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Listen to the Holy Spirit

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Listen to the Holy Spirit because he is giving people the good news that God loves them and can renew, purify and transform their lives, Pope Francis said at his weekly audience.

The Holy Spirit is the living water that "quenches the

thirst in our lives because he tells us that we are loved by God as his children, that we can love God as his children and with his grace we can live as children of God, like Jesus," the pope said May 8 at his weekly general audience.

Speaking to more than 80,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis continued his audience talks about the affirmations of faith in the creed, focusing on the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit is an inexhaustible well of the life of

God in us," he said.

Every human person in every epoch and from all walks of life "desires a full and beautiful life, a life that is not threatened by death but that may mature and grow in fullness," Pope Francis said.

KISS FOR A CHILD

At the papal audience



CNS PHOTO/STEFANO RELLANDINI, REUTERS Pope Francis kisses a child as he arrives to lead his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 8. More than 80,000 people heard Pope Francis reflect on the Holy Spirit

Catholic Climate Ambassador

PLATTSBURGH - Dr. Gerry Gacoch, one of the nation's 21 Catholic Climate Ambassadors trained by the Catholic Climate Covenant, spoke to a standing room-only crowd gathered in the Emmaus Room of St. Peter's Parish April 21.

Among Dr. Gacoch's topics of discussion for the program were:

- The facts, scientific measurements and definitions of climate change;
- The reasons people should care as human beings and as Catholics

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THE BODY OF CHRIST



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Rori McCarthy was among the hundreds of children Who made their First Communion this month in parishes across the North Country. Above, she receives the Holy Eucharist from Father F. James Shurtleff May 6 at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Come one... come all!

Everybody wants to be wanted.

We all need to be needed.

Well, Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg are definitely wanted and needed at special events during the next couple of weeks.

First of all, on page 3, you'll see your personal invitation to the ordination of Deacon Scott Anthony Belina to the priesthood.

Bishop LaValley will ordain Deacon Belina "a priest

of Jesus Christ through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Cathedral of St. Mary" May 25 at 11 a.m.

Everyone should witness an ordination at least once in their lifetime. You really should come if you can.

All the priests of the diocese will be there, following the bishop in the laying on of hands.

The music will be magnificent.

The atmosphere will be con-

tagiously joyful.

It will certainly make you proud to be Catholic.

One week later, everybody is invited back to Ogdensburg for the Year of Faith edition of Corpus Christi.

This event promises to be another gathering that will make us joyful to be part of our diocesan Catholic family.

How wonderful it will be to pray with Catholic friends from all across the North Country and show the strength of our devotion to the Eucharist as we process through the streets of the city of Ogdensburg.

Through the coming months there will be other opportunities for us to come together and share our faith as a diocese – at the Beauty and Belief event in Potsdam in August, at the Year of Faith Mass in Lake Placid in September and, for our teens, at Guggenheim and SportsCamp.

It's hard to express how powerful it is to be surrounded by other people who believe as fiercely as we do.

Our faith is certainly strengthened when we see we're not alone. And we are definitely not alone!



Mary Lou
Kilian

FATHER BILL SAYS

Mass - the foundational part of our faith

For us Catholics, important occasions happen with Mass.

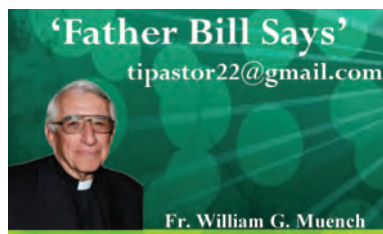
This comes to mind this month with its many celebrations – First Communion, Confirmation, graduations and award ceremonies. The Mass is truly important and foundational for us. Each week, when each parish joins together to be parish and to pray together, we gather around the altar of the Lord at Mass.

The Sunday Mass is a precious moment in the life of a parish. Each week, the pastor has the opportunity to join with his people to pray and unite spiritually with the Lord to leads his parish.

To make a parish all that it should be, the parish must find spirit and power and strength and meaning – a spirit that can only come from the Lord. We Catholics, find our power and spirit in the Mass and the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist.

The Sunday Mass is about a parish finding the Lord Jesus. However, the parish must take this presence and life of Jesus out into their world and homes. The danger will always be that many leave Jesus in the Church.

As the people of a parish enters their parish Church for Sunday Mass – together as a family preparing to meet the



Lord – they must leave their cares, their anxieties, their problems at the door of the Church. All these distractions must stay at the door – yes, they will be there as we leave from Mass.

Now we must be ready – strengthened and blessed by the Lord – to deal better with all of our challenges.

Every year, at Easter time, one of the familiar Gospel readings is the Emmaus story – Luke 24. Two disciples – some say a married couple – a husband and wife are walking home from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus.

They are disappointed, even depressed. Jesus has been crucified. The Risen Lord comes along and walks with them. However, they do not recognize him. They explain their sadness. Jesus, still unrecognized, demonstrates to them from the Scriptures that the Messiah must suffer.

When they arrive at Emmaus, Jesus joins them for a meal.

Luke tells us that they recognize Jesus in the "breaking of the bread."

The Emmaus story is our story each time we join for Sunday Mass. We listen to the story of our faith as we listen to the Sacred Scriptures. The pastor then teaches the people of his parish and challenges each one of them to be parish, to do something special to make the parish a better place – and in this way to make their world a better place.

Then we do Eucharist. The bread and wine are placed on the altar. In that Offertory we are invited to place our hopes and dreams, our cares and concerns on that altar with the bread and wine. We place ourselves, our loved ones and all that we are concerned about on that altar so that, with the bread and wine, they are consecrated by the priest given this power in ordination.

We believe that the bread and wine become for us the Body and Blood of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. In this consecration, all that we are and all that we have placed on this altar is blessed and consecrated in a special way by the Lord.

Then, in Holy Communion, Jesus, Our Savior, truly present, unites himself with each of us in such a spectacular way so that we may take the Lord into

the challenges of our life with his power and strength and love.

With Jesus, we can bring new vigor into all that we do – and make things better.

The Sunday Mass is the most important moment in the life of any parish. It is so important for all in a parish to join in this Sunday worship each week. It is a pattern that gives a parish unity and a readiness to accomplish all that must be done.

Only in this way, will a Catholic parish be the moving force in transforming their parish, their town constantly – making it a holier, more alive place.

The parish must bring the spirit and love and teachings of Jesus to all in this place, a challenge that can only happen for a parish that joins together each week at the Sunday Mass.

So we Catholics must make the Sunday Mass a necessary and important part of each family's life in the parish – uniting all in the life of the parish.

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Bishop urges all to attend Corpus Christi celebration

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley is encouraging all Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg to participate in the diocesan celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi June 2.

This observance will provide an opportunity for Catholics to show their faith in the Eucharist during this Year of Faith.

Weather-permitting, the day will include a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Ogdensburg.

The celebration begins at

9:30 a.m. with Mass at Notre Dame Church.

After the liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration until 2 p.m.

This time period will include a special Holy Hour, from 11 a.m. to 12, during which the diocesan Church will unite with Pope Francis and the Church worldwide in an hour of adoration and gratitude for the Eucharist.

At 2 p.m., a Eucharistic Procession will leave Notre Dame Church, journeying

through the streets of Ogdensburg, to St. Mary's Cathedral.

At the cathedral, from 3 p.m. to 4, there will be time for choral praise and Eucharistic adoration as well as a homily delivered by Bishop LaValley.

The celebration will conclude at 4 p.m. with Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Following Benediction, there will be a reception on the cathedral grounds.

Father Venette is incardinated

Father Howard J. Venette Diocese of Ogdensburg was requested and Bishop LaValley has accepted his request to be incardinated back into the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Father Venette left the diocese to join the Society of St. Peter in June of 2004. In June 2009 he was excardinated from the Diocese of Ogdensburg and incardinated into the Society.

Father Venette returned to Ogdensburg in July of 2012 and is currently administrator of the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River.

His incardination into the

Diocese of Ogdensburg was effective as of May 1, 2013.

Ordained July 21, 1984 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana at St. Patrick's in Chateaugay, Father Venette served as parochial vicar at several parishes before being named pastor in Harrisville in 1994.

He served the diocese as director of the permanent deacon formation program from 1995 to 2001.

In 1997, he became pastor in Colton and, in 2003, administrator in Brushton, before he left to join the Society of St. Peter.



Fr. Howard J. Venette

A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION



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Dominican Sister Debbie Blow of Plattsburgh, co-founder of the North Country Mission of Hope, is pictured with Senator Betty Little in Albany May 7. Sister Debbie was recognized as a 2013 New York State Senate Woman of Distinction for her many years of humanitarian outreach to the people of Nicaragua.



On Saturday,
May 25, 2013
at 11:00 am

The Most Reverend Terry LaValley,
Bishop of Ogdensburg
will ordain Scott Anthony Belina
a Priest of Jesus Christ
through the laying on hands and
the invocation of the Holy Spirit
at the Cathedral of Saint Mary
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Please come and share in this
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YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

What does daily Mass do for me?

By Kathryn Marie Fiacco Robinson
Commissioned Lay Minister
Parishioner, St. Andrew's, Norwood
and Church of the Visitation, Norfolk

A parishioner in one of my parishes recently asked me what attending daily Mass does for me?

I pondered this for a few days and wrote the following.

As I am baking chocolate chip cookies on a very cold, rainy day, I ponder God our Father, Jesus, Son of God and the Holy Spirit and the Mass.

I add the instructed ingredients into the bowl, stir them together as directed and soon it becomes the cookie dough.

I think Jesus began His ministry when God answered Him while in prayer to seek John the Baptist and be baptized. He then began to gather the disciples. These men dropped everything and followed Jesus.

The seed of faith planted in their hearts by God came to life when called by Jesus. These men followed Jesus all the way to the resurrec-



tion. When I attend Mass each day I receive communion, which gives me the nourishment I need to follow Christ.

Jesus prayed often and listened to God's message and did what was asked of Him for our Father in heaven. He gathered the people to hear the message from God and to live the ways of God.

At the last supper He gave all of the apostles the ultimate sacrament, the Eucharist. His body and blood, which we receive at Mass today.

Just as I have gathered all the ingredients for the cookies, the Eucharist holds in it Jesus' body and blood.



Kathryn Robinson of Norfolk, shown during Mass at the Stella Maris Church in Haifa, Israel, reflects on the importance of daily Mass in her life.

These are the ultimate ingredients to receive for they contain an infinite union with our Lord.

The cookies bake in the oven and are removed in a few minutes in a completely different form. These cookies have a very tasty flavor, which leads me to ponder the taste of the Eucharist that I receive at each Mass.

Each Mass I attend changes me into a little less of me and more into what God is calling me to do for Him.

My personal ingredients are all my life's experiences.

The choices I made brought confusion, loneliness, and despair. These ingredients only brought a very terrible taste to others and to me.

I found that I was at a total loss and felt like a baking ingredient in the wrong recipe. I needed to sit on a shelf and pray. I did and it wasn't long before I was given my direction to follow.

The most profound prayer that I pray is the Mass. I attend Mass almost everyday and feel loved by God without any worry of not tasting right in His mixture.

The celebration of Mass is the most profound experience of praising and thanking God for all we have. These experiences enlighten my center being to His presence and feel His unconditional love.

Oh, believe me it took time for me to reach this enlightened level of God's love for me. Slowly as I began to attend Sunday Mass, I felt the Holy Spirit move me to attend daily Mass.

The result of this brought a better understanding of Jesus' life and many answers to His journey for me. I gain more of an openness to the gifts that God has for me and am thankful for Him taking my hand.

The gift I cherish the most is the Eucharist. As I receive this Sacrament in my heart, I know that Jesus is present. This is the time that we are the closest to Jesus.

The few seconds it takes to receive His body makes me feel like I am not in this world but in God's world. Jesus is there and we know this because He told us where two or more are gathered in His name that I He is present.

The cookies have a good taste but the Eucharist has a lasting taste. T

The Eucharist gives me a new growth that stays in my heart and doesn't lose its flavor. The spiritual nourishment is lasting.

God is continually shaping me for His work. I pray to keep my heart open to hear the works that He wants for me to do.

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Catholic Climate Ambassador makes presentation in Plattsburgh

Call to care for the environment

By A. Paul Scott
Contributing writer

PLATTSBURGH- A standing room-only crowd gathered in the Emmaus Room of St. Peter's Parish April 21 to hear Dr. Gerry Gacioch, one of the nation's 21 Catholic Climate Ambassadors trained by the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Dr. Gacioch, chief of cardiology at Rochester General Hospital's Heart Institute, made the presentation one day prior to Earth Day 2013.

The Climate Ambassador's presentation focused on

- The facts, scientific measurements and definitions of climate change;

- The reasons people should care as human beings and as Catholics

- Catholic teachings and traditions associated with environmental stewardship, care for God's creation, prudence and the principle of the common good for the one human family on God's Earth;

- Mitigation and adaption to climate change;

- What individuals and groups can do to better protect the natural environment

and the human environment;

- The Catholic principles of caring for the poor among us and caring for the environment.

Dr. Gacioch offered hope to the audience, noting that Catholic parishes, citizens, communities, nations and governments have choices ahead regarding what path to take associated with adapting to – and mitigating the effects of – climate change in the years ahead.

The Climate Ambassador said that large-scale adaption and mitigation has precedent: the 1980's global cooperation and response to what had been a growing "ozone hole" in Earth's atmosphere, and the 1990 Clean Air Act that has measurably and substantially improved America's environment.

The Climate Ambassador offered a historical perspective on the Vatican's long-time focus on environmental stewardship by words and by actions across a long line of Popes, including Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

Pope Francis said all of God's creatures and the envi-



PHOTOS BY A. PAUL SCOTT

Dr. Gerry Gacioch of Rochester, one of the nation's 21 Catholic Climate Ambassadors trained by the Catholic Climate Covenant, led a presentation on climate change and caring for the environment April 21 at the Emmaus Room of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh. He is pictured with two pastors who attended the program, Msgr. Dennis Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's; and Father John Yonkovic, pastor of St. Agnes in Lake Placid.

ronment have been entrusted to human protection, and all of us are responsible for it.

"We should be protectors of God's gifts," Pope Francis said, in keeping with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops statement, "Global Climate Change: A Plea for

Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good."

Dr. Gacioch's presentation at St. Peter's was co-sponsored by the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the St. Peter's Church Environmental Stewardship Committee.

The Catholic Climate Covenant is an outgrowth of

the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, which was established in year 2006 by the collective efforts of a dozen national Catholic organizations, such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, plus the National Religious Partnership for the Environment.



The Emmaus Room of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh Was filled to capacity April 21 for a presentation by Catholic Climate Ambassador Dr. Gerry Gacioch.

Sportscamp 2013 set for July 14-18 at Wadhams Hall

OGDENSBURG - Registration is open for Sportscamp where boys and girls ages 11-15 blend quality basketball and soccer training with personal and spiritual growth.

Sportscamp is held at Wadhams Hall. This year the camp session begins July 14 at 3 p.m. and concludes July 18 at noon.

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, said, "we are entering our 19th year of camp and we are most grateful for the

support the camp receives each year in donations and scholarships which help make camp a reality for many of our youth.

"Most recently we received a \$500 donation from Stewarts to be used for general needs of the camp," he said.

"We are looking forward to July to assist our campers to be good athletes and good disciples," Deacon Dwyer said.

The program is designed to be a quality sports camp

with a strong spiritual component.

There is a significant amount of time for learning and playing under the direction of experienced coaches. There is also time for prayer, liturgy, and for reflection on some life skills that can be gained through sports.

In addition, the program is filled with other camp activities.

Applications may be obtained at: www.rcdony.org/youth/camps.

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

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Bishop's Schedule

May 15 – 10 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Team meeting with the Catholic Leadership Institute at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
7 p.m., Confirmation at Holy Family Church in Watertown

May 17 – 11 a.m., Pontifical Mission Societies Board meeting at the Spratt Conference Room in Ogdensburg
7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Clayton

May 18 – 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Constableville
4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Vincent of Paul Church in Cape Vincent

May 19 – 3 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

May 20 – 11 a.m., Council of Priests meeting at St. Cyril's Church in Alexandria Bay

May 20-21 – Presbyteral Assembly at the Edgewood Resort in Alexandria Bay

Environmental Stewardship

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- Check out www.waterfootprint.org to learn how much water is used in our everyday living.

Rest in Peace

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

May 15 – Rev. William Rossiter, 1908; Msgr. James R. McClure, 1960

May 16 – Rev. Moses Legault, 1908; Rev. John M. McIntyre, 1944

May 18 – Rev. John B. A. Legrand, 1891; Rev. Richard J. Cotter, 1928, Rev. Augustus J. Dumont, 1949

May 19 – Msgr. Arthur M. Leary, 1968; Deacon Vincent J. Frattali, 2003

May 20 – Rev. Robert Booth, 1939; Rev. Eugene Noury, O.M.I., 1961; Rev. P. Andrew L'Esperance, M.S.C., 1962

May 21 – Msgr. John Pendergast, 1998

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org 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.

Upcoming programs:

Aug. 29 – 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope tells sisters the church needs them, they need the church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis told 800 superiors of women's orders from around the world that the Catholic Church needs religious women and that religious women need to be in harmony with the faith and teachings of the church. "What would the church be without you?" the pope told the women May 8. "It would be missing maternity, affection, tenderness and a mother's intuition." Religious superiors, Pope Francis said, need to ensure their members are educated in the doctrine of the church, "in love for the church and in an ecclesial spirit." Quoting Pope Paul VI, he said: "It's an absurd dichotomy to think one can live with Jesus, but without the church, to follow Jesus outside the church, to love Jesus and not the church." The sisters, who came from 76 countries, were in Rome for the plenary assembly of the International Union of Superiors General. The group welcomed the pope with loud applause and with the ululations of the African sisters among them.

Canada's March for Life frames abortion as human rights issue

OTTAWA, Ontario (CNS) -- Canada's National March for Life framed abortion as a human rights issue, damaging especially to women and girls. "Gendercide is the systematic elimination of girls just because they are girls," Conservative member of Parliament Mark Warawa, who represents Langley, British Columbia, told the crowd on Parliament Hill May 9. "There are 200 million missing girls in the world right now, which is creating a huge problem for society," said Warawa, who introduced a motion earlier this year to condemn female gendercide. The political debate engendered by the motion gave rise to the march's theme: "End Female Gendercide: 'It's girl' should not be a death sentence." Warawa said 92 percent of Canadians say gendercide is wrong: "I say that's wrong. You say that's wrong. So together we will keep up the fight and we will win." The Royal Canadian Mounted Police estimated 10,000-12,000 people attended the rally, but organizers said the crowd exceeded 20,000.

Pope says evangelists build bridges, not walls

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Like Jesus who dined with Pharisees and sinners and St. Paul who preached to idol worshippers, true evangelizers build bridges that lead unbelievers into the church, not walls to protect it, Pope Francis said. The pope's words came in a homily May 8 during morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the Vatican guesthouse where he lives. The Vatican employees present included those responsible for furniture and decor in Vatican buildings. Commenting on the day's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, in which St. Paul preaches to pagan Athenians at the Areopagus, Pope Francis said that "Paul is a pontifex, a builder of bridges. He doesn't want to become a builder of walls. He doesn't say: 'Idolaters, go to hell!'" the pope said. "This is the attitude of Paul in Athens: Build a bridge to their heart, in order then to take another step and announce Jesus Christ."

ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA



CNS PHOTO/ART BABYCH

Protesters carry a banner in the annual National March for Life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario, May 9. Police said 10,000-12,000 took part in the event.

Pope: 'Sourpusses' hurt the church's witness, mission

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Using a phrase that translates literally as "the face of a pickled pepper," Pope Francis said that when Christians have more of a sourpuss than a face that communicates the joy of being loved by God, they harm the witness of the church.

"The Christian is a man or woman of joy," the pope said May 10, giving a homily during his Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

While happiness is a good thing, the pope said, it's not the same as the profound joy that comes from "the certainty that Jesus is with us

and with the Father."

If one tries to be happy all the time, he said, that happiness ends up "transforming itself into lightness, superficiality and leads to a state of lacking Christian wisdom; it can make us fools, dupes, no?"

"Joy is something else. Joy is a gift from the Lord. It fills us from the inside," the pope said at the Mass attended by staff from Vatican Radio and concelebrated by Venezuelan Archbishop Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo of Merida and Abbot Notker Wolf, the Benedictine abbot primate.

The joy the Lord gives cannot be "bottled up so we can keep it with us," he said. "If we want this joy just for ourselves, in the end it will make

us sick and our hearts will shrivel up and our faces will not transmit that great joy, but nostalgia, that melancholy that isn't healthy."

Joy naturally leads to generosity, he said.

Pope Francis said joy is a "pilgrim virtue," one that moves Christians to journey out into the world preaching the Gospel and proclaiming Christ.

Joy, he said, "is one of the virtues of the great," of those who don't allow themselves to get caught up in silly little annoyances or in "little things inside the community of the church; they always look to the horizon."

"The Christian sings with joy and walks carrying this joy," the pope said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Come Holy Spirit... renew the face of the earth

Catholics the world over have been amazed and delighted during these last several months with the retirement of Benedict XVI and the election of Pope Francis,

From our initial dismay and feelings of insecurity, we have already recognized the meaning of these events, not as a weakening of the leadership of Christ's Church, but as merely a changing of the guard.

This changing of the

guard happened the first time two thousand years ago.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

It was on the Feast of Pentecost soon after Christ ascended back to the Father, leaving his Apostles frightened and sad.

It was God's timing for the changing of command for His new Church.

Jesus had said the night before His passion "...if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you." Forty days later, it happened as he

had promised.

Today we live again the experience of that first Pentecost when the Upper Room in Jerusalem shook with hurricane force as the wind of God's Spirit and the fire of His love descended on twelve apostles, changing them forever.

As thousands more were baptized that day, the Church was born in the presence of Christ's own mother and countless of other witnesses.

Today, through the Eucharist we celebrate, the Holy Spirit comes again to give a "booster shot" to countless modern-day

MAY 19

The Feast of Pentecost

READINGS

Acts 2: 1-11

Romans 8:8-17

John: 14: 15-16; 23b-26

Christians who have been born of water and the Holy Spirit. Again, we are consecrated in the Truth that God is love and lives in us as in a fleshly Temple.

In this annual renewal of our life-time commitment, our faith is re-kindled so that our light and our love

will more effectively destroy the indifference and violence of the world around us. Only our fears can prevent the Holy Spirit from empowering us, for He is our "Advocate", our silent supporter.

He will help us to work together with our Bishops and priests, our religious and fellow laypeople to renew the church through the Spirit's gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful...and You shall renew the face of the earth!

THE HOLY LONGING

Guidelines for the long haul of living faithfully

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
NCC columnist

Twenty-five years ago, I wrote a column entitled, Guidelines for the Long Haul. Revisiting it recently, I was encouraged that my principles haven't swayed during the past quarter-century, only taken on more nuance. I still recommend those same commandments, nostalgically revisited, somewhat redacted, but fully re-endorsed:

- Be grateful...never look a gift universe in the mouth!

Resist pessimism and false guilt. To be a saint is to be warmed by gratitude, nothing less. The highest compliment you can give a gift-giver is to thoroughly enjoy the gift. You owe it to your Creator to appreciate things, to be as happy as you can. Life is meant to be more than a test. Add this to your daily prayer: Give us today our daily bread, and help us to enjoy it without guilt.

- Don't be naive about God... God will settle for not less than everything!

God doesn't want part of your life; God wants it all.

Distrust all talk about the consolation of religion. Faith puts a rope around you and takes you to where you'd rather not go. Accept that virtue will give you a constant reminder of what you've missed out on. Take this Daniel Berrigan counsel to the bank: "Before you get serious about Jesus, consider carefully how good you're going to look on wood!"

- Walk forward when possible...or at least try to get one foot in front of the next!

See what you see, it's enough to walk by. Expect long periods of confusion. Let ordinary life be enough for you. It doesn't have to be interesting all the time. Take consolation in the fact that Jesus cried, saints sinned, Peter betrayed. Be as morally stubborn as a mule; the only thing that shatters dreams is compromise. Start over often. Nobody is old in God's eyes; nothing is too late in terms of conversion. Know that there are two kinds of darkness you can enter: the fearful darkness of paranoia, which brings sadness, and the fetal darkness of conversion, which brings life.

- Pray...that God will hang on to you!

Distrust popularity polls. Trust prayer. Prayer grounds you in something deeper. Be willing to die a little to be with God since God died to be with you. Let your heart become the place where the tears of God and the tears of God's children merge into the tears of hope.

- Love...if a life is large enough for love it's large enough!

Create a space for love in your life. Consciously cultivate it. Know that nothing can be loved too much. Things can only be loved in the wrong way. Say to those you love: "You, at least, shall not die!" Know there are only two potential tragedies in life: Not to love and not to tell those you love that you love them.

- Accept what you are...and fear not, you are inadequate!

Accept the human condition. Only God is whole. If you're weak, alone, without confidence, and without answers, say so; then listen. Accept the torture of a life of inadequate self-expression. There are many kinds of martyrdom. Recognize

your own brand. If you die for a good reason, it's something you can live with!

- Don't mummify...let go, so as not to be pushed!

Accept daily deaths. Don't seize life as a possession. Possessiveness kills enjoyment, kills relationships, and eventually kills you. Let go gracefully. Name your deaths, claim your births, mourn your losses, let the old ascend, and receive the spirit for the life you're actually living. Banish restless daydreams; they torture you. Keep in mind that it's difficult to distinguish a moment of dying from a moment of birth.

- Refuse to take things seriously...call yourself a fool regularly!

God's laughter fills the emptiness of our tombs. Keep in mind that it's easy to be heavy, hard to be light. Laughter is a direct insult to the realism, dignity, and austerity of hell. Don't confuse sneering with laughter. Laugh with people, not at them. Laugh and give yourself over to silliness; craziness helps too, as does a good night's sleep.

- Stay within the family ... you're on a group outing!

Don't journey alone. Resist the temptation to be spiritual, but not religious. Be "born again", regularly into community. Accept that there are strings attached. The journey includes family, church, country, and the whole human race. Don't be seduced by the lure of absolute freedom. Freedom and meaning lie in obedience to community: community humbles, deflates the ego, puts you into purgatory, and eventually into heaven.

- Don't be afraid to go soft...redemption lies in tears!

All of Jesus' teaching can be put into one word: Surrender. If you will not have a softening of the heart you will eventually have a softening of the brain. Hardness pulls downward. Softness rises. A bird can soar because a bird is soft. A stone sinks because it's hard. Fragility is force. Sensitivity defines soul. Tenderness defines love. Tears are salt water, the water of our origins.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

AT THE MOVIES

THE GREAT GATSBY

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

A great American novel doesn't always, it seems, translate into a sure-fire film property. A case in point: F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic 1925 tale, "The Great Gatsby."

Director and co-writer Baz Luhrmann's current 3-D adaptation (Warner Bros.) is at least the fourth effort to being Fitzgerald's chronicle of the Jazz Age to the big screen, the first of which dates back to the silent era.

Since that 1926 production - helmed by Herbert Brenon - has long been lost, it's impossible to assess its merits from this remove. But neither of its successors -- director Elliott Nugent's 1949 version starring Alan Ladd and Betty Field and Jack Clayton's 1974 release featuring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow - generated much critical enthusiasm.

Despite its star power and a script by Francis Ford Coppola, Clayton's offering was widely regarded as pretty but listless. Though that's unlikely to be anyone's assessment of Luhrmann's film - which is, if anything, overcharged and bursting at the seams - there are other problems afoot.

In particular, Luhrmann's

splashy, sometimes cartoonish approach to the material creates a fablelike setting that distances viewers from Fitzgerald's characters - and thereby lessens the emotional impact of their downfall.

For those who failed to peruse even the Cliff Notes during high school or college, here's the setup: Narrator Nick Carraway (Tobey Maguire), Mid-western-bred scion of the WASP establishment, moves to New York, becomes a tyro bond salesman and rents an inexpensive summer cottage on Long Island as a venue for weekend getaways.

His neighbor there, the occupant of a vast, fantastical mansion, is iconic self-made man and would-be social insider Jay Gatsby (Leonardo DiCaprio). Gatsby's past is shadowy; so too is the source of his seemingly inexhaustible wealth.

Besides sharing the same neighborhood, Nick and Gatsby have something else in common as well: Nick's alluring cousin Daisy (Carey Mulligan), whom Gatsby, as a World War I-era G.I., once romanced and for whom he continues to carry an obsessively-blazing torch. There's just one difficulty: Daisy is now married to old-money millionaire and despicable cad Tom Buchanan (Joel Edgerton).

At Gatsby's request, Nick engineers a reunion for the duo, hardly guessing that the renewed connection will lead on, first to adultery, then to a disastrous confrontation with Tom and finally, through convoluted circumstances, to tragedy.

Luhrmann revels in the frenzied decadence of Gatsby's lifestyle, choreographing the riotous, gin-laden parties the mystery man hosts in a manner that suggests Busby Berkeley on hallucinogens.

Additionally, Luhrmann's script, penned in collaboration with Craig Pearce, tends to glamorize the sinful relationship at the heart of the story, suggesting that an unpleasant spouse and the inherent superiority of the illicit lovers are reason enough to ignore the Sixth Commandment.

As Gatsby himself might put it: Not so, old sport.

The film contains scenes of both lethal and nonlethal violence with minimal gore, an uncritical view of adultery, brief semi-graphic adulterous activity as well as some other sexual con-



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan star in a scene from the movie "The Great Gatsby."

tent, a glimpse of partial nudity, a few uses of profanity, a couple of crude terms and a religious slur. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion

Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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THE K OF C AUCTION

Tupper Lake - The Knights of Columbus Council # 2177 will hold an auction

Date: May 19

Time: Doors open at 9:00am for the Flea Market.

Auction begins at noon

Place: Holy Ghost Parish Center (formerly Holy Ghost Academy)

Features: To benefit the Guggenheim Summer Camp scholarship fund, the Catholic Community Youth Group, & K of C Home Association and Community Programs. Breakfast & Lunch available ... Cash prizes awarded every hour from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Raffles for Combination Gas and Charcoal Grill

CLINTON

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru - St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 27th annual golf tournament.

Date: June 14

Time: Shotgun start 10 a.m.

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" prize sponsored by Bill McBride Chevrolet and other prizes. An awards dinner will follow in the clubhouse. Spouses are invited to attend the dinner at \$15 each.

Contact: Obtain entry forms and information by contacting Bill McBride Jr. at 643-6678 or scar6064@charter.net.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Plattsburgh - A Little Rock Scripture Study "Good News in New Places" has been planned

Date: Tuesdays through June 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Cost: \$15 donation

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.

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

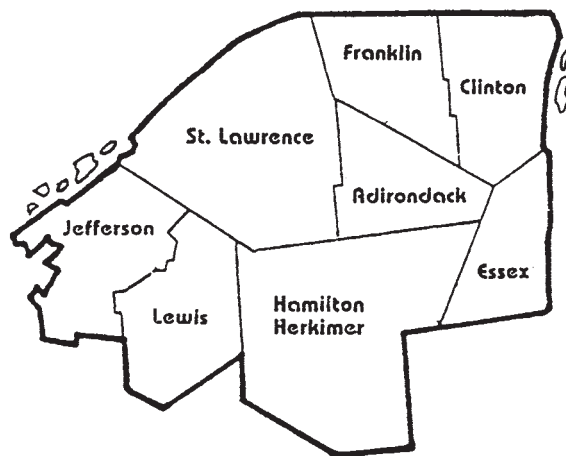
Keeseville - The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society will sponsor a Sunday weekly Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

PRAYER MEETING

Plattsburgh - A weekly prayer meeting



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North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
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e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

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

ESSEX

EDISCOVERING VATICAN II

Schroon Lake - The Second in a series of DVD presentations during the Year of Faith has been planned.

Schedule: Sun. at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes & Fri. at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

Features: A study of the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Contact: 518-532-7100 for information

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

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting to be held.

Date: May 20

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House Hearthside Hospitality Center
Speaker: Father Andrew Mulvaney on "Gone, But Still With Us".

HEALING MASS

Clayton - St. Mary's Church will be celebrating its annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Service.

Date: June 8

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during Mass. After Mass, prayer teams to pray for individual needs. Light refreshments

Contact: Call the Parish Office at 686-3398 or visit www.stmarysclayton.org and click on Healing Mass.

ROSARY CRUSADE

Carthage - The 12th annual seven-hour Rosary Crusade will be held

Date: May 17

Time: Mass at 5:15 p.m., followed by seven hours of the rosary.

Place: St. James Minor Church,
Features: Praying three complete Rosaries each hour. Specific intentions are scheduled for each hour. Artist Bob Renaud creates a painting each year which sets an overall theme for the evening. Those who take part in at least three hours of prayer at St. James will receive a free print of the painting.
Information: catholicsofcarthageopenhagen.org.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: May 30

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.

LEWIS

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Lowville - Plans are underway for St. Peter's May Festival

Date: May 17-19

Place: Lewis County Fair Grounds

Features: Ontario Amusement carnival rides; Saturday matinee with unlimited rides from 1 p.m. to 5, homemade food specialties, bake sale, games. The grand opening is Friday at 5 p.m., Saturday, there is the ride special, Calk Walk at 2 p.m. and Tony's Polka Band from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30. Sunday features a Classic Car and Tractor show from 10 a.m. to 2, a display of vintage vehicles CC Biskens will provide music during the show. Chicken BBQ from 11 a.m. until gone. At 3 p.m. the drawings for the cash prizes

ST. LAWRENCE

WOMEN OF GRACE

Ogdensburg - Women of Grace Foundational Study Series to be held.

Schedule: Weekly meetings beginning June 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 and June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30.

Place: Cathedral's Bishop Brzana Hall.

Features: Registration will be closed after the first class. Books will need to be ordered by each participant at www.womenofgrace.com or by calling 1-800-558-5452. Scholarships available
Contact: Amy Schirmer 344-7202 or amyrobschirmer@gmail.com

PIG ROAST

Brasher Falls - A pig roast to be held.

Date: May 18

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Place: K of C Hall

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

Features: Call 389-5492 for takeouts

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Altar & Rosary is holding a Spaghetti Dinner.

Date: May 15

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

Place: Knights of Columbus

Cost: \$6 and take-outs available

UNTOLD BLESSING SERIES

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's Cathedral will be presenting a seven-week series by Father Robert Barron called "Untold Blessings."

Date: Thursdays

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.

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

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.

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

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.



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Our Peruvian beginnings

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

Did you remember...?

2013 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of San Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru in the Archdiocese of Arequipa, Peru by the Diocese of Ogdensburg. A celebration is planned for June 8 and 9 in Mollendo.

Did you know about the Peru beginnings?

The first two priests from Ogdensburg to serve in Peru were Father Paul Hagan and Father Roger Martin. Bishop James J. Navagh invited the priests to go to South America. Their acceptance would be the beginnings of what would later be called the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate (OPA).

Both priests were genuine missionaries who left for places they never visited, endured hardships and faced challenges beyond what they would have had in their home diocese. They were pioneers.

Father Hagan was nearly 40 years old and 14 years ordained when he left for South America. Of the 19 priests from Ogdensburg who would serve in Peru, he is the only one who probably would have spent his life there had he not returned to the States to be near his dying father in the father's last months. Father Hagan died in a car accident in 1980. He appeared to have collapsed at the wheel, perhaps of a stroke or heart attack, and then went into the path of a truck. He was 57.

Father Roger Martin was 42 years old and ten years ordained when he left as a missionary. He would return from Peru in 1968, served until his retirement in the diocese and died in a nursing home in 2004.

The story of the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate has many dimensions – its outward trials and achievements. The history also forms a small part of a larger story of the North American mission to South America and belongs as well to the currents and movements of the Catholic Church of that time.

It was a period of ferment, searching and unsteadiness that sent many priests, sisters and lay people from North America to serve in South America. On their part there was zeal, trial, misunderstandings and various evaluations were and will be made of that larger effort of the North American Church of that time.

The history of the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate belongs to that wider context. We give thanks to God for the priests from our diocese that followed in the footsteps of Father Hagan and Father Martin for their ministry in a developing country.

(The above account is taken with permission from The Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate: The Early Years by Fr. Stephen Rocker.)

OBITUARIES

Altona – Kathleen Marie Trombley, 25; Funeral Services May 8, 2013 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

AuSable Forks – Seward Webb "Spike" Pulitzer, Jr., 71; Funeral Services May 10, 2013 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Brasher Falls – Marsha Grace (Wells) Gratton, 70; Funeral Services May 8, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Carthage – Mary L. (Vacanti) Rushlow, 93; Funeral Services May 8, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Carthage – R. Ford Wright, 88; Funeral Services May 7, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Constableville – Pauline B. Shue, 89; Funeral Services May 6, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Lyons Falls.

Croghan – Duane M. Hoch, 72; Funeral Services May 10, 2013 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery, Belfort.

Lake Clear – Marguerite M. (Minney) Reyome, 91; Funeral Services May 4, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Dennis F. 'Denny' Dunmire, 69; Funeral Services May 11, 2013 at the M.B. Carl, Inc. Funeral Home; burial in Haselton Cemetery, Wilmington.

Malone – Georgina M. (Degon) Marshall, 95; Funeral Services May 6, 2013 at St.

John Bosco Church; burial in St. Helen's Cemetery, Chasm Falls.

Massena – Laurette J. (LeRoux) Locke, 80; Funeral Services May 8, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Massena – Laurette J. Locke, 80; Funeral Services May 8, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Norfolk – Ellamae M. (McGregor) Smith, 74; Funeral Services May 10, 2013 at Church of the Visitation; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

Ogdensburg – Ursula E. (Hebert) O'Marah, 89; Funeral Services May 18, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru – Leo E. Chamberlain, 81; Funeral Services May 7, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Michael E. "Mike" O'Malley, 64; Funeral Services May 8, 2013 at the Brown Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh – Walter Owen Stacey, 81;

Funeral Services May 7, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Watertown – Karen M. Klien-Coleman, 53; Funeral Services May 9, 2013 at the Cleveland Funeral Home; burial in Pennsylvania.

Watertown – Jane M. (Doyle) Burnham, 63; Funeral Services May 11, 2013 at the Cleveland Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, New Boston.

Watertown – Dominic J. Fiorentino, 72; Funeral Services May 13, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church.

Watertown – Antoinette Lee (Mitchell) McDonald, 95; Funeral Services May 7, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown – Sandra S. (Vincent) Sorbello, 41; Funeral Services May 10, 2013 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

West Chazy – Bonnie J. (Johnson) Rabideau, 71; Funeral Services May 6, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

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The International Program of Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh organized a trip to New York City for 31 students and 10 chaperones. On May 2-5, students visited the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial, and the American Museum of Natural History. They also attended a Yankees game and a Broadway show, and took guided tours of Manhattan, Radio City Music Hall, and Lincoln Center.



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE
Marika Donders, diocesan director of evangelization, was the guest speaker at the Celebration of Women May 1 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.



Participants of the May 17 Rosary Rally at St. James Church in Carthage will receive a copy of 'St. Kateri- Model for Youths' created by artist Bob Renaud.



PHOTO BY TERESA CUMMINGS
Members of the Willsboro Community gathered on a Tuesday evening in early April to watch the original uncut, color version of Victor Hugo's Les Miserables starring French movie star Jean Gabin. St. Philip of Jesus Church has been showing films with religious themes once a month as part of its celebration of the Year of Faith. Pictured with Father Mickey Demo are: Jane Gay, Beverly Moran, Nancy Belzile, Craig and Claire Cummings, and Sue Fahey.



The students of Seton Academy in Plattsburgh dressed in purple for Cancer Awareness Day May 3. The fourth grade students wanted to be the "purple-est" class in the school. They are shown with their teacher. Front, Tori Defayette, Grace Patterson, Edward O'Neill, Parker Titherington, Mrs. Kollar, Christina Maglione, John Conti, and Frederic LaFlamme; middle, Emilie McIlwain, Olivia Barnett, Gillian Boule, Maddy Lemza, Emelia Lemza, Ally Germain, Gabrielle Cote, Allison Bedard, Haley Murmane, Olivia Kenney, Kolbee LaPoint, Yamuna Turco, Alexis Trombley, Lindsay Sarazen, and Pierce Moran; and back, Deanna Reyore, Savannah DeJordy, Ingrid Baggett, and Nikalas Hamel.