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## Confession is...

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- Going to confession isn't like heading off to be tortured or punished, nor is it like going to the dry cleaners to get out a stain, Pope Francis said in a morning Mass homily.

"It's an encounter with Jesus" who is patiently waiting "and takes us as we are,"

offering penitents his tender mercy and forgiveness, he said April 29.

Members of the Vatican's investment agency and a group of religious women joined the pope for the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where the pope lives.

"God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all," the pope said, quoting from the First Letter of John.

While everyone experiences moments of darkness in life, the verse refers to the darkness of living in error, "being satisfied with oneself, being convinced of not need-

ing salvation," he said.

As John continues, the pope said, "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

People have to start out with the humility of realizing "we are all sinners, all of us," he said.

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Special diocesan celebration during Year of Faith will include a procession through the streets of Ogdensburg

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## SERVICE WITH A SMILE



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Among more than 300 young people from across the North Country who took part in the annual Youth Rally, held April 27 at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh were these altar servers. Leagon Carlin of St. Peter's Parish, Plattsburgh; Samantha Bashaw, St. John's, Keeseville; and Nicholas Olley, St. James Minor, Carthage; assisted Bishop LaValley at the Mass which closed the rally. See pages 4-5 for stories and more photos.

## MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL

For Catholic Charities



The annual Mother's Day Appeal for Catholic Charities will be conducted May 12 in parishes across the diocese. The goal for the appeal is \$165,000 which is used to "respond to people in need, empower people to build bridges to healthier lives and to invite others to join in the work of charity and justice."

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## EDITORS NOTES

# Mother's Day: respond, invite, empower

Celebrating Mother's Day as a daughter, mother... and grandmother. Life just doesn't get any better than that!

For years, I've heard how wonderful it is to be a grandma – a position of so many joys and so few responsibilities.

After almost two months, I've found this to be completely true, at least if your grandchild is the *most* adorable little person in the whole wide world!

A new baby in your life, even at a generation's length away, offers a constant

reminder of the challenge of taking care of helpless human beings.

We watch how a perfectly healthy girl – not yet ten pounds – can completely overwhelm two loving, committed and intelligent parents who have everything they need to take care of her.

And we wonder.

What is it like for a single mom who can barely take care of herself?

What is it like for parents who have more babies than they can feed?



Mary Lou  
Kilian

## FATHER BILL SAYS...

## Ready to receive gifts of the Holy Spirit

It will soon be time for Bishop LaValley to come to our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people.

In preparation for the sacrament, I have been asked to interview each candidate. For me, this is a unique opportunity – I get to know each person better – and also get a glimpse into the life of a teenager in the present time.

Talking with these young people individually reveals a great deal more about them that is not evident in a classroom setting. In a room full of other students, the pressure is very different.

The purpose of these interviews is not some sort of evaluation, to determine worthiness to receive the sacrament. However, sometimes it is very evident which ones understand what the Sacrament of Confirmation is all about – they are ready to make a decision to follow Christ and the teachings of the Church.

I am often so impressed with some of them – they truly have it all together. They are ready to live in the spirit of a good Christian.

I have often begun the interview by asking, "Who are you?" It always seemed to me to be a

good way to start, asking how they see themselves at this time in their lives.

Recently, I was rather surprised when an eighth grade girl responded, "Isn't it rather pretentious for someone my age to think they know who they are?"

She had a point!

Confirmation is about what young people can become, what the hopes of the Church and parish are for them as a young confirmed Catholic as they live out their sacrament. Yet, I do think it is interesting to know what they think about themselves right now.

The standards that we hold up for them are the teachings of Jesus, the standards that Jesus proposes. I like to search with them the qualities of a good Catholic.

The question that I then bring up is whether it is possible – for a high schooler, for a teenager – to live like a good

Christian – here and now – in their school, in their town. Can they make that decision as they stand up to be confirmed?

I sometimes bring these questions up by asking if they know a good Christian. The answers vary; sometimes they choose a person who goes to Church. However, it is a start.

Then I can ask "do they reflect their Church-going by the way they live their lives?"

I noticed that Pope Francis conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on a group of people, mostly young people, from many different countries throughout the world.

My attention was caught by an expression that Pope Francis used in his homily that day. He challenged these candidates to "swim against the tide; it's good for the heart – but it takes courage."

Isn't that great – I intend to use that idea one of these days myself.

Our young people are living each day in a world that is filled with many distractions – obstacles to being a good Christian.

To live a truly good life and bring the Spirit of Our Savior into their world will take sacrifice to meet the challenge.

This is a challenge like swimming against the tide.

What is it like for grandparents who have no choice but to step in as primary caregivers, who don't have the luxury of kissing a crying baby and passing him back to his dad?

Thoughts like this make it easy to understand why Catholic Charities holds its annual appeal on Mother's Day. For so many people, Catholic Charities provides what we all need from our mothers: basic necessities, wise counsel, loving support and gentle encouragement to make one's own way in the world.

In this week's centerfold, Bishop LaValley and Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, give us all the information and encouragement we need to be especially generous in this weekend's collection.

In our names, this agency *responds* to the needs of our brothers and sisters, *invites* others to join in the work of charity and justice and *empowers* people to build bridges to healthier lives.

As Sister Donna says, Catholic Charities has a solid record of "bringing the compassion and love of our gentle God to the people and communities we serve."

Our generosity can keep that record intact.

Pope Francis mentions that it is good for the heart – a way to bring God's love into their lives.

Our Holy Father adds this: "Let's not be discouraged – we have the strength of the Holy Spirit to conquer any tribulations."

May these young people recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May they realize that the Lord is prepared to guide them, that they may truly make their world a better place.

Our prayer is that this sacrament will make them enthusiastic to live well – and accept the challenges to be transformed into those who know how to live in the Spirit of the Savior.

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I remember this story from the past – I don't remember where I was. I do know that it was the day after a Confirmation ceremony. It must have been a Saturday because kids were out playing everywhere. I was walking past a baseball field. Just then I noticed – a ground ball was hit right down to the third baseman, who made a perfect grab and an excellent throw to the first baseman.

I then heard him say, "the Spirit has descended."

# Corpus Christi celebration set for June 2

As part of the diocesan observance of the Year of Faith, a celebration for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will take place June 2 in Ogdensburg.

## Catholics in diocese called to show faith in the Eucharist at this Year of Faith event

Bishop LaValley has invited Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg to join in this observance of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ to express their faith in the Eucharist.

“Both the Vatican II Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium* (#11), and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1324), clearly proclaim the Eucharist to be “the source and summit of the Christian life. . .” the bishop said. “During this Year of Faith, the Church of Ogdensburg seeks to be renewed in this belief, and to “rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves . . . on the bread of life” (*Porta Fidei*, 3).

The diocesan celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Corpus Christi Mass at Notre Dame Church.

At the conclusion of the Mass, 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.

In the procession, Bishop Terry R. LaValley and selected priests will carry the Blessed Sacrament under a canopy. They will be preceded by cross and candle-bearers, Knights of Columbus, Religious, vested deacons, priests and altar servers and torch bearers. The rest of the congregation will follow the Blessed Sacrament down the city streets.

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.

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



## WELCOME, FATHER TAD



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Bette Hartzell and Joan Boulio of Liferight in Watertown, worked together to bring Father Tad Pacholczyk, PhD to Watertown for a one-day event April 20. Father Pacholczyk discussed “Loving Those With Disabilities” and “End of Life Decisions”. About 75 attended the gathering featuring the Director of Education for The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, Penn.

## Bishop’s Fund nearing goal

The 2012 Bishop’s Fund Appeal is nearing its goal of \$1.25 million.

As of May 2, a total of \$1,202,63 had been received in cash and \$40,212 in pledges to be paid by June 30, for a total of \$1,242,854 in cash and pledges.

This brings the appeal to \$7,145 away from its goal.

“Thank you to all who have made contributions to the 2012-2013 Bishop’s Fund Appeal,” Valerie Mathews, the

diocesan Bishop’s Fund director, said. “Your gifts will enable the diocese to continue the vital ministries that assist individuals and families who are facing sickness, job loss and other tragedies; offer education to seminarians, deacons, lay ministers and children and provide youth programs to teens across the diocese.”

Contributions are still being accepted and may be sent to: The Bishop’s Fund

Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Gifts can also be made online at [www.rcdony.org/development](http://www.rcdony.org/development) by clicking on “Donate Now” in the menu bar at the top of the page.

“Your gift, whatever the amount, helps the diocese reach out to thousands each year,” Mrs. Mathews said. “If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift to support this year’s appeal.”

## The Beauty of Belief

*A celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith*

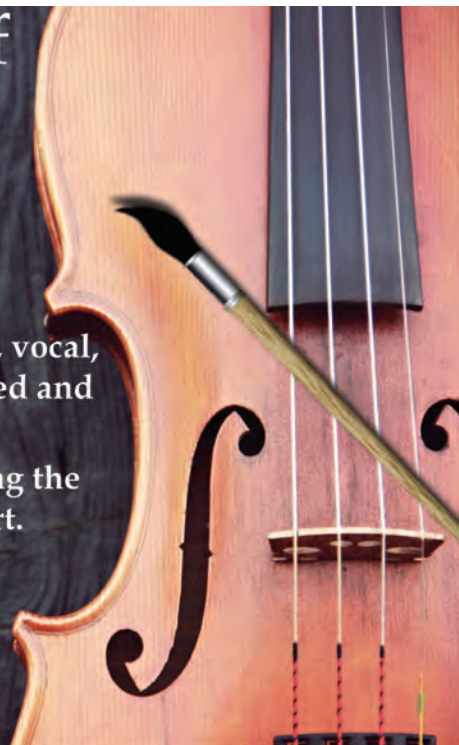
Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18 at SUNY Potsdam’s Hosmer Hall

### Wanted:

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# Youth Rally: transformative day of faith, fellowship, fun

By Kelly Donnelly  
Contributing writer

**PLATTSBURGH**- April 27 was a transformative day of faith, fellowship, and fun for the 330 teens who attended the annual diocesan Youth Rally at Seton Catholic Central School. Teens came from all corners of the diocese for the event.

The rally's theme was "Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life," underscored in the keynote address by Chris Stefanick of Parker, Col.

Stefanick incorporated humor, music, and interaction into his strong message which highlighted the importance of holiness and faith.

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, said "from the moment Chris Stefanick entered the building he was on fire with the Holy Spirit and soon the young people caught that same passion.

"Through music, personal testimony, humor, and a personal relationship with Christ, Chris was able to challenge the young people to an authentic relationship with Christ, one that demanded true sacrificial love and service as modeled by the saints," Deacon Dwyer said. "He encouraged them to be the saints of their time and not to be ashamed to witness to that way, truth, and life."

Breakout sessions were also a part of the rally's pro-



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

**Chris Stefanick from Parker, Col., served as keynote speaker for the annual Youth Rally, held April 27 at Seton Catholic High in Plattsburgh**

gram, featuring topics ranging from Guggenheim, discipleship, truth, Confirmation and more.

The day continued with an afternoon address from Stefanick, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Father Bryan Stitt.

After the period of Adoration, Bishop Terry R. LaValley led a question and answer session. Throughout the day, the teens were encouraged to place questions for the bishop in a box,

which he answered with great enthusiasm and wisdom.

Also, during the rally, Kayleigh Meehan from St. Patrick's in Watertown was awarded a scholarship to Guggenheim for her video "What my faith means to me" which was a contest initiated by the Year of Faith committee.

The rally concluded with Mass presided by the Bishop, with the teens actively participating in the liturgy.

Seeing so many teens gathered to grow in their faith is truly powerful. In a conversation with the keynote speaker, he commented that he was very impressed with how receptive the teens were.

This enthusiasm and support from the faith community certainly reinforced the theme of the rally. By the end of the day, the theme of the day was definitely ringing true in the minds and hearts of all attendees as they returned to their homes, schools, and parishes.

With renewed and deepened faith and friendships, the teens were reminded of keeping Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life in the center of their lives.

Deacon Dwyer added, "I am most grateful to all who contributed to this event. Cathy Russell principal and her staff were most gracious and helpful prior and during the event. To all who helped with registration, food, workshops, logistics, and so many other details that often get over-looked. We are already looking forward to next spring for the 2014 youth rally.

"The young Church is alive and well and let us, as Church from the biggest to the smallest parishes, be the traveling companions for our young people modeling for them heroic leadership and love for Christ," he said.



Anna Izzo, left, shared her impressions of the Youth Rally below. She is shown with Saranac Lake friends Johnny McBride, Gina Fiorile and Ellen Miner.

## 'Amazing event'

By Anna Izzo  
St. Bernard's, Saranac Lake

It was such a wonderful experience, being surrounded by so many other youth who all share a love for Jesus. Guggenheim comes once a year and sometimes being away from that kind of environment is a struggle.

This retreat was kind of like a rest stop on the way to Guggenheim. Having to go to school and face daily challenges about your faith can be very discouraging. Without the little boosts from my Catholic family throughout the year, I don't know how I would make it.

I was so blessed to be able to attend such an amazing event with such amazing people. What better gift is there than to be in the presence of Jesus as well as listen to God speaking through one of his disciples.

Chris Stefanick's presentation could only have been influenced by One, and that is Jesus Christ. I would highly recommend attending future retreats. This was my second year and my life has truly been changed by both.



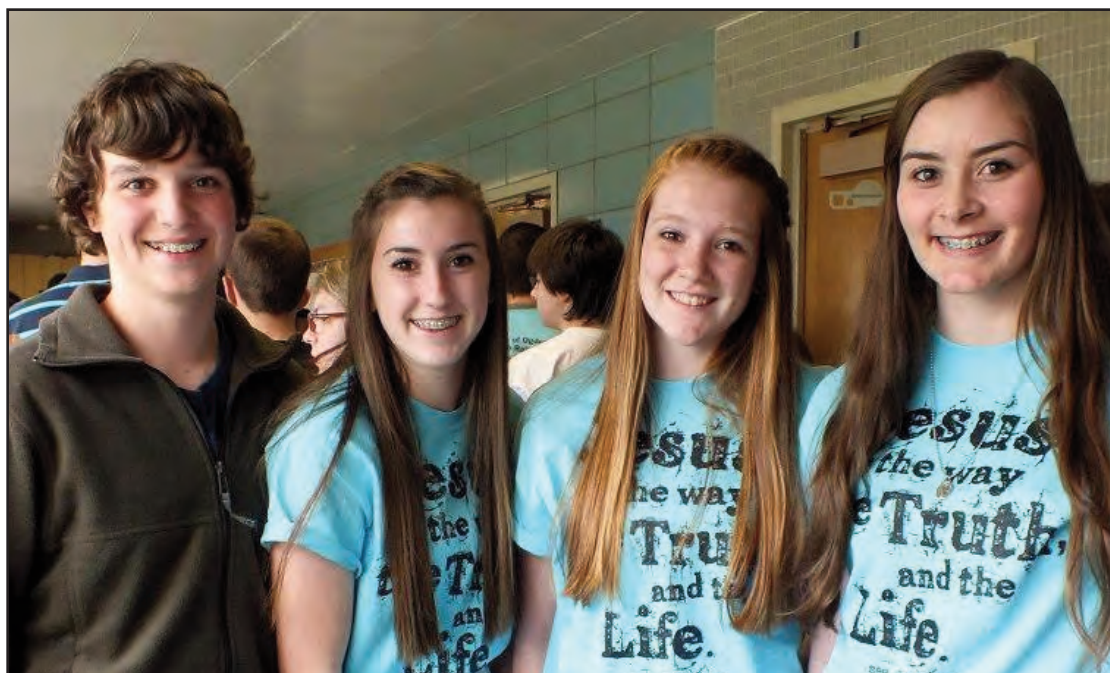
Chris Stefanick speaks with Viktoria Peck from St. Raphael's in Heuvelton

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# AT THE YOUTH RALLY



Robert Leader, Jackie Ward, Emily Bush and Mary Kate Wainwright traveled from St. James Parish in Gouverneur for the annual Youth Rally, held April 27 in Plattsburgh.



Each year, a highlight of the diocesan youth rally is the question and answer session led by Bishop LaValley.



Kaeleigh Meehan of St. Patrick's Church in Watertown was introduced as the winner of the Year of Faith Youth Video Contest "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me." She is shown here with Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, and Bishop LaValley. Her prize was a scholarship for a week at Guggenheim.



Erin Miner of Saranac Lake led one of the rally's breakout sessions. Her topic was Guggenheim, the diocesan summer camp where she has served on staff.



Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director, led the Eucharistic Adoration during the Youth Rally.

# Cathedral women honored at 'Celebration of Women'

OGDENSBURG - Janice Shoen and Joanna Hollis were recipients of the Volunteer Service Awards for the year 2013 during the Celebration of Women event, which was held May 1 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

## Photo on back page

"These women have given, and continue to give, countless hours of service to the Cathedral parish," said Grey Nun Sister Mary Teresa LaBrake, pastoral associate at the cathedral.

Mrs. Shoen has been involved in parish work through these ministries: Census Taker, Finance Council, Trustee, Parish Development Committee, Socialization Committee, and

past member of Pastoral Council. She is a member of the St. Joseph's Foundation Board, an elected member of the Pontifical Mission Society, Inc., in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a past member of Zonta, and a member of the Hospital Auxiliary Board where she is in charge of corporate and business sponsors for the Festival of Trees.

She worked for the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 23 years beginning with the Bishop's Fund Office which has become the Development Office.

Her hobbies are golf, knitting, cooking and baking.

"She is known as a woman who is always doing for others, never turning anyone down," Sister Teresa said.

Mrs. Hollis has been in-

involved as a Census Taker, a member of the Finance Council as well as a Trustee, a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, a former Hepburn Eucharistic Minister, a member of the 2007 Capital Campaign, and has served numerous years as a member of the St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy Council.

Other Service projects include being a member of the St. Joseph's Foundation Board and the Credit Union Board. She is a member of the Garden Club and has been very active with the Harvest Walk.

Her hobbies include: quilting, belonging to a Bridge group, playing soft ball and majong, enjoying the St. Lawrence River and fishing and going to the movies.

## Listening Sessions for *Mutually Shared Vision*

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

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

## Bishop's Schedule

**May 8** – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

**May 9** – 9 a.m., Mass and visit to St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg

7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam

**May 10** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

7 p.m., Confirmation at St. James Church in Cadyville

**May 11** – 12 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Indian Lake

5 p.m., Confirmation at St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge

**May 12** – 10 a.m., Mass and Chapter of Elections at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown

**May 13** – 10 a.m., May Crowning and visit to Holy Name School in AuSable Forks

7:15 p.m., Mass and Novena at St. Mary's Cathedral

**May 14** – 2 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with the Catholic Leadership Institute with diocesan staff at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

6 p.m., Confirmation at St. James Church in Gouverneur

## 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training.

Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

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

## Environmental Stewardship

### Precious gift of Water

... "All you who are thirsty come to the water." Is.55:1 "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Jn. 4:14 "Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God." The Scriptures abound with images of water to depict our physical and spiritual dependence upon it for life itself. As good stewards of Creation, we are called to protect and use wisely this precious gift of life.

### To protect and conserve Water

- Put aerators on the faucets to reduce household water flow by 2 gals. Per minute

- Household wastes and pharmaceuticals thrown in the toilets make our streams unhealthy-

- Visit "[www.NorthCountryrecycles.org](http://www.NorthCountryrecycles.org)" for location and schedules for free collection events for Household Hazardous Waste and local drugs stores.

\*Think about some ways that you are already conserving water in your home and talk with a friend about what they are already doing.

## 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 8** – Msgr. Harold J. Martin, 1958  
**May 9** – Msgr. Clarence M. Devan, 2001

**May 11** – Deacon Richard D. Hart, 2007

**May 13** – Rev. Ladislaus J. Stasz, 1971

**May 14** – Deacon Vincent E. Irvin, 2003


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PARISH LIFE IN THE YEAR OF FAITH  
**FORTY HOURS**

Malone Catholic Parishes revive a venerable tradition

PHOTOS BY JAMES EGAN  
 During this Year of Faith, the Malone Catholic Parishes revived a venerable tradition by observing the Forty Hours Devotions, April 7-9. Tradition says that the Body of Jesus lay in the tomb for 40 hours between his crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter morning. With beginnings in northern Italy in the sixteenth century, the practice of keeping vigil with the Eucharistic Body of the Lord for such an extended period spread to Rome and then throughout the Church; it was promoted in the United States by St. John Neumann (1811-1860), the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. Once fairly common in North Country parishes, Forty Hours had not been observed in Malone since the fall of 1978.



Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who had watched for 40 hours as Christ lay in the tomb, the people of Malone and surrounding parishes walked with the Risen Lord on the way, recognizing his hidden but real presence in the Breaking of the Bread. The church bell tolled solemnly throughout the Procession, reminding the village that the Lord was passing by.



An evening Mass was celebrated on both Monday and Tuesday. Father Joseph Giroux, pastor, is joined at the altar by priests and deacons from the area.



Father Giroux imparts Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament from the church steps after the procession. Photos in the parish archives show Benediction being given from the steps using the same monstrance and the same candelabras some 60 years ago.



Father Thomas Higman, parochial vicar of the Malone Catholic Parishes, reposes the Blessed Sacrament after Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration took place at Notre Dame Church following Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday until midnight, and then continued throughout the day Monday and Tuesday (interspersed with liturgies and devotions) for a total of 40 hours.



A candlelit Eucharistic Procession followed the concluding Mass. With more than a hundred people taking part, the procession passed through Arsenal Green, down Elm Street, and then onto Main Street, before returning to Notre Dame Church.

# Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal

## STORIES OF CHALLENGE AND CHANGE

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are a community of believers. We believe in the values and principles taught to us by Jesus Christ. Loving God is foundational to our life in the Church. Loving our neighbor puts that love of God into action.



Catholic Charities' services and programs are concrete expressions of the love of God and neighbor. Recognizing the sanctity of human life and the dignity of each person, Catholic Charities reaches out to the most vulnerable members of our communities. Working in collaboration with the parishes and other community agencies, Catholic Charities strives to assure that our people have access to necessary services and programs.

The annual Mother's Day Appeal for Catholic Charities provides each of us with the opportunity to join in the mission and the works of Catholic Charities. Your contribution gives Catholic Charities the resources necessary to provide quality and professional services and programs. The people receiving assistance are not strangers. They are our family members, neighbors, co-workers and other people in our communities. These are difficult economic times. Many of our families are struggling with stress, depression and economic challenges. Your gift will make a difference. You can help change lives.

Responding to the needs of people in our communities, inviting others to join in the works of charity and justice and empowering people to live healthier lives are the three basic concepts of Catholic Charities' mission. You are being invited to join in this mission of charity and justice.

The annual Mother's Day Appeal will take place in all of the parishes on the weekend of May 12, 2013. Thank you for being as generous as possible in your gift to Catholic Charities.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

needs of his family. He was referred to appropriate community services. Catholic Charities helped him with rent and a utility bill. Catholic Charities also reached out to him to help with providing winter clothing and toys for Christmas. Walter regained his hope, followed the advice of the caseworker and is now looking at being employed in a good job with benefits. Catholic Charities was able to help Walter and his family from falling into amore debilitating poverty situation.

**Bridging the Gap** is a program of challenge and change. There are many individuals and families in our communities who "fall between the cracks" of traditional services and programs. They may be people who are working one or two low paying jobs without benefits. They may be a retired senior citizen whose retirement income is not enough to meet the growing cost of home heating fuel or gas for their vehicle. Many individuals and families are experiencing economic challenges. Catholic Charities is committed to assuring all of our family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and community members access to quality services and programs. The best way to understand what the Bridging the Gap program does is to share some of the stories of individuals and families who have received assistance.

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### WALTER'S STORY

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# Hospitalized dad gets to see daughter's first Communion

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) -- Confined to Strong Memorial Hospital as he waits for a heart transplant, Timothy Day of Kenmore, N.Y., wasn't going to be able to attend his 8-year-old daughter Erin's first Communion.

So Erin decided the celebration of the Eucharist should come to him.

"I gave her the choice if she wanted to go through with her class or have it here with me, and she said she wanted to do it with me, and that's pretty special," said Day, who has been living at the hospital for nearly two months.

"The most special part was just being with my dad," Erin told the Catholic Courier, newspaper of the Rochester Diocese, in a telephone interview after the Mass April 26.

Several weeks ago, staff at the family's parish, St. Paul in Kenmore, in the Buffalo Diocese, approached the Rochester Diocese to see if a priest would be available to celebrate a first Communion Mass in the Interfaith Chapel at the hospital.

They were told it would be possible if they were willing to have the first Communion on a Friday, and if they would be willing to have Retired Bishop Matthew H. Clark of Rochester celebrate



CNS PHOTO/MIKE CRUPI, CATHOLIC COURIER  
Tim Day kisses his 8-year-old daughter Erin during her first Communion Mass at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., April 26. Day is confined to the hospital as he awaits a heart transplant.

the Mass. Day also received the sacrament of the sick during the Mass.

Both the Day family and Bishop Clark said the honor was all theirs.

"I am going to go home a happy man for having experienced your company," Bishop Clark said during the Mass.

Day, a Tonawanda, N.Y., police officer, said the Mass

was special not only to have taken place, but to have included the participation of Bishop Clark.

"I think somebody upstairs was pulling strings for us," he said.

In a telephone interview after the Mass, Sherry Brinser-Day, Day's wife and Erin's mother, said the Mass so far exceeded their expectations that the event almost felt surreal. But the family was honored that everyone thought so highly of them to attend, she said.

"We want to make the best memories we can in the midst of all the trials we are going through," Brinser-Day said. "I am overjoyed at the outpouring of support. I am floored."

The event also included a large contingent of family, including Erin's younger siblings Clare, 6, and Henry, 4; representatives of St. Paul Parish; hospital chaplains and personnel; a flock of local journalists; and a choir of local college students from the University of Rochester, Eastman School of Music and Rochester Institute of Technology who skipped end-of-semester activities to attend.

To all of them, Bishop Clark spoke about the importance of drawing the community through the Eucharist.

"I know (Erin) is honored by your presence and draws strength from your company," Bishop Clark said. "We are companions along the journey, trying to draw strength from each other in our faith."

## Becoming worldly, weak is biggest threat to church, pope says

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) --The biggest threat to the church is worldliness, Pope Francis said in his daily morning Mass homily. A worldly church becomes weak, and while people of faith can look after the church, only God "can look evil in the eye and overpower it," he said April 30.

The pope celebrated the Mass with members of the Vatican's investment agency in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

The day's reading from the Gospel of St. John recounts Jesus telling his disciples, "I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming;" but Satan "has no power over me."

The pope said, "If we don't want the prince of this world to take the church in his hands, we have to entrust her to the only one who can defeat the prince of this world."

"Entrusting the church to the Lord is a prayer that makes the church grow" and is an act of faith because "we can do nothing. All of us are poor servants of the church," he said.

While people of faith can care for and look after the church, only God "can keep her going, safeguard her, make her grow, make her holy, defend her, defend her from the prince of this world and those who want the church to become, in short, more and more worldly."

"This is the biggest danger," he said, "when the church becomes worldly, when she has the spirit of the world within herself."

The peace the church needs is the kind only Jesus, not the world, can give, he said. It is a "peace that is a true gift of the presence of Jesus in the midst of his church."

When the church possesses "that worldly peace," the church becomes weak, defeated "and incapable of truly carrying the Gospel -- the message of the cross, the scandal of the cross," he said.

Pope Francis also asked that people include every member of the church in their prayers, especially the young, old, infirm, persecuted and those struggling with problems. Pray to God to watch over them: "They are yours, they are ours," he said.

If people entrust the church and everyone in the church to the Lord, "he will give us, in the midst of tribulations, the peace that only he can give," the pope said.



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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## FDA "irresponsible" in lowering age for emergency contraceptives

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Food and Drug Administration "acted irresponsibly" with its decision to lower the age limit from 17 to 15 for purchasing an over-the-counter emergency contraceptive, said an official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "No public health consideration justifies the unsupervised sale of such drugs to young teens," said Deirdre McQuade, spokeswoman for the USCCB's Secretariat for Pro Life Activities. Plan B One-Step now will be sold openly on pharmacy shelves while the generic brands will still be sold under pharmacy counters and only for those 17-years of age. Those who purchase the drugs will have to show identification to prove their age. A ruling by a federal judge in early April said the Food and Drug Administration must make emergency contraceptives available to all ages by May 6. The Justice Department announced May 1 that it is appealing this decision, saying the judge who issued the ruling had exceeded his authority and that his decision should be suspended while the appeal is underway. The appeal and a request for an injunction will not affect the FDA's April 30 decision to allow emergency contraceptives to be sold without a prescription to 15-year-olds.

## Pope Francis welcomes retired Pope Benedict back to Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- For the first time in history, the Vatican is home to a pope and a retired pope. Pope Francis welcomed his predecessor, retired Pope Benedict XVI, to the Vatican May 2 outside the convent remodeled for the 86-year-old retired pontiff and five aides. Pope Francis and Pope Benedict entered the convent's chapel together "for a brief moment of prayer," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman. Pope Benedict had been staying at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo since retiring Feb. 28. Pope Francis traveled to the villa 10 days after his election to visit, pray and have lunch with Pope Benedict; the new pope also has telephoned his predecessor on at least two occasions. In response to questions about the fact that Pope Benedict seemed to be much frailer than he was two months ago, Father Lombardi told reporters, "He's an elderly man, weakened by age, but he is not suffering from any illness."

## Daniels is hired as spokeswoman for USCCB president

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Kim Daniels has been hired by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to serve as the spokeswoman for New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, USCCB president. Daniels most recently served as one of two directors of Catholic Voices USA, started last year. The group's website said its mission was "to put the church's case in the public square" by offering "an authoritative -- but not official -- group of articulate speakers who make the Catholic case in interviews and debates." The organization also conducted media training along the New York-Washington corridor for young adults looking to espouse church positions on political issues. Speaking March 20 at a "Catholics in the Capitol" program in Albany, N.Y., Daniels said of Catholic Voices USA, "We start from the conviction that faith enriches public life. From 19th-century abolitionists to those who marched for civil rights in the 20th century, from those who've tirelessly fought poverty to those who've struggled for decades now in the trenches of the pro-life movement, our civic life is undeniably made better when people of faith bring their beliefs to bear on public issues, and we shouldn't let anybody tell us otherwise."

## WASHINGTON LETTER

# School-choice movement gains slow but steady momentum across country

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - School-choice initiatives -- akin to the quiet students in the back of a classroom -- have kept a relatively low profile in recent years while steadily working their way to the front.

The movement was given a big boost in late March when the Indiana Supreme Court upheld one of the country's most comprehensive school-choice programs.

The state court backed a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said that because school vouchers primarily benefit families, they could not be viewed as an unconstitutional state support for religion.

Currently, there are 30 school-choice programs in 17 states and the District of Columbia, serving more than 250,000 students. School-choice programs - primarily vouchers and tax-credit scholarships -

have continued to grow since 1990, when the first school-voucher program started in Milwaukee, followed close behind by similar programs in Ohio and Florida.

In the past two years, five new states have added school-choice legislation, while other states have expanded programs already in place.

But for all the steps forward, there are still school-choice programs that do not get approved, including a recent voucher proposal in Kansas. Congress also has not been keen on voucher legislation. Recently, the Senate voted down more than \$14 billion in federal money for school vouchers for low-income families in an amendment to a spending bill.

John Schoenig, director of the University of Notre Dame's Program for Educational Access, acknowledges that the "pace may be slow" with school-choice initiatives, but he also thinks the movement is seeing a positive turn.

"We've never had so much wind at our back," he told Catholic News Service May 2, noting that public opinion on the issue is changing. He said states that have accepted some type of school choice in recent years are "across the political spectrum," such as Utah and Rhode Island.

Schoenig heads a program that was formed in 2010 to conduct research, training and outreach efforts to help low-income families obtain financial access to a faith-based education.

He said that as more states use vouchers or tax credits, it improves the likelihood of other states adopting them, noting that "the more we can demonstrate success, the easier it is to debunk the myths out there and to say it is in our best interest to put educational choice on the table."

Schoenig said school choice provides unique opportunities for Catholic schools that the church should be "taking more advantage of." For example, he said, there are "400,000 empty seats in Catholic schools nationwide and approximately 36 percent (of them) are in states that have a school-choice program."

Recent Catholic school closings, he added, may provide an impetus for creative thinking about ways to ensure these schools remain vital, such as lobbying for and tapping into school-choice legislation.

"We shouldn't be afraid of what will happen if we work to transform Catholics

schools, but we should be afraid of what will happen if we don't do anything," he stressed.

Dominican Sister John Mary Fleming, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Catholic Education, said the bishops have "supported and referenced parental choice for years," particularly as a social justice issue.

She said they emphasize "parental choice" instead of school choice in discussing the issue to highlight their support for parents' right to choose the best education for their children.

Sister John Mary said the issue was a top priority of Harrisburg Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Catholic Education, who died May 2 while attending a meeting of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops.

The bishop supported scholarship tax credit programs in Pennsylvania, where companies or individuals receive credit for donating to nonprofit groups that provide students with scholarships.

She said his work on the issue inspired him to urge other bishops to similarly support legislation to enable low-income families to attend religious schools.

In January, 40 bishops met in Washington to discuss school-choice options and how Catholic leaders can be more involved. Sister John Mary noted that when bishops have been active in promoting some type of school-choice legislation, it often passes. But she also stressed that the bishops approach this with "their eyes open" being sure to avoid school and government entanglement and federal and state officials "reaching into Catholic education."

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Begging God for stronger faith, love, courage

Did you ever wonder what thoughts went through Jesus' mind as he spent long hours in prayer on a mountain side in the darkness?

Being human as well as divine, He must have worried that his followers were so slow to understand who He was, and why He had come.

Even after His resurrection, we know He was very concerned about leaving them alone until the Holy Spirit came. He knew that this idea of founding a Church was a risky venture. Would it survive?

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus pour out his love for them and for those of us who would come later.



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He prayed for their strengthening and their courage. He is so concerned that as yet, they still do not know His relationship with the Father, how the Persons of the Trinity meld into one God.

He so wishes that they could understand the vibrant, joyful life of heaven. And so He prays for faith for them and for all who will hear the Word, as well as for that unity that will bind the Church on earth to the

Church in heaven.

For all of us today who live in a Church under siege - from unbelief, from anger at a sinful, imperfect Church, from fears that the Holy Spirit has abandoned us - we need to read carefully this Gospel and the whole farewell sermon of Jesus that night before his Passion.

As the apostles then, and later gathered in prayer with Mary in the upper room, we need to trust in the power and promise of Jesus to His followers.

As there were martyrs soon after Pentecost like Stephen (in the first reading), so there are thousands since then who have "washed their robes so as to

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Act 7:55-60

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John 17:20-26

have a right to the tree of life".

Our own century as produced more martyrs for the faith than all the preceding centuries of Christianity put together.

While none of our readers will ever be stoned to death, many Catholics feel spiritually stoned from parish closings, and from lack of enough priests to live in our

midst as consoling ministers of the Word and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We feel under attack from an indifferent, secular society.

In this last Sunday before Pentecost, may we take courage in the vision of Stephen, then the vision of John in the Apocalypse, and finally the great vision of Jesus Himself of a world at peace, living in unity and love.

May we pray today with Jesus' prayer for unity, both in church, in parish meetings, and in the universal church.

We beg God for stronger faith and stronger love and stronger courage in our own witnessing.

## RESPECT FOR LIFE

## Don't let New York be haven for the next Gosnell

By Kathleen M. Gallagher

Director of Pro-Life Activities  
New York State Catholic Conference

It was more than two years ago that I read the Philadelphia grand jury report on Dr. Kermit Gosnell. I remember it made me sick to my stomach.

The report begins, "This case is about a doctor who killed babies and endangered women."

It goes on to describe unspeakable conditions and atrocious crimes which continued for decades at a licensed women's health facility: unsterile instruments, broken medical

equipment, blood and urine-splattered furniture and floors, unlicensed staff, illegal drugs, punctured uteruses, and late-term abortions on fully-formed babies who were delivered alive and then methodically killed.

Today, Dr. Gosnell is on trial for five murders, and slowly, very slowly, the mainstream media is shedding some light on the case.

It's about time.

It is deeply troubling that state authorities in Pennsylvania knew about Dr. Gosnell's clinic and took no steps to resolve the problems there. Complaints had been filed, but the inspecting state agency simply never inspected. Why?

The grand jury says the reasons were purely political:

"...[t]he Pennsylvania Department of Health abruptly decided, for political reasons, to stop inspecting abortion clinics at all. The

politics in question were not anti-abortion, but pro. With the change of administration from Governor Casey (pro-life) to Governor Ridge (pro-choice), officials concluded that inspections would be 'putting a barrier up to women' seeking abortions."

In Delaware, a Planned Parenthood clinic is now under investigation for unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

A spokeswoman for the Delaware Department of Health and Human Services says, "...we don't have the manpower to do routine inspections."

In Maryland, a young woman and her baby died following a badly botched late-term abortion in February in a clinic that had been recently licensed but reportedly never inspected.

All of which makes me wonder what's happening in New York's abortion clinics.

Our state laws and regulations require that certain

standards be met by abortion facilities, including those governing licensing, staffing, anesthesia, emergency back-up, etc.

But is anyone enforcing these regulations? Are clinics routinely monitored or inspected to protect public health and safety? How would we know?

We do know they do it for nail salons and fast-food restaurants. Shouldn't women's health facilities have even greater oversight and accountability?

Without meaningful safety controls and routine inspections, how can New Yorkers be sure they are not stepping into another Gosnell-like house of horrors?

Here's the other extremely disturbing thing about the Gosnell case and its connection to New York.

In Pennsylvania, abortion is illegal after 24 weeks of pregnancy, unless a woman suffers from "a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function." That's a very specific and grave physical health exception.

Kermit Gosnell violated that law by agreeing to perform late-term abortions on any woman who was seven or eight months pregnant, as long as she gave him enough cash up front.

In New York, Governor Cuomo and some state legislators are pushing a proposal to add a very broad "anything goes" health exception to our law.

In other words, the law would allow late-term abortion for any emotional, economic, or social reason in the final trimesters of pregnancy.

The message that would send to gruesome, grisly, money-grabbing late-term abortionists like Kermit Gosnell is this: "C'mon in! New York is open for business. Set up your clinic here. They may prosecute you in other states, but not here. We are the abortion-friendly state, and proud of it."

New York should not become a "safe haven" for monsters like Gosnell who inflicted enormous pain and suffering on innocent

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## AT THE MOVIES

## IRON MAN 3

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Given that his first appearance in print dates back to 1963, the comics-based superhero of "Iron Man 3" (Disney) may be said to be turning 50 this year. Perhaps a midlife crisis is to blame for the lack of freshness and charm that mark the latest addition to this blockbuster screen franchise -- or perhaps other factors are at fault.

Certainly, the personal advancement that could previously be traced in Iron Man's alter ego and inventor -- billionaire Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) -- has in some respects stalled.

As opening flashbacks to 1999 remind us, Stark was once a booze-swilling, commitment-free playboy. Then his assistant Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow) won his heart. Yet, while their relationship, cemented in the first sequel, continues to be exclusive, the two are now shown to be living together

without benefit of City Hall or clergy.

The latest strain on their yet-to-be-hallowed union arises when Stark's reckless battle with a mysterious, bin Laden-like terrorist known as the Mandarin (Ben Kingsley) endangers Pepper's life and sends Stark himself into temporary exile.

The anxiety attacks Stark begins to experience while on the lam -- partly inspired by events recounted in "Marvels' The Avengers" (2012) -- leave him questioning his gadgetry-dependent persona as Iron Man. This introduces one of the few substantive themes that director Shane Black's film -- which he co-wrote with Drew Pearce -- tarries to explore. Namely, the range of moral and immoral uses to which advanced technology can be turned.

Similar ethical ambiguities can be seen at work in the lives of two promising scientists gone bad: Stark's long-ago girlfriend of one night's standing, biochemist

Maya Hansen (Rebecca Hall), and lab-nerd-turned-ladies'-man Aldrich Killian (Guy Pearce). These two, it turns out, are somehow in cahoots with the Mandarin, though just what they're up to is not initially made clear.

Like the touching friendship Stark strikes up with a bullied schoolboy (Ty Simpkins) while on the run, the brief examination of serious issues his newly developed sense of panic initiates gets muscled out of view by serial gunplay and explosions. So where does it all lead? Why, to the highly flammable deck of an oil tanker, of course.

The film contains much action violence with some gore, cohabitation, an off-screen nonmarital sexual encounter, and occasional crude and crass language. 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.

## Seton to present Godspell JR

PLATTSBURGH - The Seton Catholic Central Drama Club students will musically tell the stories of John the Baptist, Jesus, and Judas when they present their production of Godspell JR. May 17 and 18.

Conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak, with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, Godspell is one of the biggest Off-Broadway and Broadway successes of all time.

Based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew, the musical uses major episodes of the Bible—including the baptism of Jesus, the Last Supper, and Jesus' arrest and crucifixion—to explore important ideas like compassion, love, forgiveness, and sacrifice for the greater good.

The show draws on various theatrical traditions and musical styles, including pantomime, charades, acrobatics, vaudeville, folk music, and rock music to create a groundbreaking and unique reflection on

the parables of Jesus.

The Seton Catholic Central Drama Club will present the MTI Broadway Junior production of Godspell JR. on May 17 at 7:30pm and on May 18 at 2pm and 7:30pm.

Directed by Pam and Tom Lavin, the shows will be held in the cafetorium at Seton Catholic Central.

Tickets cost \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$7 for the general public. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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**Time:** Leaving at 7:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$125 pp all inclusive

**Features:** Mass with Father Martin Cline at the Oratory, guided tour of the Oratory, lunch at the Oratory, visit to the St. Francis Xavier Mission to see Lily of the Mohawks Shrine, which includes: the church, museum and gift shop, & dinner at an old monastery

**Contact:** Tamara Chatland at 518-358-2862 by May 10. Trip is nonrefundable.

## JEFFERSON

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

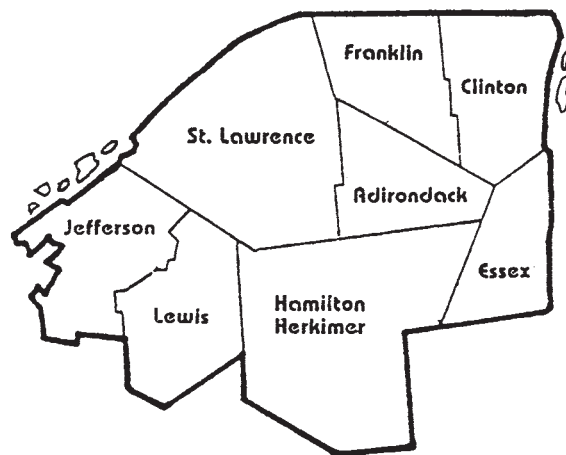
**Watertown** – An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting to be held.

**Date:** May 20

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House Hearthsides Hospitality Center

**Speaker:** Father Andrew Mulvaney, retired Army Chaplain and priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. His topic will be: “Gone, But Still With Us”.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to “Around the Diocese.” Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:  
**North Country Catholic**, PO Box 326,  
 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

## HEALING MASS

**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. Immediately following Mass there will be 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.

## CATHOLIC COUPLES DATE NIGHT

**Watertown** – Celebrate your love story while reflecting on what your Christian marriage means to you.

**Date:** May 11

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Holy Family Church

**Features:** Program includes a 12-minute DVD, one-on-one sharing, fun games, refreshments. Reserve by May 8.

**Contact:** Kathy Allan at 785-8576

## 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, organizer of the Crusade, 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:** catholicsofcarthagecopenhagen.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.

## LEWIS

## WHO IS FRANCIS?

**Croghan** – The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Stephen’s Church is welcoming anyone interested in learning more about St. Francis, St. Clare and the Secular Franciscan Order.

**Date:** May 8

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Stephen’s Church

## 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 for all ages. 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

## MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus will be having a special Mother’s Day all you can eat Breakfast Buffet.

**Date:** May 12

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

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** \$6 per person; Children 6-12, \$3.50; under 5, Free

**Features:** All moms in attendance will be presented with a rose. Any proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus charitable programs.

## 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:** Take-outs available by calling 389-5492

## ST. JAMES CARNIVAL

**Gouverneur** – St. James Church to host Carnival.

**Date:** May 9, 10 & 11

**Features:** Rides, games, food, fried dough all three days. Bingo May 10 7 p.m., doors open at 6. Craft fair May 11 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH

**Brasher Falls** – A Special Mother’s Day Buffet Brunch to be held.

**Date:** May 12

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

## K OF C BRUNCH

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

**Date:** May 12

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs available

## 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.

## LIFE CHAIN PLANNED

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

**Date:** May 11

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

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

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

**Contact:** Chris LaRose at 315-403-8123

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

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

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

**Contact:** 315-384-4242

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

**Massena** – The Catholic Community of Massena/Louisville will be using Fr. Robert Barron’s video series “Catholicism” during this Year of faith.

**Dates:** May 1, 8

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

**Place:** St. Mary’s Social Hall

## 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.



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# Happy Mother's Day

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

Mothering is defined by most dictionaries as to watch over, nourish, and protect maternally. Mothers give life. We are blessed to have or have had them. For some women, becoming a mother is often referred to as life's defining moment. The role of a mother can often be thankless work, filled with joy yet sometimes sorrow.

The Bible is filled with inspiration for mothers. Since motherhood can be a challenge, it is wonderful to find solace in the words our teachings.

"May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience." (Colossians 1:11) These words are so fitting for the massive strength and patience required of a mother.

"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18) Motherhood is not just a term, it's a title, that requires one to show their love through both action and deed.

Motherhood is often seen through the eyes of unconditional love. Probably no other Bible verse can sum this up better: "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrong doing. It does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres." (Corinthians 13)

The work of the missions is a lot like motherhood. It can be unexpected. It can bring joy and pain. It requires strength, patience. It requires action. It is not proud. It is not self-seeking.

These passages above can help someone in a Mission know the love of God and that He is there for them.

This Mother's Day, take the opportunity to remember those in the Missions who continue to be nourished and loved through our prayers and sacrifice at home. Many children in the Missions are orphans and the only "mother" they know are the missionaries who care for them.

As the definition of mothering states "to nourish and protect", may we continue to support the Missions through prayer and sacrifice.

I wish all Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. God Bless!

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)

## OBITUARIES

**Adams** — Louis J. Cook, III; Funeral Services May 4, 2013 at St. Cecilia's Church.

**Bloomington** — Jean M. (Saumier) Amell, 80; Funeral Services April 29, 2013 at St. Paul's Church; burial in St. Paul Cemetery.

**Brushton** — Joyce M. (Prue) King, 90; Funeral Services May 1, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

**Burke** — Kirk D. Langlois, 42; Funeral Services May 4, 2013 at St. George's Church; burial in North Burke Cemetery.

**Cadyville** — Ann Louise (Smith) Downs, 85; Funeral Services May 4, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Carthage** — D.C. "Smoke" Murphy, 90; Funeral Services May 6, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Copenhagen.

**Ft. Covington** — Helen M. (Kazulak) Vincelle, 80; Funeral Services May 9, 2013 at St. Mary's of the Fort Catholic Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Glenfield** — Steve A. Bush, 85; Funeral Services May 1, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

**Lyon Mountain** — Rodney R. Collins, 54; Funeral Services May 2, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church.

**Malone** — Beatrice Gonzales, 49; Funeral Services April 29, 2013 at Notre Dame Church.

**Malone** — Kenneth L. Lamica, 66; Funeral Services May 3, 2013 at the Brusno-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

**Malone** — Bernard F. Miner; Funeral Serv-

ices April 27, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Massena** — Molly E. (Burnham) McCullough, 84; Funeral Services May 1, 2013 at Donaldson Funeral Home.

**Massena** — MaryAnne (Suss) Moore, 69; Funeral Services May 4, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Lettie Rigler Stannard, 93; Funeral Services April 29, 2013 at the Church of the Sacred Heart; burial Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Elizabeth "Betty" J. (Muscot) Sweeney, 81; Funeral Services May 1, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

**Mineville** — Kathryn H. (Young) Tromblee, 89 Funeral Services April 30, 2013 at All Saints Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

**Newcomb** — Brain Joseph Lenhart, 69; Funeral April 27, 2013 at St Therese Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Peru** — Gary D. Bruno, 70; Funeral Services April 30, 2013 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Parish

Columbarium.

**Peru** — Margaret (Abare) McClatchie, 95; Memorial Services May 4, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church.

**Plattsburgh** — Lawrence J. Butler, 69; Funeral Services May 3, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Frances R. Smith, 88; Funeral Services April 30, 2013 at R.W. Walker Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Raymond A. Werlinger, 78; Funeral Services May 3, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Port Leyden** — Berniece A. (Hawk) Bauer, 95; Funeral Services May 4, 2013 at the Callaghan Funeral Home, LLC; burial in Old Glendale Cemetery, Glenfield.

**Port Leyden** — Helen R. (Bourgeois) Levensailor, 85; Funeral Services April 30, 2013 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Marion Agnes (McDonnell) Massaro, 92; Funeral Services April 27, 2013 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home.

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# FACES OF FAITH

Celebrations of service and prayer in parishes and schools across the Diocese of Ogdensburg



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE  
 Father Joseph Morgan, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, is shown with Joanna Hollis and Janice Shoen, recipients of the 2103 Volunteer Service Awards at the May 1 Celebration of Women event at the cathedral. See page 6 for full story.



The children of St. Patricks Church in Colton completed a Lenten project assisting the local animal shelter. The children above are Andrew and Christopher Edwards, Katyn and Alannah Long, Andrew and Noah and Hannah Dominty. Also pictured is Bonnie Courier of the Animal Shelter. The teachers of the Christian Formation classes are Mrs. Daniel Edwards for grades three and four and Mary Marino for grades five and six.



Keagen Briggs on drums, Joe Aabye on guitar, and Steven Murray on vocals perform at the April 20 talent show at Seton Catholic School in Plattsburgh. Seton Catholic hosted "Knights at Night - Talent for a Cause" which raised funds and hope for Malorie Drollette, a junior at Seton Catholic who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. The talent show raised over \$1,400 for the Drollette family.



PHOTO BY ELAINE SCOTT  
 Father Patrick Ratigan, pastor in Adams and Henderson, welcomes Bishop LaValley to Queen of Heaven Church in Henderson April 28, the first time a bishop had visited Queen of Heaven Church in 18 years. Bishop LaValley later celebrated Mass and conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams where 18 young adults were confirmed in their faith. Shown here, with Father Ratigan and Bishop LaValley are Larry Ambeau and altar server William Spicer.