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MAY 29, 2013

## FATHER SCOTT ANTHONY BELINA



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley anoints the hands of the newly ordained Father Scott A. Belina during the ordination ceremony held Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral. A native of St. Anthony's Parish in Watertown, Father Belina studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia, Penn. Full coverage of the ordination will appear in next week's issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

## Jubilarian priests are honored

Priests celebrating special anniversaries in 2013 were honored during a jubilee Mass and dinner May 22 during the annual Presbyteral Assembly in Alexandria Bay.

The jubilarians are:

**55 Years**

Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin  
Father Normand C. Cote

**50 Years**

Msgr. C. John McAvoy  
Father Paul F. Ledermann

**40 Years**

Father J. Michael Gaffney  
Msgr. John R. Murphy

**25 Years**

Father John M. Demo  
Bishop Terry R. LaValley  
Father Steven M. Murray.

During the liturgy, Bishop LaValley presented the *Crux in Parasceve* - a replica of the cross that hangs in the chapel of Wadhams Hall - to the priests celebrating 40 years of priesthood, continuing a diocesan tradition.

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### LISTENING SESSIONS

Bishop Terry R. LaValley and his Envisioning Leadership Team are continuing in their pursuit of clarifying and articulating a Mutually Shared Vision for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Every Catholic in the diocese is invited to participate in the process through the Listening Sessions to be held in the coming weeks across the North Country.

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## Corpus Christi celebration on Sunday

As part of the diocesan observance of the Year of Faith, a celebration for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will take place Sunday in Ogdensburg.

The celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. with Mass at Notre Dame Church, followed by an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration until 2 p.m., with a special Holy Hour from 11 a.m. to 12.

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 choral praise, Eucharistic adoration and a homily delivered by Bishop LaValley.

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

### Father Muench....

A drive across the diocese from Saranac Lake to the Presbyteral Assembly is a reminder of the beauty of the diocese, its people

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## A time of tremendous transitions

As Bishop Terry R. LaValley laid his hands on the head of Father Scott A. Belina Saturday, creating the newest priest for our diocese, the diocesan newspaper was bumping into its weekly deadline.

With the help of our talented photographer Betty Steele, we are able to present a beautiful photo from the day but full coverage of the ordination won't appear until next week's issue.

In the meantime though, we congratulate Father Belina (that sure has a nice ring to

it!). And we thank his supportive family, mentors, teachers and friends who helped this young man along his courageous path.

My first encounter with Father Belina came during one of the summers he was working at Camp Guggenheim.

Scott had just completed a year of the seminary and was planning to go back but, he told me, he was not at all sure that he would become a priest.

He was prepared to continue the discernment process

with prayer and study and ministry, but he was not convinced that God was calling him to the priesthood.

Still, when the Vocation Office released the list of seminarians every September, Scott Belina's name was there.

And today Father Belina's name is on the list of priests for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

How blessed we are that this thoughtful man - one who makes his decisions with great care and prayer - is now a priest forever.

And, as we celebrate this momentous day in our church we're celebrating another important event in the diocesan

offices.

Christine Ward, the editorial assistant for the *North Country Catholic*, and her husband, Gabe, are now the parents of their second child.

Henry David Ward was born May 20 at 4:57 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs 7 ozs. and bringing joy to everyone in his midst.

All his honorary aunts and uncles in the Chancery office can't wait for his first visit. (Big Sister Melanie will be able to show him where to find all the special treats!)

Father Scott and Baby Henry - two wonderful reasons to give thanks to God this week.

Our family of faith is growing in spectacular ways!



Mary Lou  
Kilian

## FATHER BILL SAYS

## Wonderful place with wonderful people

Today, I drove across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The spring gathering of all of our priests - our Presbyteral Assembly - is this week in Alexandria Bay.

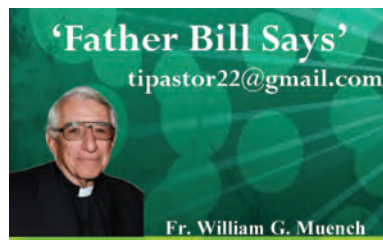
Each year we priests gather to spend some time together. We all belong to this diocese but we are spread all over the North Country, so, we don't see too much of each other. It is important that we take a week each year to renew our friendships and brotherhood as priests of the diocese. It is also a time to share with each other about how we can make the Diocese of Ogdensburg a better place.

Each year, we take time to pray together, to spend some time together, and also to invite someone, a well-known speaker, to share with us something important for our ministry.

This year the speaker is a lay man who is involved in evangelization as part of a parish team. I will let you know about that sometime.

Today, driving across the diocese, I am reminded at just how spectacularly beautiful our diocese is.

I started my journey to the Assembly in the mountains.



For the first time in my priesthood, I am living in the Adirondacks. I have traveled through these mountains often, visiting friends, but have never lived here. They are truly glorious. It is rather special to wake up in the morning and out for a walk, looking up at Whiteface Mountain. This is so inspiring.

So, I head over our country roads, through many small towns. These are familiar places; I know each pastor and right where each Church is.

Then as I get close to the meeting place, I spot the St. Lawrence River, that mighty river that is the boundary of our diocese.

I can see the ships - I can see Canada across the water. It is a great sight.

My room in Alex Bay looks out at the Thousand Islands. How did they ever get the building materials out to those islands to build these great homes?

I am here to see my family - my brothers in the priesthood - so I need to get out and see who is here, to see how they are doing, to discover what is new in the life of my diocese.

I mention this to you because I want you to realize something important about our diocese. We have a beautiful place to live - our mountains, lakes, rivers. At the same time, we, Catholics, are blessed with a wonderful diocese.

Today, this is characterized for me by all of our priests, united together with our Bishop.

Our many pastors spread throughout the parishes of this North Country are all striving to bring the message and love of Jesus to the people of this North Country.

I notice quickly that as I speak with these priests of my diocese - the conversation often goes to the people - the families. I have been assigned to various parishes in the diocese and I enjoy hearing about parishioners who were part of my life while I was pastor in those places.

I find it very interesting - with a note of pride - that often the guest speakers at our

annual assemblies comment on the great spirit that exists among the priests of our diocese. They are very correct. We have a unique unity among us and that unity is even more magnified now since our Bishop is one of our own priests.

So, I ask you and encourage you to pray for your Bishop and priests. Pray that we may stay alive in the Spirit and ready always to dedicate ourselves to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May it be very evident in all that we do that we are disciples of Jesus always ready to give of ourselves for the people of our parish.

I ask and encourage you to pray that the Spirit will lead more and more men to seek the priesthood and that more and more men and women work together with their pastors in bringing the faith alive within their parish.

May the Spirit be alive within us all that we may make our diocese a better place - more alive in the Lord.

One more note - a note of gratitude. I want to thank God for leading me to be part of this diocese and becoming a priest in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



*Envisioning process for developing Mutually Shared Vision for the diocese continues*

# Listening Sessions set throughout diocese

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley and his Envisioning Leadership Team are continuing in their pursuit of clarifying and articulating a Mutually Shared Vision for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

**To me, the Listening Sessions are the core of the work of our Team. We want to truly understand the vision and hopes of the people of the diocese so that our vision and priorities are directed to our actual needs as a diocese**

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

At their fourth monthly meeting May 15, the team adopted a Charter to guide its work. This was accomplished under the leadership of Bishop LaValley and the guidance of the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Father Garry B. Giroux, a team member from Brasher Falls, said that one of the many lessons he is learning in this process is the importance of having a clear charter for every leadership group.

"I see the Envisioning Leadership Team as modeling a process that should characterize every team we build in our parishes," he said. "Clearly articulating the purpose of the team, defining values and expected outcomes serves as a compass that keeps the team on course and guides it to its de-

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

sired destination."

Father Giroux said he hopes to take the skills and insights he has gained as a member of the team back to his parishes.

The Charter contains a Purpose Statement, which explains why the team exists: [the Team] "will use our love of Christ and His Church and commitment to our mission to listen to the people of God, and discern our Diocesan needs, priorities, and goal so that we might articulate, proclaim and implement a Mutually Shared Vision rooting the Diocese of Ogdensburg more deeply in Christ."

Team member, James Coughlin of Malone, said that the commitment to listen to

the people of God was the real selling point of the process for him.

"This is a 'bottom up' driven process," he said. "For the person in the pew to have the opportunity to share with Bishop LaValley his or her hopes, dreams and vision for our diocese is something that sets this endeavor apart from other endeavors we have undertaken in the past.

"For Bishop LaValley to commit more than a month out of his busy schedule to the Listening Sessions is a sign of his commitment to really listen to the people of God," Mr. Coughlin said.

For Mr. Coughlin, the Listening Sessions were an important part of his decision

to accept the invitation to serve on the Team.

"The Bishop wants to hear their recommendations, and everyone at the Listening Sessions will be given the opportunity to write their thoughts down so that every thought will be considered," he said.

Eight Listening Sessions remain to be held throughout the diocese (see schedule published here) and two have already taken place. The Listening Sessions are intended to give the people of God to voice their vision of the diocese and for Bishop LaValley to listen to his people.

At the Listening Sessions, the sharing of ideas will be guided by three questions:

(1) What do you most appreciate about the Diocese of Ogdensburg?,

(2) What is your vision for the Diocese in the next five years?

(3) In the next 18-24 months, what three priorities should the Diocese name and fulfill for more effective ministry and pastoral care? What would you like to see accomplished in the next two years?

Participants in the Listening Sessions will be able to respond to the questions in writing and, if they so choose, have the opportunity to share a brief comment with the bishop and other participants.

The written comments will be collected and considered by the team in its work of discerning our vision and priorities.

"We truly need to hear from the people of God to make our vision and priorities responsive to the real needs of the Diocese," said Bishop LaValley.

"To me, the Listening Sessions are the core of the work of our Team," he said. "We want to truly understand the vision and hopes of the people of the diocese so that our vision and priorities are directed to our actual needs as a diocese."

Those unable to attend the Listening Sessions will also have the opportunity to submit their ideas and thoughts electronically by going to <http://rcdony.org/envision/listening.html>.

## Rites held for Sr. Ruth, RSM

HARTSDALE, NY - A Mass of Christian Burial for Mercy Sister Ruth Anne Seguin, (formerly Sister Mary Pierre) was held at the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community in Hartsdale. She died in Watchung, NJ May 18.

Born to the late Arthur and Bertha Laventure Seguin in

Plattsburgh, Sister Ruth is survived by her brother Raymond and sister Betty Main and nieces and nephews.

Sister Ruth entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1947. Most of her years of ministry in the health field took place at Mercy Hospital, Watertown, where she was assistant ad-

ministrator.

In later years she was a Literacy Volunteer and enjoyed sharing her love of reading with others.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 150 Ridge Road, Hartsdale, NY 10530.

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YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

# Looking back with joy, ahead with hope

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

**OGDENSBURG** – The joyful moments for Bishop Terry R. LaValley in his role as Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg aren't much different from those he has experienced throughout his 25 years as a priest.

## Bishop reflects on 25 years as priest, three years as bishop

"Being able to celebrate the sacraments and witness the depth of faith of people in the pews," he said, has always sustained him in his ministry.

"I have found it so humbling, whether in hearing confessions or celebrating Mass or through any of the sacraments," he said.

Bishop LaValley marked his third anniversary as bishop April 30.

In September, he will observe 25 years as a priest.

He reflected on these milestones in a May 17 interview with the *North Country Catholic*.

### Life of a bishop

Upon becoming bishop, Bishop LaValley discovered that celebrating the sacraments continued to be a source of joy in his life.

"The ordination of a priest or a deacon is a very powerful moment for me personally," he said. "When I look into the eyes of the one to be



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

The jubilarians who took part in the Presbyteral Assembly are shown just before the May 22 Jubilee Mass at the Edgewood Resort in Alexandria Bay. From left are Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin, celebrating 55 years of priesthood; Father Steven M. Murray, Bishop Terry R. LaValley and Father J. Michael Demo, 25 years; and Father J. Michael Gaffney, 40 years.

ordained, I see the hope and pride of the person and I'm so inspired by his faith.

"And I'm inspired when I see the trust that the parents have placed in the church I cherish," he said.

While Bishop LaValley says that he misses being a parish priest "every time I visit a parish," he takes great pleasure in the opportunities he has to visit all the parishes and schools across the diocese.

"There are so many people who witness the faith with real enthusiasm," he said. "This builds up and inspires my own faith."

He is also proud of the major celebrations that have taken place in the diocese.

"The Year of Faith opening prayer service in November brought people from all across the North Country to the cathedral and it was a great celebration," he said. "People saw that they could come to church and pray in different ways.

This past Saturday the cathedral was filled again with the ordination of Father Scott Belina.

The diocesan church will gather once again next Sunday as the Year of Faith Corpus Christi celebration is held at Notre Dame and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

And, in September every Catholic in the North Country will be invited to join to-

gether for a Year of Faith Mass in Lake Placid.

### The challenges

Along with the joys, the life of a bishop is marked by challenges and concerns.

Bishop LaValley worries about "the lack of connection of so many Catholics in the North Country with the church, the lack of participation in the sacraments.

"Faith seems to be so much on the margins of peoples' lives," he said.

"That's why this Year of Faith is so critical," he said. "The timing is inspired as we work to foster people's relationships with Jesus, faith and family."

Bishop LaValley said that

his is also concerned that, in northern New York, there are so many social and economic needs that are hard to address.

And, he said, "the shortage of vocations to the priesthood and religious life is a tremendous challenge to the church."

"Father Stitt (diocesan vocation director) is very creative and hard working and connects well with young people and their pastors," Bishop LaValley said. "We need his efforts to continue along with those of the priests and the people."

### Looking to the future

As Bishop LaValley cares for a diocese with "lots of needs and limited resources," he knows it is important to set up priorities so that "everybody's energies are focused on meeting tangible goals."

It was for this reason that he contracted with the Catholic Leadership Institute to work toward a Mutually Shared Vision of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. (See page 3)

Over the course of the next year, he will be working with Envisioning Leadership Team to clarify and articulate the vision, drawing from advice from Catholics across the diocese.

"We have put together a wonderful team and we have a great diocesan staff," Bishop LaValley said.

"I have faith that, despite any challenge we encounter, God will be served," he said.

## Nine priests honored for special anniversaries

During the past week Bishop LaValley was one of nine priests honored for special anniversaries during a Jubilee Mass and dinner at the Presbyteral Assembly in Alexandria Bay.

Two other priests are observing their 25th anniversary this year, Father Steven M. Murray, pastor of Holy

Family Church in Watertown, and Father John M. Demo, pastor of the Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus (Willsboro) and St. Joseph (Essex).

Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana ordained the three of them Sept. 24, 1988.

Two priests are observing 55 years of priestly ministry

- Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin and Father Norman Cote.

Father Aubin has given many years of service to the diocese, currently serving as pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont.

Father Cote, now retired and living in Plattsburgh,

spent nearly 20 years of his priesthood as pastor in Coopersville.

The 50-year jubilarians are Msgr. C. John McAvoy, now retired in Saranac Lake after service as pastor in Malone, Plattsburgh and Saranac Lake, among other assignments; and Father Paul F. Lendermann who spent much of

his priesthood in California.

Celebrating 40 years of the priesthood are Father J. Michael Gaffney, pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Brownville and Dexter; and Msgr. John R. Murphy who, after 30 years of service in the diocesan offices, is pastor in Norwood, Norfolk and Raymondville.





*Bishop Terry R. LaValley*  
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## Thank You Father Coté

### From the Secular Order of St. Francis

The Secular Order of St. Francis was begun in Plattsburgh in 1982. Father Normand Coté was a Franciscan of many years and was approached by the Province of St. Mary to start one in Plattsburgh. Father would attend meetings in Saranac Lake at that time and after receiving approval from the Bishop, he decided to start a Fraternity here. The first class was comprised of 19 members, many of whom are still with us although sickly, elderly or whatever. We now have approximately 50 members. Father has done an excellent job recruiting, instructing, and having a monthly Mass for those who are able to attend. We presently have three candidates receiving instructions and hope to be professed in the near future. The first class was held in Athen Sacred Heart Nursing Home until such time as they needed the room so we then moved to Our Lady of Victory in the Church Basement.

### 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 29** – Rev. Arthur C. Kenny, 1945; Rev. Hervé Racette, O.M.I., 1948

**May 30** – Rev. J. Heliodore Valois, 1952

**May 31** – Rev. John J. Dean, 1930; Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993

**June 1** – Rev. Tobias M. Glenn, 1907; Rev. Charles B. Cotter, 2001

**June 2** – Rev. Antoine Buch, O.F.M., 1927; Msgr. John L. Plunkett, 1950; Deacon Richard T. Larche, 1989

**June 3** – Rev. Auriemma Veronneau, O.M.I., 1962; His Holiness, Blessed John XXIII, Pope, 1963; Rev. Franz P. Romuald Reiter, 1971; Rev. Bernard W. Desnoyers, 1987

### Bishop's Schedule

**May 29** – 6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Deacons and wives at St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake.

**May 30** – 6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Jefferson County Deanery at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown.

**May 31** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

7 p.m., Canon Law Class for Deacon Candidates at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

**June 1** – 5 p.m., Bishop's Burse Mass and Reception at St. Mary's Church in Canton.

**June 2** – 9:30 p.m., Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

**June 3** – 6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Deacons and wives at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

**June 4** – 10 a.m., Diocesan Department Head Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

5:30 p.m., Appreciation Dinner for the Special Religious Education Program at IHC Intermediate Gym in Watertown.

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Upcoming programs:

**May 29** – 1 p.m., Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

**June 19** – 6:30 p.m., Church of the Visitation, Norfolk

**June 24** – 1:30 p.m., Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

**Aug. 29** – 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam

### Environmental Stewardship

*"Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." Rev. 22:17*

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### AT THE JUBILEE MASS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK  
Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin, celebrating 55 years of priesthood in 2013, concelebrated the jubilee Mass held May 22 at the Presbyteral Assembly. Father Aubin is pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosier and Chaumont.

**Congratulations**  
**Father Normand Côté**  
on your 55th Anniversary  
as a Priest of Jesus Christ



We are very grateful for your  
prayerful and priestly presence

*Ad multos annos*

Saint John's Parish Family  
Plattsburgh, NY



**25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**

The parishioners of Holy Family  
wish Father Steve Murray a  
Happy Anniversary and thank him  
for his dedication and caring guidance



SCENES FROM THE CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARIES OF PRIESTLY SERVICE



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop Terry R. LaValley, one of the priests celebrating special anniversaries in 2013, presided at the Jubilee Mass May 22 during the annual Presbyteral Assembly in Alexandria Bay. At left, Deacon Scott A. Belina assists the bishop three days before his ordination to the priesthood. Above, Father Scott Seymour, pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander (Morrisonville) and St. Joseph (TreadWells Mill), served as leader of song.

**Always for Others**

By Easter Almuena

You are the image and likeness of God  
But with you the morning awakens  
With the call to rise  
Not for you  
But always for others.

God handpicked you from a myriad of souls  
Molded you since you were a babe  
To prepare you for a journey  
Not for you  
But always for others.

God blessed you with wisdom  
To use to give form to his plans  
And love to carry them out  
Not for you  
But always for others.

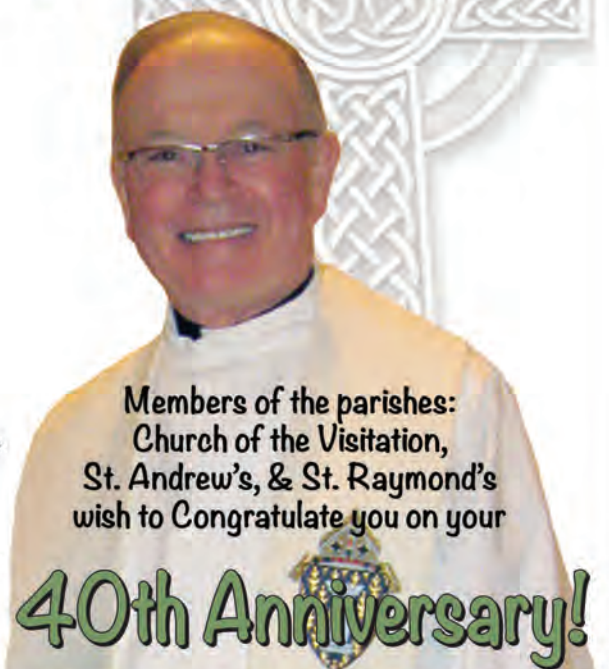
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Not for you  
But always for others.

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(With ecclesiastical approval)

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...)

Amen.

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Thank you for being a priest for us!

May God bless you always!



# Court to hear case on prayers at public meetings

By Amy Kotlarz  
Catholic News Service

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) - The U.S. Supreme Court in the fall will hear oral arguments in a case from upstate New York about the practice of praying at open public meetings.

One of the questions the high court may consider is what steps a municipality should take to ensure the religious diversity of prayers offered at such meetings.

The court announced May 20 that it would hear the case Greece, N.Y., v. Galloway, Susan, et al., a dispute that dates back to 2008. It centers on the constitutionality of prayers at the beginning of town board meetings in Greece, a suburb of Rochester.

According to background on the case filed by attorneys representing the Town of Greece, public prayer has been offered at town board

meetings since 1999 by Greece clergy members who were invited by the town based on lists published by the Greece Chamber of Commerce and a local newspaper.

The houses of worship located in Greece are predominantly Christian. As a result, a majority of the invocations offered from 1999 to 2010 contained Christian references, according to Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a nonpartisan, nonsectarian group that is representing plaintiffs Susan Galloway and Linda Stephens, who are Greece residents.

"A town council meeting isn't a church service, and it shouldn't seem like one," said a statement from the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United. "Government can't serve everyone in the community when it endorses one faith over others. That sends the clear message that some are second-class citizens based on what they believe about religion."

Alliance Defending Freedom, a Christian legal organization founded in 1994 that advocates for the religious

liberty of Americans and people around the world, contends that the town did not regulate the content of the prayers, permitted citizens of any religious tradition -- or no tradition -- to volunteer to say prayers, and did not discriminate in who was selected as "prayer-givers." Alliance Defending Freedom is representing the Town of Greece on a pro bono basis.

In May 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit struck down the town's prayer policy and recommended potential changes. Among those recommendations was that Greece should invite non-Christians from outside the town's borders to pray at its town meetings and take steps to ensure that the prayers said were nonsectarian.

Alliance Defending Freedom asked the Supreme Court in December 2012 to review the case, noting that in the 1983 case Marsh v. Chambers the court had affirmed the constitutionality of prayers offered according to the conscience of the speaker before public meetings.

## MESSAGE FOR THE GRADS



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New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, gives the 2013 commencement address to graduates at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana May 19. At Catholic college and university commencements across the United States this May, graduates were urged to make a difference in today's world, equipped with tools and experience from their college years.

## Catholic scouts to review decision to allow gay youths

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS (CNS) -- The Boy Scouts of America's National Council voted late May 23 to allow openly gay youths admittance as members into the 103-year-old organization, effective Jan. 1, 2014.

In a statement, the organization said the decision to review the organization's ban on accepting homosexuals as members was made based on "growing input from within the Scouting family. Today, following this review, the most comprehensive listening exercise in Scouting's history, the approximate 1,400 voting members of the Boy Scouts of America's National Council approved a resolution to remove the restriction denying membership to youth on the basis of sexual orientation alone."

The announcement was

made at the Boy Scouts of America's annual national meeting, held at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine. The organization said it did not reconsider its ban on homosexual adults as Scout leaders and that the policy remains in place.

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting said that since the policy change does not take effect until next January, it will have "adequate time to study its effects."

The NCCS will determine how it may impact Catholic chartered Scout units and activities. In doing so, we will work within the teachings of our Catholic faith and with the various local bishops and their diocesan Scouting committees," the Catholic organization said in a statement.



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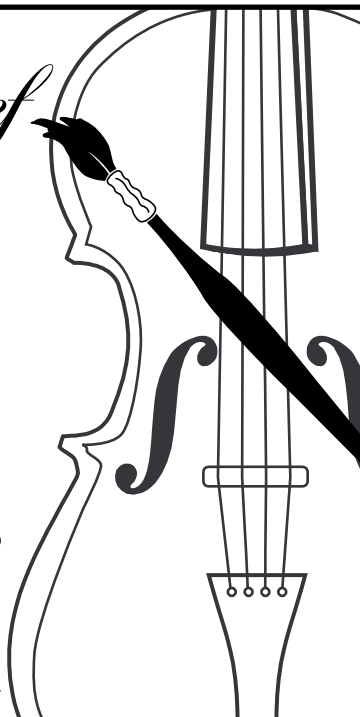
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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope Francis to visit birthplace of his namesake on saint's feast day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will visit the birthplace of his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, on the saint's feast day, Oct. 4. The Vatican confirmed the trip May 23. Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi said he was thrilled about the visit and that it was "a great sign" of the pope's benevolence and consideration. "It could be no other way," he said, than a trip to Assisi "for someone who took the name of Francis." He told Vatican Radio that Pope Francis has never been to the small city in central Italy and that the pope "intends to have a very comprehensive visit that lets him walk in the footsteps of St. Francis, along his spiritual path, the path of his conversion." Just a few days after his March 13 election, Pope Francis told Italian pilgrims during his Sunday Angelus address that choosing St. Francis as his papal name "reinforces my spiritual tie with this land, where -- as you know -- my family origins lie." St. Francis is the patron saint of Italy, and the pope's maternal and paternal grandparents were born in Italy and later emigrated to Argentina. Pope Francis has said that he chose his name because St. Francis of Assisi was so devoted to the poor, a virtue he wanted to be reminded of throughout his papacy.

## Tornadoes exact deadly toll; region needs 'a lot of prayers right now'

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) -- Even after the initial death toll was cut by more than half, the human and material devastation of a string of tornadoes that buffeted areas of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City May 19-20 was incalculable. "Our first concern is for the victims who have lost their lives or loved ones and suffered injury or loss of property," said a May 21 statement by Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City. "We are moved by the efforts of the first responders who have put their own lives on hold to help in this time of need. We owe them a debt of gratitude and assure them of our prayers," Archbishop Coakley said. St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Moore, an Oklahoma City suburb that bore the brunt of the EF5 tornado that hit mid-afternoon May 20, was spared, although it had lost its telephone service in the wake of the twister. Archbishop Coakley told Catholic News Service in a May 21 telephone interview he was planning to visit the site at the conclusion of the interview, adding the church had also lost power and water. Ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., Archbishop Coakley said he had been in Wichita attending to matters dealing with the estate of his recently deceased father when he got word of the first round of storms. "I immediately returned, soon after the storms had gone through. But it was impossible to get into Moore. I-35 has been closed down," Archbishop Coakley told CNS. "It was just utter chaos there. There was a lot of debris in the roads and utter gridlock." He added the Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Camp had suffered "some pretty severe structural damage" in the initial round of tornadoes May 19. The revised number of those confirmed dead stood at 24, including at nine children, as of midday May 22. News reports also said that more than 200 people were injured.

# Pope: proclaiming Christ brings joy

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Selfishness only brings sadness and bitterness, while stepping outside of oneself to evangelize is the ultimate "pick me up" and source of joy, Pope Francis said.

"Let's live the Gospel with humility and courage. Give witness to the newness, hope and joy that the Lord brings to your life," the pope said May 22 at his weekly general audience.

Speaking to more than 80,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis also called for prayers for those struck by a deadly tornado in Moore, Okla., which left at least 24 people dead, including at least eight children, as it destroyed numerous homes and leveled an elementary school May 20.

"I invite all of you to pray with me for the victims, especially the children, of the disaster in Oklahoma," he said.

"May the Lord himself console everyone, in particular parents who have lost a child in such a tragic way."

The pope made the call for prayers after leading his weekly general audience in which he continued a series of talks about the affirmations of faith in the creed. He focused on the role of the Holy Spirit in the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic" church.

The Holy Spirit gives the church life and guides her steps, he said.

"Without the presence and constant action of the Holy Spirit, the church could not live and could not fulfill the task the risen Christ entrusted her to go and make disciples of all peoples."

## At the papal audience

The church exists to evangelize, which is the mission of all baptized Christians, not just a few, he said.

However, it takes prayer and the Holy Spirit to truly evangelize, he said.

Proclaiming the Gospel "must always start from prayer," he said, since "only a faithful and intense relationship with God" lets people break out of their shell to share the Good News with others.

"Without prayer, what we do becomes empty and our proclamation lacks soul, it isn't enlivened by the Spirit," the pope said.

The Holy Spirit provides courage and unity, helping people proclaim the Gospel out loud and "with frankness" at every time and in all places.

The Holy Spirit brings unity because it brings "a new language" -- a language of love that everyone can understand and express in every culture and part of life.

"The language of the Spirit, the Gospel and communion invites us to overcome being closed up, the indifference, divisions and polarization,"

he said.

Sometimes today it seems like it's Babel all over again with divisions, the inability to understand each other, rivalries, jealousies and selfishness, the pope said.

People have to ask themselves: "What am I doing with my life? Do I create unity around me or do I divide, divide and divide with gossip, criticism and jealousies?" he said.

People should reflect on whether they bring, through their words and deeds, "the reconciliation and love" of the Gospel to every aspect of their lives.

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Celebrating the greatest gift Jesus left to us

Today, we celebrate the greatest gift Jesus left to us - the precious treasure of His Divine Presence.

He left us His own Body and Blood as daily nourishment for our souls, love to warm our hearts, courage to share our daily crosses. When he solemnly com-

manded us to "Do this in remembrance of me", He gave us the food to nourish both ourselves and the world around us..

The first reading tells us about a very successful rescue mission. Abraham, who is not really a military man nor a king, with only a cou-

ple of hundred men, bravely rescues his nephew, Lot, who has been taken prisoner by a conspiracy of foreign kings.

Another king, Melchisedek of Salem, is so grateful for this action that he invites Abraham to a royal banquet, offering him bread and wine, and a special blessing.

Melchisedek, incidentally, is also a priest.

Abraham, in turn, shows his gratitude by making a covenant with this priest, offering him a tenth (a tithe) of all his property.

We can easily see why no one ever forgot this holy meal.

The second reading is also an important one, for it's the first sacred writing to speak of what Jesus did

at the Last Supper, and to tell us of the very words

Jesus spoke in instituting the Holy Eucharist.

Of course, later, the Gospels would tell us the full story of that sacred night. Jesus tells us that He himself will be the very food of sacrifice for the salvation of the world, and commands the apostles to do this over and over until

the end of time.

All four Gospels contain the great story of the multiplication of the loaves of bread and a couple of fish that fed over five thousand. Jesus "took, blessed, broke, and gave" the food on that hillside, just as he would later do in the Upper Room.

Through the Eucharist, we



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JUNE 2

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

READINGS

Genesis 14:18-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11b-17

ourselves are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. "That they all may be one as you Father in me, and I in them".

Today's feast is a time for stirring up both our belief in Eucharist, the humility to receive it worthily, and the conviction that by its very nature, the power of Christ's divinity must be shared.

As it unites us with the One who satisfies all our yearnings for love and fulfillment, so we must let that power flow through us to a world more desperately in need of God than ever before.

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## OUR READERS WRITE

### Abortion cannot be safe

The pro-abortion mantra is rare, safe and legal - the definition of safe is 'free from harm or risk.' Obviously nothing is safe with abortion. In addition to the death of the unborn baby of every abortion (~ 1,250,000 annually), the woman who chooses abortion suffers a multitude of problems. Studies have shown increased risk of cervical, liver and especially breast cancer.

Women who carry their 1st baby to term cut their chance for breast cancer almost \*in half\*. Women who abort their 1st pregnancy almost double their chance, with 2 or more abortions there is a 3-4 fold increase.

Conservatively, without abortion 1 in 10 women will contract breast cancer. A mother's 1st abortion is most important, there are about 1,000,000 of these annually. Thus, 100,000 of these would get breast cancer without aborting. But abortion increases the risk by \*at least\* 50%. (100,000 x 50% = 50,000). Not counting cancer-related deaths; A recent analysis of just a few abortion-related complications indicates that the number of indirect deaths attributable to abor-

tion exceeds 25,000 per year.

An American obstetrician surveyed 486 of his colleagues regarding their experience with abortion patients: 87% revealed that they had hospitalized women with complications following legal abortions; 91% had treated patients for complications; 29 of the doctors (6%) reported patients of theirs dying from legally-induced abortions.

Women who have had abortions are:

- at greater risk of suffering emotional and psychological problems.

- 4 times more likely to engage in drug and alcohol abuse.

- more likely to become pregnant again and undergo additional abortions.

- more likely to subsequently require welfare assistance.

- more likely to never marry, to divorce and go through a long string of unsuccessful relationships.

Approximately 95% percent of the women who have abortions suffer psychological damage; some of which are: child abuse, child neglect, suicidal behavior, anger/rage, feeling of being raped, worsening self-image, sexual coldness, fear of touching babies, nerv-

ous breakdown, promiscuity, constant thoughts about the child, loneliness, fear of making decisions, hallucinations related to the abortion, nightmares, feelings of craziness, flashbacks, decreased ability to experience emotions, inability to communicate, feeling victimized, fear that others will learn of the abortion, guilt, anxiety, depression, grief, sadness, regret, loss, repeat abortions, etc.

Of all the emotions they experienced during the abortion crisis, none brings more pain and distress than the one they now know and identify 5 to 10 times more than any other feelings - 'Oh, my god, I am evil. I have to be evil to have done this thing. I feel so alone, so forsaken.'

Two questions they always ask:  
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## AT THE MOVIES

# THE HANGOVER PART III

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

On its surface a defanged and declawed version of the first two installments, "The Hangover Part III" (Warner Bros.) has no sex, no alcohol or drug abuse and almost no nudity, albeit that last element is eventually - perhaps inevitably - included via a closing-credits sight gag.

What's left from director Todd Phillips, who co-wrote with Craig Mazin, is what used to be called a "caper comedy" filled with car chases, a few scattershot ethnic slurs involving Asians and Jews and, unsettlingly enough, what proves to be a quite benign view of coldblooded murder.

This time, Alan Garner (Zach Galifianakis), the spoiled rich boy, finally has to mature - at age 42, it's about time - following the death of his father, Sid (Jeffrey Tambor). Alan's friends Phil Wenneck (Bradley Cooper) and Stu Price (Ed Helms) stage an interven-

tion to get their unstable pal the help he needs at a mental health facility in Arizona.

En route, "The Wolfpack," as they call themselves, are waylaid by gangster Marshall (John Goodman). Marshall wants them to help retrieve \$21 million in gold bars stolen by archcriminal Mr. Chow (Ken Jeong), who recently escaped from a Bangkok prison. Marshall holds Alan's brother-in-law, Doug (Justin Bartha), hostage until the loot is returned.

There are long stretches involving bungled criminal activity and hit-and-miss non-sequitur dialogue before a final showdown in Las Vegas, a place "The Wolfpack" now dreads after the group's drug-fueled adventure there in the first film. They reconnect with Jade (Heather Graham), who launched their initial debacle, and Alan finds love with Cassie (Melissa McCarthy), a pawnshop owner.

While the shenanigans that made the earlier entries repellent may mercifully be absent, there's a different,

deeper - and philosophically, at least, potentially more troubling - recklessness at work in this picture.

In the inkiest vein of nihilistic black humor, the frequent intrusion of death -- whether that of disposable animals or of equally disposable people -- is presented as a cue for guffaws.

Thus, whenever the filmmakers run out of uses for a character, as they do for Black Doug (Mike Epps), they simply have him killed.

The film contains stylized gun violence, a fleeting glimpse of frontal male nudity, a brief but vulgar reference to sexual activity, some profanity and pervasive rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is L - limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R - restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



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Zach Galifianakis and Bradley Cooper star in a scene from the movie "The Hangover Part III."

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## MOH BENEFIT CONCERT

**Peru** - Towne Meeting, a five member folk and country band will perform their fourth benefit concert for the North Country Mission of Hope.

**Date:** June 8

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

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

**Features:** Proceeds from donations for the concert will be used to support the Mission's efforts to build safe, environmentally friendly, fuel efficient stoves for families in Nicaragua.

**About the band:** Towne Meeting, formed in 2006 is known for great vocal harmonies. Their musical roots are in folk but their concerts include many other genres. They have performed throughout the North Country as well as in Vermont. Songs from their three CD's will be sung including familiar favorites as well as original works highlighting peace and justice themes, the environment, and the beauty of the North Country. More information about the band can be found on [www.townemeeting.com](http://www.townemeeting.com).

## 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 by email at [scar6064@charter.net](mailto: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

## ANNUAL PARADE &amp; BAZAAR

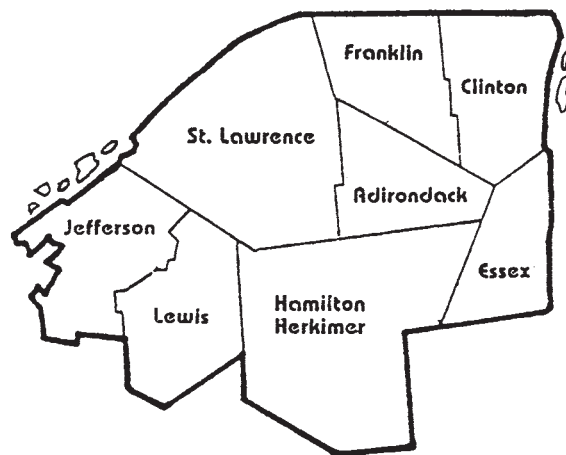
**Moers Forks** - St. Ann's 37th annual parade and bazaar has been planned.

**Date:** June 2

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

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## ADORATION AND CONFESSION

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**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8

**Place:** Notre Dame Church

## JEFFERSON

## CAR WASH

**Watertown** - A car wash to benefit the Watertown Special Religious Education Program will be held.

**Date:** June 15

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church Parking Lot

**Cost:** Donation

## DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

**Carthage** - A day pilgrimage to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine in Fonda, NY, and then to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Mass., has been planned

**Date:** Aug. 10

**Schedule:** Bus leaves from St. James Church at 5 a.m., arrives in Fonda at 7:30; arrives in Stockbridge at 11 a.m., back at St. James, approximately 10 p.m. **Features:** In Fonda - chapel, gift shop, outdoor Stations of the Cross, Iroquois Indian Village where Kateri lived; in Stockbridge - Eucharistic adoration, Mass, confession, rosary for life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, benediction, blessing with a relic of St. Faustina, blessing of religious articles, life size Stations of the Cross, Shrine of the Holy Innocents and Lourdes Grotto. Handicap access is available on both sites

**Cost:** \$55 per person, includes transportation, lunch, and donation, not dinner on way home.

**Contact:** RSVP & money due by July 7, to Laurie Halladay 6967 Belfort Rd, Croghan, NY 13327. For more information, call and leave a message at 315-346-6047. Notify if any dietary or other needs.

## 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](http://www.stmarysclayton.org) and click on Healing Mass.

## 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 meets third Wednesday of the Month.

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

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

**Contact:** Phone 315-788-8480; website: [www.liferight.org](http://www.liferight.org).

## LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

**Houseville** - The Divine Mercy devotions for the month of June have been planned.

**Date:** June 2 (The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

**Time:** 3 p.m.

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

**Contact:** 348-6260

**Features:** The program features Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Coffee hour will follow

## ST. LAWRENCE

## K OF C BRUNCH

**Norfolk** - The Knights of Columbus are holding a brunch

**Date:** June 9

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

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults \$7, Under 12 \$4; Free under 6,

## LATIN MASS

**Potsdam** - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

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

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

## 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:** Bishop Brzana Hall of St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Features:** Registration will be closed

after the first class. Books will need to be ordered by each participant at [www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com) or by calling 1-800-558-5452. Scholarships available  
**Contact:** Amy Schirmer 344-7202 or [amyrobschirmer@gmail.com](mailto:amyrobschirmer@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

## 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.



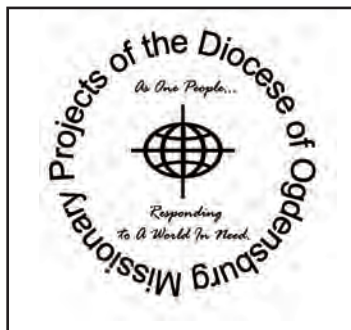
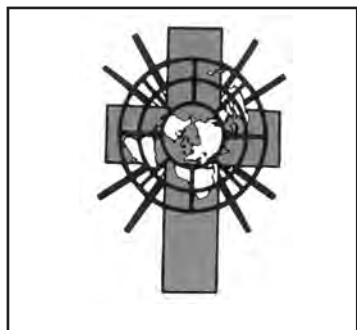


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# We celebrate our jubilarians



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

The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg congratulate our jubilarians!

### 55 Years

Reverend Pierre Aubin, MSC  
Reverend Normand C. Cote

### 50 Years

Monsignor C. John McAvoy  
Reverend Paul F. Ledermann

### 40 Years

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Monsignor John R. Murphy

### 25 Years

Reverend John M. Demo  
Bishop Terry R. LaValley  
Reverend Steven M. Murray

Thank you for your faithful support and God Bless!

From the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg  
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ and Molly M. Ryan

## OBITUARIES

**Adams**- Bernard A. Petrie, JR, 54; Funeral Service May 24, 2013 at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

**Canton**- Erma May (Sochia) Whit Lane, 83; Funeral Service May 23, 2013 at St. Mary's Church. Burial at South Russell Cemetery.

**Canton** - Dave TeRiele, 32; Funeral Service May 22, 2013 at St. Mary's Church. Burial at Foote Family Cemetery on the Old DeKalb Road.

**Coopersville**- Howard James Thompson, 81; Funeral May 20, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church, Burial in parish cemetery.

**Dannemora** - Raymond J. Shatraw, 82; Funeral Service May 23, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church.

### Novena to St. Theresa

St. Theresa, the little flower, please pick me a rose from your heavenly garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore. And tell him I will love him each day more and more.

Say the above prayer plus 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory Be's.

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**Malone** - Sylvia A. (Lamitie-Mulverhill) Hosler, 68; Funeral Service May 24, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church. Burial at St. John Bosco Cemetery.

**Malone** - William J. Willett, 46; Funeral Service May 24, 2013 at Notre Dame Church. Burial at Notre Dame cemetery.

**Malone**- Nancy Elizabeth Graves Trombley; Funeral Service May 31, 2013 at St. John Bosco Church. Burial at St. John Bosco cemetery

**Malone**- Joseph V. King, 89; Funeral Service May 23, 2013 at the Flint Funeral Home, Moira. Burial May 24 at St. Mary's Cemetery

**Plattsburgh** - Herbert E. Ryder, 73; Fu-

### Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I in this short dialogue thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory, Amen. Thank you for your love toward me and my love ones.

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neral Service May 23, 2013 at St. Peter's Church. Burial at St Mary's of the Lake Cemetery, Cumberland head.

**Plattsburgh** - William J. Donnell, 90; Funeral Service May 23, 2013 at St. John's Church. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Potsdam** - Isabella A. (Lohman) Rohert Kearns, 98; Funeral Service in July 2013 at St. Mary's Church. Burial at Bayside Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** - Gillette Bartlett, 75; Funeral Service May 24, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

### Prayer to Blessed Virgin

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful wine splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the sea, help me and show me, herein you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands(3X).

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# FACES OF FAITH

Catholics of the North Country share their talents and share their faith



The faculty of Holy Family in Malone took part in retreat day May 23 at the Guggenheim Lodge in Saranac Lake. In front, from left are Meg Sherwin, Kellie Durant, Shannon Bryant, Vanessa Reyome, Laura Tuttle, Josie Sprague, Phyllis Trombley, Aimee Barse and Anne Marie Wiseman; back, Father Tom Higman, Jean Gratton, Laurie St. Hilaire, Dan Klebes, Sr. Rita Frances Brady, Kari Gadway, and Sharon LaFlesh.



Donna Smith of Hogsburg puts the finishing touches on her painting of St. Patrick's Church in Hogsburg. The painting will be among art work on display during "The Beauty of Belief - a celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith" to be held Aug. 18 at SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall and Gallery. The event will feature musicians sharing high quality choral, vocal, or instrumental pieces that are sacred and spiritually influenced as well as artists sharing the beauty of faith through visual art. Entries for art work are being accepted through Aug. 1. Pictures of submissions can be e-mailed to [beautyofbelief@rcdony.org](mailto:beautyofbelief@rcdony.org) Further information is available from Carol Gonthier at 315-212-5004, or Donna Smith at 518-521-7256.

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Keith Strohm of the Catherine of Siena Institute based in Colorado Springs, was the speaker for the 2013 Presbyteral Assembly held May 20-23 in Alexandria Bay. His topic was "Collaborators in Christ's Mission: Unleashing the Power of Discipleship." Priests from all across the diocese took part in the annual convocation which also featured a Mass and dinner honoring priests celebrating special anniversaries of ordination.



Students from Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh musically told the stories of John the Baptist, Jesus, and Judas when they presented their production of *Godspell Jr.*, during the weekend of May 17. The performers, from left, were Shannon Goldfeder, Carolyn Spittler, Samantha Bashaw, Hailey Moore, Jamyla Willete, Elizabeth Fisher, Dana Chapman, and Tobias Osborne.