, are \$35 per person. The reservation deadline is April 9. For tickets, call 647-8444 or send a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the school, P.O. Box 656, AuSable Forks NY 12912. The tickets

will be mailed back in the envelope.

On Saturday, May 4, Holy Name will hold its 20th-annual Dinner and Auction at American Legion Post 504 in AuSable Forks, with a Michigan and salad meal from 4 to 6 p.m. and the auction at 6.

The school welcomes donations of anything from gently used furniture to gift baskets, gift cards to restaurants and other businesses and cash.

"The profits (from both events) are used for the current school year," said secretary Andrea Mitchell, who organizes the fundraisers with the Principal Christine Reynolds. "It's really important that we be successful."



A YEAR OF FAITH...A STORY OF FAITH

# A Year of Pilgrimage

By Father Jay Seymour  
Episcopal vicar for clergy

Over this "Year of Faith" there has been a lot of emphasis, particularly in our own diocese, on *pilgrimage*. You can make virtual pilgrimages to Rome and elsewhere and also, throughout the year, there will be numerous opportunities to visit pilgrimage sites within and outside of the diocese.

Though not on the diocesan list, I was privileged to make a wonderful pilgrimage/retreat this past January to Guatemala and El Salvador. It was orchestrated by the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers who have now completed their fourteenth year of offering this unique Central American experience. Joining me were eighteen other priests and deacons from across the US and Ireland.

The focus of this spiritual journey was to "walk in the footsteps of modern day martyrs," referring to the many outstanding men and women representing our church who, on being caught up in the terrible civil war which raged in these countries during the 1980's and 90's, ended up giving their lives in witness to Christ and the Gospel.

With several remarkable, Christ-filled Maryknoll missionaries who had lived through these turbulent times as our guides, we visited the sites where a number of these modern day martyrs lived and gave their lives. The most famous of these recent martyrs would be Archbishop Oscar Romero.

In meeting with those who knew him and walking the holy grounds where he lived, prayed and died, one comes away with a greater appreciation of his simplicity, his humility and his courage. He was one who took to heart and who truly lived the admonition of the Prophet Isaiah to "Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).

He was a truly holy man who, for simply standing up for the rights of the oppressed and for seeking justice, reconciliation and peace, was targeted by the death squads.

It was a moving experience to be able to visit the hospital chapel where he was shot while celebrating Mass and then celebrate Mass our-



selves around the altar of sacrifice where his blood was shed.

Just prior to his being killed (something which he anticipated) he prayed: "If God accepts the sacrifice of my life, then may my blood be the seed of liberty and a sign of hope that will soon become a reality ... a bishop may die, but the church of God - the people- will never die."

I can attest that some of the fruits of that prayer can be seen today in the church of El Salvador and beyond.

Other holy ground which we visited included the chapel erected on the site where the bodies of Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel and Cleveland Lay Missioner Jean Donovan were dumped after being tortured and raped.

We also visited the University of Central America in San Salvador where soldiers came in the middle of the night and murdered six Jesuits along with a domestic employee and her daughter.

Back in Guatemala City it was just a short ride to the parish where Bishop Juan Gerardi was assassinated in 1998. Bishop Gerardi was head of a project documenting human rights violations during that



Father Stanley Rother of Oklahoma is shown at left with children in Guatemala before he was killed in 1981. In January, Father Jay Seymour took part in a Year of Faith pilgrimage "walking in the footsteps of modern day martyrs," organized by the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Father Seymour reflects on the experience here.

war period. He interviewed many of the victims and/or witnesses of massacres, killings and other human rights violations during the war. Only two days after presenting the report at a special Mass attended by many family members of those same victims, he was killed.

For Bishop Gerardi, like the others already mentioned and the many too numerous to mention, their only crime seemed to be fidelity to the teachings of Christ and to his Kingdom.

One of the most memorable visits on this trip was to a small village in a remote area of Guatemala where we were introduced to one of the lesser known martyrs of this period, Father Stanley Rother.

Father Rother was a simple farm boy from rural Oklahoma who seemed to be more comfortable on a tractor and as a handyman than laboring over Latin in seminary but he felt the call from God to the priesthood. Struggles with Latin did him in on his first try at a local seminary but he was given a second chance at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Maryland and was ordained in 1963.

Shortly after the call came from Pope John XXIII for bishops to tithe their priests for countries of need, Father Stan volunteered and ended up in the mission of Oklahoma City in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. There, this same farm boy who struggled with Latin, mastered not only Spanish but also the native

Tzutuhil dialect.

Father Stan spent fourteen years as pastor, mostly peaceful years for him, but it was not long before the conditions of war brought fear and suffering to his flock. When soldiers came one night dragging away one of his catechists, the priest felt helpless in responding to his cries for help. Father Stan searched tirelessly in succeeding days to find his friend but to no avail. The catechist simply became another of the reported 50,000 "disappeared."

In the process of searching, Father Stan himself became a marked man and was put on a death list. For his own safety he returned to Oklahoma for a brief time but he did not want to leave his flock without a shepherd, abandoning them in their time of need.

Knowing the dangers he faced, he returned to Guatemala. It was not long afterwards that, late one night, the soldiers came for him too. He was beaten and shot by the attackers leaving his body in a pool of blood, some of which came from where nails were used to mark his head with a crown of thorns.

It was in 1981 that Father Rother was killed. The official Cause for his Beatification was begun in October 2007 but he is already revered by his native parishioners as "their saint". His body was returned to Oklahoma for burial but his heart and blood (blood scooped from the floor where he was martyred) is enshrined in an altar of the parish church in Santiago Atitlan.

As part of our pilgrimage we spent the night in this parish. It is a parish remarkable for its vibrancy marked by Masses with packed pews and with music provided by numerous youth choirs.

We may hear of problems in our church but there seems to be no doubt that here the church is alive and well, in no small part due to the blood of the martyrs that has been spilt on her behalf. Not all will be martyrs and not all will be able to make pilgrimages to Central America but, in faith, we are all pilgrims.

As we continue our pilgrimage in this "Year of Faith" may we find the courage to witness to Christ and his Gospel in our own small ways, day by day, step by step, so that people may see more clearly that the church in Ogdensburg is alive and well too!



# Catholics at the Capitol



Students and faculty from Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown were part of the contingent from the Diocese of Ogdensburg who participated in Catholics at the Capitol. The day's program featured a special talk for youth. Shown above are Lisa Parsons, principal; St. Joseph Sister Cecilia Marie Hermann, vice-principal; Seth Conklin, teacher; and students Michael Bamann, Jared Pignone, Addie McManimon, Emily Watson, Katey Kellogg, Michael Marra and Miles Sexton.



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

More than 1000 Catholics from the eight dioceses of New York State - including Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, former bishop of Ogdensburg, current Bishop of Syracuse and administrator of Rochester; and Bishop Terry R. LaValley, shown above - were in Albany March 20 for Catholics at the Capitol Day, the annual public policy day organized by the New York State Catholic Conference. The bishops are shown during the closing liturgy. On March 19, the diocesan leaders met privately with Governor Andrew Cuomo to advocate for issues critical to Catholics. They particularly voiced opposition to any law which would expand abortion in New York State.



Catholics at the Capital closed with a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Above, Father Douglas J. Lucia, pastor in Canton and episcopal vicar for worship and priestly formation, distributes communion at the liturgy. Before the Mass, the participants met with legislators to advocate for five key priorities set by the bishops: opposition to abortion expansion, preservation of Catholic schools, support for just health reform, increase in affordable housing and support for the imprisoned.



# Liferight to host Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, April 20

**WATERTOWN** - Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, a noted ethicist from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, will be the featured speaker at a Liferight luncheon April 20 at the Savory Café in the Carriage House.

Father Pacholczyk will speak at 11:30 a.m. on "Loving Those With Disabilities; a second presentation "Dealing With End of Life Issues" is scheduled for 12:30, following lunch.

The cost is \$15. Reservations may be made by calling Mickey Squier at 782-2297 or Joan Boulio at 639-6688.

Father Pacholczyk, Ph.D. is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass.

As an undergraduate he earned degrees in philosophy, biochemistry, molecular cell biology, and chemistry,



Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

and did laboratory research on hormonal regulation of the immune response.

He later earned a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Yale University, where he focused on cloning genes for neurotransmitter transporters which are expressed in the brain. He worked for several years as a molecular biologist at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School.

Father Tad studied for five years in Rome where he did advanced work in dogmatic theology and in bioethics, examining the question of delayed ensoulment of the human embryo.

He has testified before members of the Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Virginia and Oregon State Legislatures during deliberations over

stem cell research and cloning.

## Noted bioethicist will discuss loving those with disabilities and dealing with end of life issues

He has given presentations and participated in roundtables on contemporary bioethics throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe

He is Director of Education for The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and directs the Center's National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics.

Father Tad writes a monthly column, "Making Sense Out of Bioethics" which appears in the *North Country Catholic*.

From stem cell research to organ donation, abortion to euthanasia, he offers a clear and compelling analysis of modern bioethical questions, addressing issues we may confront at one time or another in our daily living.

## Environmental Stewardship

### Did you know that

... Vatican installed 1,000 solar panels on Paul VI audience hall in 2008, and announced that same year that it had signed an agreement to become the first "carbon-neutral" state in Europe? Pope Francis has continued the efforts of his predecessors in his inaugural address by stating "The need to protect Creation, to protect every man and woman to look upon them with tenderness and love is to open a horizon of hope."

### Tips for living more lightly...

- Consider one action that could simplify your life this week, that will use less resources of the planet.
- Use a clothesline or clothes bars for drying your clothes saving energy and the need to purchase products that try to imitate the smell of fresh air dried. Use dryer only a few minutes to get wrinkles out, only when needed.
- Use simple hand tools like brooms, hand sweepers, rakes, etc. to reduce use of electrical or gasoline powered tools.

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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 3** – Msgr. Philius Garand, 1942

**April 4** – Rev. Ronald Brabant, 1963; Rev. Francis J. Beyette, 1984

**April 5** – Rev. Florence McCarthy, 1901; Rev. Amedee Lacasse, M.S.C., 1941; Msgr. Francis P. Devan, 1992

**April 6** – Rev. Joseph E. Berard, 1942; Msgr. Arthur M. Gilbert, 1965

**April 7** – Rev. Fabien Barnabe, 1883; Rev. Benjamin Grom, M.S.C., 1893; Rev. Francois Cing-mars, 1902; Rev. James E. Duffy, 1934

## 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](http://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 8** - 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Church, Port Henry

**April 8** - 6:30 p.m., Immaculate Heart Central High School, Watertown

**April 10** - 6 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Clayton

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

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## Retreat for Sisters: "Seeking What We Have Already Found"

July 8-13

Presented by Fr. Lou Sogliuzzo, S.J.

Coming together in the middle of summer to relax in each other's presence, we will arrive at CTK to rendezvous with God through solitude, prayer and liturgy. Using the lens of Ignatian principles, we will seek out a graded balance through our desires and our ways of loving. In the end, we will focus on God's dream for us to love in that way that God has loved us, emphasizing those actions that will draw us into God's promised future; a promise we have already glimpsed. Registration begins at 5:00 pm on Sunday (with dinner at 6:00 pm) Retreat will end by noon on Saturday.

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During the final weeks of Lent



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The staff of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in conjunction with Claxton Hepburn Medical Center and the Ogdensburg Housing Authority collected 13 boxes of food during the weeks of Lent for the Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center. Pictured, from left, are: Betsy McNamara, CHMC; Diane Boyer, Ogdensburg Housing; Father Jay Seymour, Valerie Mathews, Linda Ross, Father Doug Lucia and Elaine Seymour, Diocese of Ogdensburg; Lori Whiteford, CHMC; Steve Krauz, CHMC; and Patty Conger, Director of Neighborhood Center.



The Knights of Columbus Northern Conference held its 39th Annual Freethrow Contest March 9 at Massena Central High School. Michael Rayome, freethrow director, and David Clark, chairman of Northern Conference, are shown with two of the winners. Above is, Brogan LaRose of Ogdensburg who won the Boys Age 10 division; below, Jaelyn Martin of Chateaugay who won the Girls Age 12 division. Brogan, Jaelyn and all the other winners competed in the Upstate Freethrow Contest on March 23.



Children in grades kindergarten through three of CCD classes at St. Alphonsus Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake, offered a multi-media presentation of The Stations of the Cross for parishioners March 15. The students presented all the readings, provided sign language as they sang songs, and led the concluding prayers. Above are kindergarteners Elli Dukett, who led the Hail Mary and Bauer Callaghan, who did a reading.



Emily Nachbauer and Thomas Racette play table tennis during a "Lock-In" at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh March 15. Students enjoyed games, an obstacle course, music, and more. They also learned about the lack of clean water in developing nations, and raised money toward Seton Catholic's goal of raising funds for 75 water purifiers for the Mission of Hope



*The name Sts. Kateri & Andre' is chosen because of devotion to both saints*

# New CDA court instituted in Morrisonville

*Personal reflection  
on a 'joyous day'*

By Christina Packwood  
Regent, Court Sts Kateri & Andre'

On January 6, 2013 a new Catholic Daughters of the Americas court was instituted at St. Alexander and St. Joseph Parish in Morrisonville, at the 10:30 am Mass.

First Vice National Regent, Helene Shepard called the candidates for officers forward, presenting them to Father Scott Seymour for installation.

State Regent Penny Martin then presented us with a rose which we placed in front of our patroness The Blessed Mother.

After signing the Institution. Father Scott blessed each of us and all of our new court members.

The Mass and the Institution was very moving for all of us. Members from courts across New York State were present, the Knights of Columbus were present, parish members, our choir and organist. This day was so joyous.

Local courts provided a fantastic reception after Mass in our Jubilee Hall. They even had a cake made with the pictures of St. Kateri & St. Andre' on it.

## First steps

Last October several Women from St. Alexander's Parish started gathering to decide to form a new CDA court. We knew there was a need for a ladies group at this time that would give us the means to serve our parish and community.

During this time Father Scott and State Regent Penny Martin played an intricate role as did Krista Reyell (State Membership Chair). We met for three



months.

We decided what our new court would be called and voted on Sts. Kateri & Andre. Many of us have a devotion to both new saints. We felt a connection because we know about both saints, have visited their shrines in New York and Canada and many of our families have been devoted for years to them as well.

When late December rolled along we were ready for January 6th. Our first year will enlighten us into many wonderful moments. We look forward to the National Day of Prayer, Respect Life Sunday and National CDA Day, our monthly meetings and going forth to serve our parish and community.

We are Court Sts. Kateri & Andre' #2663 and our motto is "Unity and Charity." There are over 75000 dues paying members of CDA, we cover 45 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, Mexico and the Virgin Islands and now there are 35 more as we join this group of spiritual, charitable, unified women.

CDA was formed over 100 years ago so this is just a beginning.

In conclusion, Sts Kateri & Andre' #2663 of Morrisonville sends the North Country blessings and a future of "Unity and Charity."



PHOTO BY SHAWN RYAN

State and national representatives were on hand for the institution of the newest Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Court Sts. Kateri & Andre #2663 was established Jan. 6 at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville. In front are Penny Martin from Willsboro, New York State Regent; Helene Shepard, First Vice National Regent; and Marianne Eaton; State Secretary; back, Mary Ziesig, First Vice State Regent; and the officers for the Morrisonville Court, Angie Aquila, Financial Secretary; Christina Packwood, Regent; Father Scott Seymour, pastor in Morrisonville who serves as Chaplain for the new court as well as New York State Chaplain; Phyllis Robidas, Vice Regent; Michelle Hamilton, Recording Secretary; Jean Bouchard, Treasurer; and Heather A. Rave, 2nd Vice State Regent.

## Who are the Catholic Daughters of America?

Formed in 1903, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas.

They donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness."

The CDA motto is "Unity and Charity."

The CDA was formed over 100 years ago and today numbers 75,000 dues-paying members in 1,250 courts (local chapters) in 45 states across the country, and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other's company at meetings and work hard for their parishes and communities.

Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II

when he spoke of the necessity of "feminine genius" in today's world.

The program includes concerns of today's church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children.

The Legislative Program encourages interested members to learn about laws that may influence their faith and to contact their state representatives to make their personal positions known through Operation Morning Star [The Catholic Daughters of the Americas does not endorse political candidates].

Girls and young women ages 6-18 can join the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Young college women can become members of Campus Courts at some universities.

(From [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org))



# CDA regent: 'it's amazing to see what we can do'

By Kristina Dean  
Staff writer

**WILLSBORO** - Between a full-time job as social worker, duties as a wife, mother and grandmother of nine grandchildren, Penny Martin has what she calls a "crazy" schedule.

## Penny Martin of Willsboro is New York State Regent of Catholic Daughters

The Elizabethtown resident rises in the early hours of the morning and also spends between three and four hours after her work day for her duties as New York State Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

She is in her second two-year term.

"It's very rewarding, knowing the things we are able to do for others, and to be able to help so many people," she said. "I'm a person who says you have to be a good Catholic first, before you can be a good Catholic Daughter. If you aren't, it won't work for you."

The organization sets an



Penny Martin, a parishioner of St. Philip of Jesus Church in Willsboro, is in her second term as New York State Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She is shown above speaking at the 2010 national CDA convention held in Buffalo.

example, she said, and helps to make a difference.

Every CDA court is affiliated with a parish. Alongside the priest, the members work together to meet the needs of the parish, which come first. However, because they are a national organization, their efforts can go further.

"The parish comes first, but as a national organization we can do so much," she

said. "It's just amazing to see what we can do and how we can do it."

Mrs. Martin, who attends St. Philip of Jesus Church in Willsboro, is also local regent for the Willsboro court which, along with others, helped to establish the newest court in the diocese in Morrisonville, Jan. 6.

She described the event as very exciting.

"Mass was absolutely phenomenal," she said. "There are still courts who attended who are saying how special that Mass was, and how proud they were to be a Catholic Daughter and be a part of that event."

### Unity, charity, prayer

Established in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a national organization that focuses primarily on unity, charity and prayer.

Besides helping new courts to form, Mrs. Martin said they have sent \$2,000 to each of the eight dioceses of New York State.

Prior to the selection of the pope, they were praying for the cardinal conclave, she said, especially for Cardinal



Timothy M. Dolan.

"We donate a lot of time, a lot of our hours, money, and a lot of ourselves to the things that we do," she said.

During the conclave, Cardinal Dolan communicated that he missed New York State and he needed socks, so the Catholic Daughters organized a project to donate socks, she said.

Catholic Daughters has not always actively promoted membership, she said. They didn't "shout from the rooftops," she said. But declining membership caused them to change and promote their organization. One thing that helps is by connecting with priests.

"We are suffering from lack of numbers. People aren't

going to church as much anymore, so we are trying very hard to spread the message," she said.

"Part of problem is that priests may not know who we are," she said. "Unless they have personal contact with us, they don't truly know who we are."

Ms. Martin said the Daughters support seminarians, often sending cards, notes, and gifts to encourage them.

Other efforts include attending the local March for Life in Plattsburgh, as well as the national event in Washington D.C. The Daughters also donate money to young people who would like to ride the youth buses and attend the national event, but who can't afford to do so.

The group also was instrumental in starting Save Our Aging Religious, or SOAR, and also helps build houses with Habitat for Humanity.

### A future court

Penny Martin hopes to see the establishment of a new Catholic Daughters court in Ogdensburg. Anyone interested can contact her at (518) 572-0648.

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## PAPAL FOOT WASHING



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO VIA REUTERS

Pope Francis washes the foot of a prison inmate during the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at Rome's Casal del Marmo prison for minors March 28. Pope Francis washed the feet of 12 young people of different nationalities and faiths, including at least two Muslims and two women, who are housed at the juvenile detention facility.

## On Palm Sunday

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis celebrated his first Palm Sunday Mass as pope March 24, telling an overflow crowd in St. Peter's Square that Christ's death on the cross is a source of eternal consolation and joy.

"A Christian can never be sad. Never give way to discouragement," the pope said in his homily, assuring listeners that with Jesus, "We are never alone, even at difficult moments, even at difficult moments when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them."

Pope Francis characteristically strayed from his prepared text in a personal aside when deploring the sin of greed, adding that money is something "no one can bring with him. My grandmother would say to us children, 'No shroud has pockets.'"

Noting that "for 28 years Palm Sunday has been World Youth Day," the pope told young people in the congregation that "you bring us the joy of faith, and you tell us that we must live the faith with a young heart, always, even at the age of 70 or 80."

Pope Francis confirmed that he would attend the July 2013 World Youth Day celebrations in Rio de Janeiro, saying, "I will see you in that great city in Brazil."

# Crowd kneels in front of court, shows support for traditional marriage

By Joseph Austin  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - With sunlight blanketing the street March 26, participants in the national March for Marriage paused for a moment to kneel down and say a prayer in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

That morning, the justices heard oral arguments on the constitutionality of California's law banning same-sex marriage. The next day, they listened to arguments in a challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

On all sides of the marchers, supporters of legalizing marriage for same-sex couples took part in the United for Marriage March Equality and chanted, "Gay, straight, black, or white, marriage is a civil right."

For Sister Mariela Stodden of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, the face-off between the two crowds was not troubling.

"It was very peaceful walking in the March for Marriage," she said.

Sister Stodden, a member of the Franciscan Martyrs of St. George, told Catholic News Service she prayed the rosary on the way for the intentions of the march.

"One man, one woman," chanted participants in the March for Marriage as they moved forward. Some members of the opposing march tried to block the way by forming a human wall in the street, but the police rushed in and helped to escort the pro-traditional marriage crowd through.

As the crowd pushed onward, stragglers were left behind and they engaged in heated conversations with the opposing crowd.

"The homosexual rights movement is not the same as



CNS PHOTO/MATTHEW BARRICK

A woman displays a sign during the March for Marriage rally in Washington March 26. Thousands of people who gathered in support of traditional marriage took their message to the U.S. Supreme Court as they walked and held aloft placards objecting to same-sex marriage.

civil rights because homosexuals can vote, (use) same lunch counter, same restroom, same water fountain. (This is) totally different," argued talk show host Carl Boyd Jr. as he engaged a supporter of same-sex marriage.

"Homosexuality is not a right. It's a decision," Pastor Abel Palomo of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in College Park, Md., told a man who was holding hands with another man.

"My parents separated when I was young. I still recognize something missing," marcher Esteban Freeman, a student at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., told CNS. "Why would you want to self-impose that on children? Redefining marriage to just a romantic relationship, just love, won't hold you together. Emotions won't hold you together."

Traditional marriage is "the

best arrangement for children," Princeton University senior Margaret Fortney told CNS.

"Every child deserves a mom and dad," read a sign.

Just after the protests, Facebook lit up as people changed their profile pictures to red backgrounds with equal signs on them in support of same-sex marriage. Others posted plus signs to support traditional marriage.

A rosary dangling from her fingers, Pat O'Brien said she was at the March for Marriage for her children. O'Brien, 74, is the mother of seven children and has 30 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She came on a full bus of 57 people from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Westchester, Pa.

Tamoa Vivas, an active member of Puerto Rico por la Familia, agreed.

"When they approve the law, they will teach it to our children in the schools," she said. This is not religious liberty, she explained. "Even lesbians and gays don't believe in (same-sex marriage)," she claimed.

People young and old, of every religion, race and background, were at the March for Marriage. From the start, the crowd included a large group of Hispanics.

"We are against homosexual marriage," said Johnny Alvarez, through a friend who interpreted for him. A Pentecostal, he is originally from Honduras and is now living in New York City.

"Calling a man 'father' and a woman 'mother' doesn't make them that," said Chicagoan Anthony Chan.

"It's about time the faithful started pushing back," Gus Arizona, a member of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish in Bethesda, Md., told CNS as he grasped a red and white Templar flag in his hands.



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Christians must resist 'dark joy' of gossiping, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Gossiping about someone is a "dark joy" that Christians must resist because it is a betrayal like Judas' betrayal of Jesus, Pope Francis said. Celebrating Mass at 7 a.m. in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the pope offered a brief homily on the Gospel, which included Jesus' prediction that Judas would betray him. The pope said that for Judas, who negotiated a price for handing Jesus over to the authorities, "Jesus is like merchandise: He's sold. In the market of history, in the market of our own lives, when we choose 30 pieces of silver and cast Jesus aside, the Lord has been sold," Pope Francis said. But people also do the same to each other, including "when we gossip about each other," he said. "I don't know why, but there is a dark joy in gossiping," he said. Sometimes we begin by saying nice things about another, but then we slip into gossip, making the object of our chatter merchandise to be bartered.

## Pope Francis to live in Vatican guesthouse, not papal apartments

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has decided not to move into the papal apartments in the Apostolic Palace, but to live in a suite in the Vatican guesthouse where he has been since the beginning of the conclave that elected him, said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman. "He is experimenting with this type of living arrangement, which is simple," but allows him "to live in community with others," both the permanent residents - priests and bishops who work at the Vatican - as well as guests coming to the Vatican for meetings and conferences, Father Lombardi said March 26. The spokesman said Pope Francis has moved out of the room he drew by lot before the conclave and into Suite 201, a room that has slightly more elegant furnishings and a larger living room where he can receive guests. The Domus Sanctae Marthae, the official name of the guesthouse, was built in 1996 specifically to house cardinals during a conclave. Celebrating Mass March 26 with the residents and guests, Pope Francis told them he intended to stay, Father Lombardi said.

## Same-sex marriage cases may not provide game-changing rules

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- As Georgetown University law professor Michael Gottesman put it, the people who lined up outside the Supreme Court for days to be able to watch a legal argument about the validity of same-sex marriage must have been surprised to find half the court's time devoted to debating legal standing, jurisdiction and states' rights versus federalism. Gottesman opened a March 27 panel discussion at the Georgetown Law Center about oral arguments in two cases related to same-sex marriage heard at the court that day and March 26 by observing that both cases may well be decided over legal questions unrelated to marriage. That was surely surprising, Gottesman said, to the people who camped out for days to get seats at the arguments and the thousands of people on either side who rallied outside the courtroom. They may have been somewhat puzzled that what the public sees as the core issue -- should same-sex couples have a uniform right to marry -- barely come up at all. Instead, in *Hollingsworth v. Perry* the court may rule on California's Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage, on the basis of whether it was proper for the people who put the 2008 initiative on the ballot to appeal the federal District Court ruling that said the law is unconstitutional.

# Pope Francis says good priests bring comfort, joy to those in need

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis called on the world's priests to bring the healing power of God's grace to everyone in need, to stay close to the marginalized and to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep."

Those priests "who do not go out of themselves" by being mediators between God and men can "gradually become intermediaries, managers," he said March 28 during the chrisem Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

When a priest "doesn't put his own skin and own heart on the line, he never hears a warm, heartfelt word of thanks" from those he has helped, the pope said in his homily.

"This is precisely the reason why some priests grow dissatisfied, lose heart and become in a sense collectors of antiquities or novelties -- instead of being shepherds living with 'the smell of the sheep,'" he said.

"This is what I am asking you," he said with emphasis, looking up from his prepared text, "be shepherds with the smell of sheep," so that people can sense the priest is not just concerned with his own congregation, but is also a fisher of men.

Presiding over the first of two Holy Thursday liturgies, Pope Francis blessed the oils that will be used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination and the anointing of the sick.

Deacons carried the sacramental oils in six large silver urns to the main altar to be blessed by the pope in his first chrisem Mass as bishop of Rome.

Surrounded by more than 1,600 priests, bishops and

cardinals, Pope Francis led them in a renewal in their priestly promises.

**'..be shepherds with the smell of sheep,' so that people can sense the priest is not just concerned with his own congregation, but is also a fisher of me**

He focused his homily on the meaning of being "the anointed ones" through ordination, underlining Holy Thursday as the day Jesus shared his priesthood with the apostles.

God anointed his servants so they would be there for others, serving "the poor, prisoners, the sick, for those who are sorrowing and alone," the pope said standing at a lectern.

The precious sacramental oil "is not intended just to make us fragrant, much less to be kept in a jar, for then it would become rancid and the heart bitter," the pope said.

He said a good priest anoints his people "with the oil of gladness," by preaching the Gospel "with unction," that is with the soothing, comforting words of God.

If people leave Mass "looking as if they have heard good news," then the priest has clearly done his job well, the pope said.

"When we have this relationship with God and with his people, and his grace passes through us, then we are priests, mediators between God and men," he said.

The pope urged priests to not grow weary of people's requests and needs no matter how "inconvenient ... purely material or downright banal," such appeals may

seem. Priests need to look deeper at what's driving the encounter: the person's underlying hope and desire for divine comfort, for being "anointed with fragrant oil, since they know we have it."

"We need to 'go out,' then, in order to experience our own anointing, its power and its redemptive efficacy: to the 'outskirts' where there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that longs for sight, and prisoners in thrall to many evil masters," the pope said.

Ministers do not encounter God through "soul-searching or constant introspection," he said.

Even though "self-help courses can be useful in life," he said, living by them will only lead people to become "pelagians," that is to falsely believe that good will and strenuous effort without divine aid may overcome sin.

The power of grace "comes alive and flourishes to the extent that we, in faith, go out and give ourselves and the Gospel to others, giving what little ointment we have to those who have nothing, nothing at all," he said.

The pope called for resisting the onslaught of the "crisis of priestly identity (which) threatens us all and adds to the broader cultural crisis," and for not giving up casting one's nets in the name of the Lord.

"It is not a bad thing that reality forces us to 'put out into the deep,'" where "the only thing that counts is 'unction,' not 'function,'" he said, where bringing God's healing and comfort to others is the priority.

The pope ended his homily by asking the faithful to "be close to your priests with affection and with your prayers, that they may always be shepherds according to God's heart."



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Easter joy goes on as we celebrate Divine Mercy

The world was never the same after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

As a consequence, the readings for the Sundays following Easter, all the way to Pentecost, deal with earth-shattering events.

St. Luke wrote, not only his Gospel, but a second volume called the Acts of the Apostles that cover nearly seventy years of history.

The first reading today is taken from that book, It describes a scene in the Temple of spectacular healings.

No, it's not Jesus who is the central figure, but the power of the Spirit now present in Jesus' apostles.

They are continuing God's mercy and compassion towards the sick and the crippled and the lame.

Since Jesus had died on the cross not just for some, but for all people, His followers show no discrimination in healing both rich and poor, Jews and strangers to Jerusalem.

Today's second reading is from the great "dream book"

of John, the Book of Revelation. We learn that it is God Himself through the Angel who told John to write down these great scenes of future judgment and the glory that will come to Jesus and to those who are faithful to the

Lamb.

John writes from his exile along with many other Christians, exiled by the Emperor Domitian, to the Isle of Patmos.

Today we think of countless Christians, driven from Muslim countries at a loss of possessions, employment, and homeland. Present day persecution for the faith is severe. Governments that could help are sadly so indifferent.

Why is this Sunday called Divine Mercy Sunday?

Because Pope John Paul II saw in the visions of a Polish saint, Blessed Faustina, a message Jesus Christ wished the world to focus on more—his Divine Mercy.

His Mercy is powerfully shown in today's Gospel as the newly-risen Saviour ap-



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## Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

## READINGS

Acts 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

pears to those who had betrayed Him, those who in weakness had run far away from the soldiers and from the mock trials--and from their Master in His three-hour agony and death.

As Jesus came through those locked doors where they had huddled in fear of arrest. He did not upbraid or condemn them, but said with loving compassion, "Peace to You".

He forgave them for their weakness, their cowardice, and their sinfulness. He continued to heal them of their doubts and the fears.

Secondly, he did not fire them from their ministry,

but commissioned them to preach his Name to the ends of the earth.

He restored His trust in them, and loved them even more. He would eventually send His Spirit to strengthen them with His Divine Power.

As Jesus showed His Divine mercy to his apostles on this Sunday, the Church urges us this Sunday to show our gratitude and belief in His never-failing forgiveness for our sins and betrayals of His love.

He urges us to pray often for a world that has abandoned His commandments, ignored His words, shunned His healing, and rejected His love. We need to imitate God's mercy by our daily prayer and speaking out on their behalf to our own government.

Our Easter joy continues during these weeks after Easter as we prepare ourselves in prayer with Mary for a further "confirmation" of His gifts this Pentecost.

See additional listening sessions... updated sites

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	2pm at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg	Chancery Staff
2 Tue, May 21, 2013	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	6:30pm, 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	6:30pm, St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga	Essex & Hamilton/Herkimer
9 Wed, June 19, 2013	6:30pm, 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

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## OUR READERS WRITE

## War on or help for women?

All we heard leading up to Obama re-election was Republicans were waging a war on women because of their stands against abortion and contraception.

I submit that pro-lifers are actually trying to protect women and their babies, but are not allowed to offer them an alternative to abortion.

Women are being victimized constantly by men through pornography, care-free sex, birth control and then abortion

Women don't own their bodies, men do - play things for men to play with then discard when done!

But for now I'd like to offer help to women now pregnant with little to no support to have their baby.

In my recent letter, it's quite clear that a pregnant woman knows a baby is growing in her womb, but all around tell her she must have an abortion.

Some choice! Our mission is to save babies and their mothers. When we're praying outside of Planned Parenthood,

we just want to offer help.

Within the Diocese of Ogdensburg, we have Catholic Charities ([www.cathcharities.org](http://www.cathcharities.org)) and local parishes have the Gabriel Project (named after the angel Gabriel who announced to Mary that she was pregnant with Jesus (even she was troubled)).

Both Catholic Charities and the Gabriel Projects walk with you throughout your pregnancy and after, offering love, material aid and emotional/spiritual support.

They will network with other agencies for housing, adoption, counseling, medical/pre-natal care and practical assistance.

Unfortunately millions of men and women never hear about this and are persuaded to have a "doctor" abort (kill) their child.

This decision will have tragic consequences for them in their futures. My next letter will address this aftermath.

CHRIS LAROSE  
POTSDAM



## AT THE MOVIES

# THE CROODS

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

"The Flintstones" on steroids may best describe "The Croods" (Fox). Echoing the premise of the popular 1960s TV series, this 3-D animated comedy follows the rollicking adventures of another "modern Stone Age family."

Written and directed by Chris Sanders ("How to Train Your Dragon") and Kirk DeMicco ("Space Chimps"), "The Croods" is a refreshing change of pace for Hollywood family fare. Its punning title notwithstanding, the film's humor is not at all crude -- there's not a potty joke within sight (or smell).

Instead, we have a fast-paced, good-humored and beautifully rendered romp that provides fun for moviegoers of just about any age. Only frightening interludes that might overwhelm the littlest viewers pose any concern for parents.

Climate change is in the air, and that fills Crood family patriarch Grug (voice of Nicolas Cage) with dread. Grug is overprotective of his loving wife, Ugga (voice of Catherine Keener), and of their three kids: Eep (voice of Emma Stone), a rebellious teen; Thunk (voice of Clark Duke), an outsized dimwit; and rambunctious toddler Sandy, who growls rather than speaks.

Throw in Grug's sassy mother-in-law, Gran (voice

of Cloris Leachman), with whom he continually feuds, and you have a recipe for dysfunction and chaos.

Every day at sunset, Grug gathers his tribe and together they retreat to the safety of a dark cave. Thanks to him, the Croods are the only family which has survived the terrors of the wild.

"Darkness brings death," Grug teaches his brood. "Fear keeps us alive. Never not be afraid. Curiosity kills."

But inquisitiveness gets the better of Eep, who wanders off one night, intrigued by a flickering light in the distance. It leads her to a stranger named Guy (voice of Ryan Reynolds). Guy is an orphan who has survived through sheer resourcefulness -- and the discovery of fire.

Eep is enchanted by the hunky lad. (Who knew Neanderthals had abs of steel?) But Guy predicts doom and gloom unless the Croods follow his lead to a safe haven he calls "Tomorrow." Grug is suspicious, and resents relinquishing his role

as guardian.

When the earth quakes and volcanoes erupt, the Croods have no choice but to join Guy on the ultimate road trip toward their destiny. Awash in psychedelic colors, the many otherworldly landscapes they encounter are reminiscent of James Cameron's "Avatar."

Whether intentional or not, "The Croods" carries an intriguing Christian subtext. The characters of the title live in fear in the dark. Guy arrives and persuades them to "live in the light" and "follow the sun." Doing so will lead to a kind of salvation as well as a renewal of the bonds of family and friendship.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



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Animated characters appear in the movie "The Croods."

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Young Catholics, ages 12-18, are invited to create a 1-3 minute video: **"What My Catholic Faith Means to Me"**

- ◆ For information and application visit: [www.rcdony.org/youthrallyvideo](http://www.rcdony.org/youthrallyvideo)
- ◆ Deadline is April 10; winner will be announced at the Diocesan Youth Rally April 27
- ◆ Producer of the most creative video will be awarded a free week at Camp Guggenheim



## ADIRONDACK

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Saranac Lake** – The Tri-Lakes Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday to take place.

**Date:** April 7

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

**Schedule:** 2 p.m. confessions; 2:30 p.m. exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, homily and the chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## 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 to cover cost of materials

**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 to sign up or fill out a registration form in the Atrium.

## CHICKEN AND BISCUITS

**Moors 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

**Features:** Sponsored by St. Joseph's Fundraising Committee Funds to Benefit St. Joseph's.

## SPRING/SUMMER SALE

**Peru** – St. Vincent's Thrift Store will have their Spring/Summer Sale.

**Date:** April 5-6

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

**Features:** Customers may fill a large bag with gently used spring/summer clothing and footwear for \$6.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

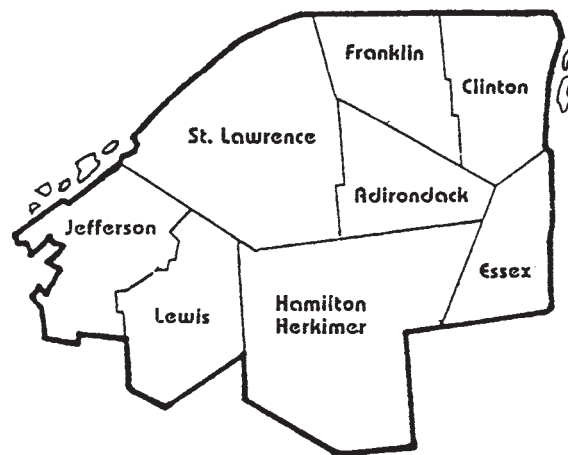
**Date:** April 14

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

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

## 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 Cli-



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 e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

mate 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:** individuals who wish to attend are encouraged to telephone the St. Peter's Church Rectory at 563-1692 several days in advance of the presentation, to request a seat be reserved for them.

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**Moors Forks** – St. Ann's will be having their annual Sunday breakfast including those delicious cinnamon buns.

**Date:** April 7

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors 65 and over, \$7; Children 6-10, \$3; under 5, Free

## SPRING BRUNCH

**Altona** – Holy Angels Church will be having an All You Can Eat Spring Brunch.

**Date:** April 14

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children un 12, \$3

**Features:** Bake Sale and Craft Sale. Call 236-5848 to reserve craft table.

## 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 [olaprayrhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaprayrhouse@gmail.com) or call 518-594-3253.

## SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER

**Ellenburg** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks will be offering a Level 1 Training Course of Christian Healing Ministries School of Healing Prayer.

**Date:** April 25-27

**Features:** A foundational, practical approach to developing a prayer ministry and offers a Scriptural basis for God's gift of healing prayer. Student learns how to be an effective prayer minister through the use of video presentations by Francis and Judith MacNutt, discussion and praying over each other in groups. Registration and fees due by April 15. Course limited to six. Overnight accommodations available.

**Contact:** Email [olaprayrhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaprayrhouse@gmail.com) or call 518-594-3253.

## BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

**Ellenburg Center** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will offer a Bible Study Program.

**Dates:** April 6

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to Noon

**Features:** Rita Breen will be reflecting on themes of Lent Light lunch provided. Donations appreciated.

**Contact:** RSVP 518-594-3253 or [toolaprayrhouse@gmail.com](mailto:toolaprayrhouse@gmail.com)

## 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:** "Adore in the Most Blessed Sacrament My Heart, which is full of mercy." (Words of Jesus to St. Faustina).

**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email us at [Sjohnsadoration@aol.com](mailto:Sjohnsadoration@aol.com)

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Plattsburgh** – Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated.

**Date:** April 7

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

**Schedule:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:15-2:30 p.m.; New Video: Jesus, I Trust in You 12:15-1:35 p.m.; Sacrament of Reconciliation in the chapel 1:15-2:15 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Prayer Service begin at 2:30 p.m.; Blessing of Religious objects will take place during the service. Refreshments from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

## 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

## SOAKING PRAYER

**Plattsburgh** – Soaking Prayer is offered every second and fourth Wednesday of the month under the direction of the Living Water's Healing Ministry.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 11:30

**Place:** Upper room at St. Peters

## 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 around creative

## 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

## 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:** Savory Café in the Carriage House

**Cost:** \$15

**Contact:** Mickey Squier at 782-2297 or Joan Boulio at 639-6688 to make reservations.

## 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.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Evans Mills** – There will be a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** April 13

**Time:** 4 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; senior citizens, \$5; children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free





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# Thanks for generosity

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

As we enter into the month of April, this means that soon our summer appeal, like the Missionary Cooperation Appeal, will soon be coming to your parish.

## Society gives thanks for generosity from the diocese

The Missionary Cooperation Appeal takes place during the month of July typically and it alternates every other summer from the East to the West side of our Diocese. This summer, the Coop will take place in the Western Deaneries.

Last summer, the parishes in Treadwell Mills, Morisonville and two parishes in Plattsburgh were the first to host missionaries from a society new to our Coop program: The Divine Word Missionaries. They are a Seminary based out of Techny, IL and do good work around our world.

I recently received a letter of gratitude from them for their time in our Diocese.

Their Director of Mission Appeals, Reverend Robert Kelly, SVD, writes "receive our warm greetings from the Divine Word Missionary Priests. I hope you are all doing well. We received your kind letter and fund to support our work ministering to poor and needy around the world. Thank you for welcoming our Missionaries to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Your intentions and those of the people who made your gift possible will be remembered in the constant prayers and Masses of all Divine Word Missionary Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Seminarians. May God bless your ministries of service as you help to spread the Gospel around the World! You are truly kind to have allowed us to visit your Diocese. We are very grateful."

May God Bless you all and your families as we enter in Spring.

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## OBITUARIES

**Cadyville** – William "Bill" J. Conway, 82; Funeral Services June 1, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Champlain** – Margaret "Peggy" Bechard, 80; Funeral Services March 29, 2013 at M.B. Clark Funeral Home; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Coopersville.

**Champlain** – Mary Louise (LaFontaine) Chevalier, 98; Funeral Services March 25, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Colton** – Billy J. Planty, 55; Funeral Services March 22, 2013 at the Buck Funeral Home.

**DeKalb Junction** – Edna L. (Hughes) Perault, 87; Funeral Services March 25, 2013 at the Allen-Denesha Funeral Home; burial in Pine Hill Cemetery, Eel Weir.

**Ft. Covington** – Stanley S. Stefanowicz, 71; Funeral Services April 3, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

**Hogansburg** – JoAnne M. King, 58; Funeral Services March 26, 2013 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

**Massena** – Antonette "Toni" M. Fiocco-Price, 70; Funeral Services April 1, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart.

**Massena** – Florence M. (Kerr) Mossow, 59; Funeral Services March 27, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Colton.

**Norfolk** – Cynthia J. (Lashway) Francis, 52; Funeral Services March 25, 2013 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Virginia E. "Ginny" (Lanoue) Anderson, 80; Funeral Services March 27, 2013 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Barbara J. (Hatch) Kanaly, 80; Funeral March 27, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Allen J. Matton, 49; Funeral Services March 25, 2013 at St. Peter's



Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Peru** – Geneva (Royal) Derby, 94; Funeral Services March 25, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Schuyler Falls Cemetery.

**Port Henry** – Ernest "Ernie" DuRoss, 78; Funeral Services March 28, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** – Kathleen Ann (LaRock) Woods, 49; Funeral Services March 27, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in White Church Cemetery, Crown Point.

**Watertown** – Hon. Robert H. Austin, 88; Funeral Services April 1, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.



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## JEFFERSON

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. COSMIC

**Carthage** - St. James and St. Mary's Parishes are holding a 90th birthday party for Father John Cosmic.

**Date:** April 14

**Time:** Open house, 1 p.m. to 4

**Place:** Augustinian Academy (Mechanic St. entrance)

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Watertown** - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

**Schedule:** April 7 at 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Special prayers for Healing your family tree, Blessing of the Divine Mercy image and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament.

**Features:** The Divine Mercy Devotion consists of making a Novena by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday; celebrating the Feast of Mercy, April 7. Being merciful to others, Placing our complete trust in Jesus, making a good confession, & receiving Communion on the Feast of Mercy Sunday

**Contact:** Call Judy at 315-783-7349 or 788-2388, or visit [www.thedivine-mercy.org](http://www.thedivine-mercy.org)

## 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 11, 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, SSI

**Contact:** 324-5718 or 782-3460;

[www.lent45.org](http://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.

## 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](http://www.liferight.org).

## LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Houseville** - The Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated.

**Date:** April 7

**Time:** 2 p.m.

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

**Features:** Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessing of the Divine Mercy image. The Sacrament of Reconciliation begins at 2:10 p.m. At 2:15 p.m. a video, Discovering Divine Mercy, by Father Don Calloway, MIC, will be shown in the church hall. The program continues at 3 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung), homily and Benediction. Rev. Lukasz Kozlowski of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Utica will be the guest celebrant.

**Contact:** For information call 348-6260.

## PARISH MISSION

**Croghan** - Come and "Taste Again for the First Time" this Easter Season.

**Date:** April 14-16

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** Fr. Timothy Canaan, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church and Director of Campus Ministry.

## 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

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Canton** - St. Mary's School will be having a rummage sale.

**Dates:** April 5 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 6 7:30 a.m. to 11

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

**Date:** April 6

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

**Features:** Praying the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and for World Peace, followed by a 15 minute private meditation on the Glorious Mysteries.

## BRUNCH ON APRIL 14

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

**Date:** April 14

## WHERE IS JESUS?



The pre-kindergarten students at Holy Family School in Malone re-enacted the Resurrection. Here the disciples, Mother Mary, and Mary Magdalen are "shocked" that Jesus is missing from the tomb.

**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

## 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. Wednesday 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:** On Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8

**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall

**Cost:** No cost, but workbooks can be purchased for \$25

## EUCHARISTIC 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

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## 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.

## SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENT

The Religious Sisters and Brother of the diocese are holding a symposium "Awakening the Dreamer: Symposium on Environment Sustainability."

**Dates:** April 13, Saranac Lake, Adirondack Medical Center; April 14, Watertown, Sisters of St. Joseph

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4

**Presenters:** Mercy Sister Diane Guerin and Claire Maier, a Mercy Associate.

**Contacts:** Sr. Sheila Murphy, 518-483-2880 or Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, 315-34-5718

Malone Catholic Parishes invites you to our

## FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Sunday, April 7, 2013 † Divine Mercy Sunday  
11:00 A.M. † Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter  
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1:00 † 2:50 P.M. Priests on hand for the  
Sacrament of Confession

3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

Monday, April 8 & Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Eucharistic Adoration from  
6:45 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight  
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Solemn Procession and Benediction of the  
Most Blessed Sacrament

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Eucharist and his Gospels, because the  
more you know Him,  
the more you will love Him.  
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