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World Youth Day begins

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS) – In his first remarks to the young people at the huge World Youth Day celebration on the beach July 25, Pope Francis spoke of belonging to the great family of faith and that included a moment of silent prayer for Sophie Moriniere,

a French pilgrim who died July 17 in a car accident in French Guiana.

The celebration also included a "shout out" to retired Pope Benedict XVI, who chose Rio as the site of World Youth Day 2013 and selected its theme: "Go and

make disciples of all nations."

The nations were present on the windswept, rain-drenched beach where hundreds of thousands of young people began gathering just after noon for a program of prayer and song dominated

by Brazilians, but featuring groups from around the globe.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said an estimated 1 million people were on the beach for the ceremony with the pope.

CLOSING MASS

Farewell to St. Patrick's



St. Patrick's Church in Hogsburg was filled to capacity July 7 for the final Mass at the 179 year-old church. Bishop Terry LaValley and pastor Father Martin Cline, shown above, were joined by more than a dozen diocesan priests in concelebrating the Mass. In his homily, Bishop LaValley said, "Though this parish closes, we live under God's providence. He has a plan we don't know, but we do know that the Church has been doing pastoral planning since Pentecost."

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Envisioning Charter Document

As part of the ongoing process of discerning a Mutually Shared Vision and diocesan priorities for the next five years, Bishop LaValley and his Envisioning Leadership Team have created a Charter Document to guide their discussions during the coming months.

Highlights of the document, in the form of frequently asked questions about the envisioning process, are printed in this week's *NCC*. Bishop LaValley plans to release a pastoral letter on the Mutually Shared Vision in March 2014

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NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* continues; the next issue of the paper will be dated Aug. 14

OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHER



PHOTO BY VALERIE MATHEWS

Aimee Biedekapp, a science teacher at Immaculate Heart Central Junior/Senior High School in Watertown, has been named the 2013 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. She was honored at a July 17 luncheon at the Bishop's House in Ogdensburg. Above, first row from left, are St. Joseph Sister Shirley Anne Brown, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Bishop LaValley presenting award to Mrs. Biedekapp; and her daughter Katie; back, Msgr. Robert Aucoin, vicar for education; St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, director of education and superintendent of schools; Pam Ballantine, assistant director of Catholic education for Christian formation and Catholic schools; and Lisa Parsons, principal of Immaculate Heart Central Junior/Senior High School. (Full story on page 3)

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A pope and a prince and a Patrick

You didn't have to watch the news too much over the past couple of weeks to get the message: one person's life can *really* make a difference.

Pope Francis, for example, captured the world's attention in his first minutes as pontiff and has continued to make headlines day in and day out.

This is especially true this week as he leads his first World Youth Day.

It's hard to ignore a pope who tells pilgrims "I want a mess," urging 30,000 young

Argentinians to shake up the church and make a "mess" in their dioceses by going out into the streets to spread the faith.

And, we know that, our charismatic and headline-catching Pope Francis stands on the shoulders of Blessed Pope John Paul II whose vision and faith in young people are the reasons we have these spectacular events, and the brilliant Pope Benedict who taught us so much about Jesus.

We can thank God every day

for these three church leaders, and all their predecessors, whose influence has changed the world forever.

It's not necessary, though, to accomplish greatness to make your mark among humanity.

Some people make a difference just by being born.

This is true of new little Prince George of Cambridge whose arrival brought great excitement, pride – and a boost to the economy – for the people of Britain.

And it's certainly true in our family as the arrival of baby Patrick Jonathan rocks our world.

For his grandparents,

Patrick's arrival brings pure joy. For the new mommy and daddy, there's joy and worry and fear and pain and still more joy. Because of Patrick our lives will never be the same. Thank God for that.

As Catholics we know that every single life – from conception through death – matters. Every single person makes a difference, whether he or she has influence around the world or just around a crib.

This is a sobering reminder to those of us who think we are powerless in the face of evil.

I think our pope would say that we have all the power we need – to make a *mess!*

Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

For Year of Faith, welcome Jesus in your life

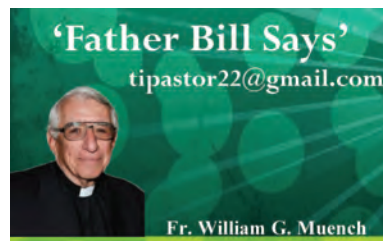
We are still in the Year of Faith. My prayer is that you have realized an increase in faith during this past year.

Our celebration of the Year of Faith here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg will be highlighted by a diocesan wide celebration of Holy Mass at Lake Placid on Sept. 29. I am certain that this will be a sensational day – a wonderful celebration – an uplifting Mass.

Can you imagine people from all of the diocese joining together for Mass? It will be a powerful demonstration of Catholic faith in the North Country.

The Year of Faith took a very different turn when Pope Francis was elected – March 13, 2013. His election added something spectacular to the celebration of the Year of Faith throughout the world. The Year of Faith is dedicated to evangelization.

From the very start of Pope Francis' papacy he was noticed. He certainly became a personal example of evangelization – bringing the message of Jesus to the people of our world – for many throughout the world noticed him. They wanted to know what he is doing – the wanted to listen to what he was saying.



His humility was a quality that was immediately noticed. He demonstrated this humility in his actions and talks, reminding us all of the message of Jesus – the humble Savior of the world – right from the first days of his Pontificate.

He so humbly accepted his new office, right from the start. On that very first evening as he was introduced to the people in St. Peter's Square and to the whole world through the television coverage, he showed us just how humble our new Pope was going to be.

I know that I was impressed as he began by bowing before us all and asking for our prayers. I remember that I joined with all those others in offering a prayer for him and for our Church.

Ever since that night, people everywhere cannot get enough of his style of ministry and the way in which he humbly reaches out to us all. Truly he

is noticed – in this way he is constantly evangelizing.

So, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has become our first and primary example of evangelization for all of us. He challenges all of us to follow him in bringing Christ to our own part of the world.

He constantly reminds us that each one of us is important in this effort – and each one of us will be successful in this task of evangelization – bringing Christ to our world.

The danger will be that some of us do not consider themselves important in this campaign to evangelize the world. The challenge of this Year of Faith is that through prayer each one of us – clergy, Religious Sisters, Lay men and women – recognize just how much we can bring to this effort to evangelize our world.

People see us. Our efforts to live a good life and bring some peace and happiness to this world is our program of evangelization.

Jesus became one of us – Jesus accepted our humanness in an effort to show us the way – so truly he came to evangelize us.

Our part is to accept the message of our Lord by making our act of faith and living it

out. The whole New Testament, the whole gospel narrative, is told in order to draw from us an act of faith in Jesus, the incarnate Word – true God and true man.

To live the doctrine of the Incarnation is simply to be a Christian. To live it better is to become a better Christian. Pope John Paul often taught in his messages by saying, "Become who you are!" In the Incarnation, Christ took on our human nature, so this mystery touches on every aspect of your life and mine.

How do we share this with others? Help others to see that everything in the world has changed because of Jesus Christ – not simply in a visible way, but in its very meaning. It is true that no other person has ever had such an impact on history.

In that sense, we continue to see the influence and work of Jesus in countless acts of charity, great and small, in billions of lives.

But the greatest difference is interior and invisible. Jesus' life and death have given profound meaning, dignity, and even power to every human life and death.

By our lives, we can show this to those we meet each day.

Outstanding Catholic School Teacher honored

By Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ
Superintendent of Schools

OGDENSBURG - Aimee Biedekapp, a science teacher at Immaculate Heart Central Junior/Senior High School in Watertown, has been named the 2013 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

She was honored July 17 during a luncheon hosted by Bishop Terry LaValley.

Mrs. Biedekapp began her teaching career in 1980 at Sacred Heart School in Watertown and moved to Immaculate Heart Central High School in 1981. She completed her 32nd year at IHC in June 2013.

During her time at Immaculate Heart, Mrs. Biedekapp has taught biology, chemistry, physics and advanced placement science courses.

Her extracurricular responsibilities cover a wide range of activities including chaperoning dances and student bus trips, mentoring peer tutors and serving on the Faculty Council. Currently Aimee is a member of the Principal's Advisory Council, Moderator for the National Honor Society and Science Department Chair.

She looks consistently for opportunities to enhance and enrich student learning evidenced by her participation in the "Bridge Contest" hosted by Jefferson Community College and her involvement in initial discussions regarding the STEM Program initiative.

Mrs. Biedekapp graduated from the State University College of New York at Cortland with a Magna Cum Lauda degree in Secondary Education in Biology and General Science 7-12. She received her Master of Education Degree at SUNY Potsdam and is permanently

certified to teach Biology, Chemistry and General Science 7-12.

In nominating Mrs. Biedekapp, Ms. Lisa Parsons, IHC Principal, stated: "Aimee has perfected the craft of teaching. She demonstrates an outstanding command of the subject matter, creativity and originality in the presentation of her classes.

"In the higher level science classes which she teaches, Aimee has delivered results on Regents exams which have surpassed those of her public school colleagues for many years," Ms. Parson said. "Mrs. Biedekapp has been able to deliver these results through her well prepared plans, her high expectations and respectful and professional rapport with students. She is viewed as a 'lead teacher' by her peers."

When asked why she has spent her teaching career in a Catholic school, Mrs. Biedekapp said, "It is a vocation. Teaching at IHC is part of me."

Mrs. Biedekapp was joined at the luncheon by her daughter Katie, Ms. Parsons, Msgr. Robert Aucoin, vicar for education; St. Joseph Sister Shirley Anne Brown, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Pam Ballantine, assistant director of Catholic education for Christian formation and Catholic schools and St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, director of education and superintendent of schools.

The Miraculous Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in our merciful eyes it will become your favor, not mine. Amen KM

Bishop appoints new pastor for St. Mary's in Champlain

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has appointed Father Clyde A. Lewis, to serve as pastor of St. Mary's in Champlain, succeeding Father James A. Delbel who died July 10.



Father Clyde Lewis

Father Lewis will continue to serve as pastor in Rouses Point, a position he has held since 2002. Previously, he was pastor in Coopersville from 2003 until its closure in March.

Father Lewis was born April 29, 1939, in Boston, and grew up in Plattsburgh. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg, Christ the King Seminary in Olean, NY, and

the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained Dec. 16, 1964 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Father Lewis' first assignment was as assistant pastor in Saranac Lake. He was also an assistant pastor in Gouverneur and at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

He became pastor of St. Augustine's in Peru in 1979 and then Holy Family in Watertown from 1993 to 2002.

The priest also served the diocese as associate director of the youth department from 1966 to 1970 and asso-

ciate director of religious education and regional director for St. Lawrence Deanery from 1969 to 1972.

From 1972 to 1979, Father Lewis served as diocesan director of religious education. He also served as president of the New York State Council of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education and as a member of the board of directors of the National Conference of Diocesan Directors.

In addition, the priest has served the diocese as a pro-Synodal Judge of the Marriage Tribunal, as a member of the Priests' Personnel Board and as chair of the Art and Architecture Committee of the diocesan Department of Worship.

Knights invite all Catholics to Aug. 11 prayer rally

OGDENSBURG - The Knights of Columbus of the North Country are inviting all Catholics to participate in prayer rally at St. Mary's Cathedral Aug. 11 at 2 p.m.

Responding to the pope and the bishops of the United States, the Knights of Columbus and Catholics from parishes throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg will unite in prayer.

A statement from the Knights explains the purpose of the gathering: "Freedom of conscience is at the heart of who we are as Americans. Impending federal and state laws and regulations relating

to abortion, marriage and healthcare would impinge on our freedom of conscience and could force Catholic institutions to close their doors."

"Bishop Terry R. LaValley will ask Our Lord for his intercession and everyone present will be a witness to fellow citizens and elected officials that Catholics have a significant role to play in our free society."

The Knights and the bishop would like to see at least 600 Catholics from every part of the diocese travel to Ogdensburg.

"There will be no snow on the roads to and from Ogdensburg to hinder travel on Aug. 11," the bishop said.

The rally will begin at 2 p.m. outside St. Mary's Cathedral at the Monument to the Unborn. Following brief remarks, participants will proceed inside the cathedral for recitation of the rosary. The rally should conclude about 4 PM.

Following the rally, refreshments will be served and Jack Kelley and the Little Big Band will provide music at the Knights of Columbus Home.

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Bishop and Envisioning Leadership Team create Charter Document

Frequently asked questions

As part of the ongoing process of discerning a Mutually Shared Vision and diocesan priorities for the next five years, Bishop LaValley and his Envisioning Leadership Team have created a Charter Document to guide their discussions during the coming months.

Highlights of the document follow:

What is the purpose of the Envisioning Leadership Team?

We 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 goals so that we might articulate, proclaim, and implement a Mutually Shared Vision rooting the Diocese of Ogdensburg more deeply in Christ.

Why is it called "Envisioning Leadership Team"?

A vision of where we ought to be in five years is crucial in determine the goals and priorities for the next five years. Discerning the vision is a process that demands leadership.

Leadership involves arousing and satisfying the needs and motives of followers in an environment of conflict, competition or achievement which results in followers taking action toward a mutually shared vision.

Our team is to engage and direct an envisioning process that elicits the needs and hopes of all the people of God in our diocese, and to articulate and implement that vision in a way that encourages every Catholic in the diocese to taking action toward fulfilling that vision.

Our purpose is to "envision" and "lead" as a team.

What does a mutual shared vision entail?

Purpose:



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Listening sessions held across the North Country in the spring were a critical aspect of the ongoing process towards discerning a Mutually Shared Vision for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Above, Bishop LaValley welcomes the group gathered in Massena in early June. The bishop and members of the Envisioning Leadership Team have adopted a Charter Document to guide their work during the 13-month discerning process. Highlights of the document are published on this page.

Answers why we exist as a diocese.

Values:

Answers how we make decisions, communicate and behave as a diocese.

Priorities:

Answers what we accomplish in the next 18 to 24 months.

It is a larger vision for our future that is informed not only by the Bishop, but by the people of God through listening sessions and discernment with others. The input from the people of God is what makes it mutually shared: it is OUR vision.

What are the values of the Diocese of Ogdensburg?

HONESTY: Speaking the truth with love

Behaviors: Responding to ideas with transparency and constructive criticism; maintaining confidentiality when necessary

PATIENCE: God calls us to an unhurried, respectful, and attentive presence to the team and its purpose

Behaviors: Not interrupting, listening with respect; quick fix is not the answer: give time to others

HOPEFULNESS: Conviction that God has called us to this team process and in His

love and wisdom, guides our work together and will bring it to a successful conclusion

Behaviors: Awareness of God's presence through prayer and acknowledgment of the Spirit's presence in others; a positive, "can-do" attitude and refraining from that which is not

What are the expected outcomes of the Envisioning Leadership Process?

1. Endorse Team Charter by May 14, 2013

2. Conclude all Listening Sessions by June 25, 2013.

3 Complete Mutually-Shared Vision by February 13, 2014.

(Bishop LaValley will promulgate a Pastoral Letter on the Mutually Shared Vision by March 25, 2014, the Feast of the Annunciation)

Does the team have guidelines for effective procedures?

Problem Solving:

• Raising concerns and problems to the team is welcomed

• Use facilitator and white board to be clear in problems raised or problem-solving steps employed

• Evaluate the problem to determine weight: pursue or

set aside

• If pursuing: define the problem as a team or design persons to define then, continue through the 7-step problem solving process

• If not pursuing: get the help needed/the proper resources to address any concerns

Decision Making:

• Action on decisions only after consensus reached (general agreement)

• Outside of team, decisions are respected by all publically

• Gather all resources needed to make informed decisions

• Decisions may be adjusted or amended if outside variables impact the original decision

• Poll members to make sure that all information needed has been gathered and input is sought from all

• Identify decision clearly

• Contents of conversation is confidential

Conflict Resolution:

• Clearly identify the conflict (enduring disagreement) A facilitator determines whether or not to pursue and determines time is allotted for discussion

• Sides must propose a

reasonable solution to achieve the common good of the team

• If at the end of the time allotted a solution is not achieved the facilitator becomes the arbitrator. All sides agree to abide.

Does the team have ground rules for effective behavior?

Communication between Members (including giving and receiving feedback)

• Allow expression without interruption

• Trusting the good will of every person

• Respect not simply tolerate differing viewpoints

• No person dominates at a meeting and all responsible for calling attention if this phenomenon occurs.

Facilitator determines time limit if necessary.

Member Involvement and Leadership

• Coming prepared for each meeting

• Never forgetting the Church we represent

• Members to advise the Bishop, if requested, regarding the Pastoral Letter

General Tone and Environment of Meetings

• Invite the Holy Spirit to journey with us (prayer)

• Start and end on time

• Clear agenda for each meeting

Why did Bishop LaValley ask the team members to sign the Charter document?

To be effective as a team, members must be unified around a common purpose, outcomes, guidelines and norms. Each team member must agree to commit his or her best efforts to the team outcomes.

The team worked together to formulate the charter document, and Bishop LaValley asked them to sign the document as a sign of each member's agreement to support the charter.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Two olives in the martini of life

By Amanda Conklin
Campus ministers, St. Mary's, Canton

There are two certainties in our human existence: life and death. One brings great joy, the other, sadness.

Recently, I've experienced both within the same week. I am anxiously anticipating the arrival of our first child any day now. While rejoicing in the joy that comes from an event like this, I've also been faced with the loss of someone very close to me, my grandfather.

Allen Henry Burns is known by many throughout the Diocese. He owned Allen Photography in Ogdensburg for over 50 years. He worked side by side with his father, Henry Arthur Burns. My grandfather photographed countless weddings, family portraits, graduates, and many of our diocesan priests and bishops.

While known for his superb photography skills, he was perhaps known better for his deep love and sense of humor. Although he occasionally joked about homilies being too long (he often timed them) and sometimes slipped a comment in about considering Mormonism, he had a great love of the Church and his faith was a large part of his life.

In his last days of his battle with cancer he was not vocally responsive. However, the day before he died, he whispered "St. Joseph" twice which prompted my mother to copy the prayer to St. Joseph for a Happy Death and place it next to his bed. One of his favorite saints was St. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite, and he died on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Beautifully, he held on and passed away literally breaths after he received Last Rites from newly ordained Father Scott Belina. My grandfather was not a deep theologian or philosopher. He loved martinis and cigars. He did not spend time as a missionary, he didn't write any books or even have his Master's Degree, but he loved



Amanda Conklin of Gouverneur is shown in a family photo with her grandfather, Allen Burns. Mr. Burns died just days before Mrs. Conklin gave birth to her first child.

deeper than anyone I've ever known and through this, he truly lived Christ.

Because of his deep love and life in Christ, he also constantly emanated an intense joy. Many were drawn to him and simply being in his presence made you smile.

Trying to balance the deep grief at the loss of a beautiful soul with the joyful anticipation in the arrival of my own precious daughter has been very challenging. I wanted more than anything

for my grandfather to hold his first great grandchild even if it was just once. But, this was not God's plan.

My perhaps unique experience has taught me that our human emotions are beautiful, yet frail. We often place too much trust in our emotions. I can't tell you the amount of times that I've heard the awful advice "follow your heart." If we always followed our heart and emotions, I'd probably be in a lot of trouble today. Many end up falling away from the faith because they don't "feel" God anymore. Once the emotional high diminishes, so does the devotion to the faith.

But we are called to look to the saints as examples. Many saints experienced "dark nights of the soul." They didn't "feel" God anymore, but even amid the darkness, they still trusted and held firm in the faith. If we truly "let go and let God" and trust in His will, amazing things can happen. In this case, it is through the hands of a priest.

Father Belina was not the first priest to be contacted to give my grandfather last rites. My grandfather's pastor was out of town and since Father Belina is a family friend, he was quickly called and dropped everything, putting his priestly duty to the dying above anything else at that moment. As I mourned the fact that my grandfather will never hold my Emma Therese, something dawned on me. The same hands that gave my grandfather last rites as he left this earth to join God's family in heaven will be the same hands that will baptize Emma as she enters God's family, the Church.

I could have become consumed by my grief and not noticed the beautiful things that have come out of this trying time. Instead, I am moving through this experience only through a lot of grace and trust in God.

I know one thing for sure, when my dad and husband share a cigar in the near future, it'll be both in celebrating the birth of a new life in our family and celebrating the life of one who has joined the ranks of heaven.

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Diocesan grants aid parish projects for the disabled

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has announced that two grants of \$5,000 each have been disbursed to Our Lady of Victory Church, Plattsburgh and St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora to assist them with projects to improve accessibility to their facilities for the disabled.

The funds are made available from the annual contributions of the New York State Knights of Columbus to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. They are distributed by the diocese on the recommendation of Catholic Charities and the Department of Education.

In announcing the grants to this year's recipients, Bishop LaValley noted the

generosity of the Knights who "assist our diocesan institutions in their efforts to make Churches, schools and parish centers accessible to all people.

"I am most grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in this area and in the many ways in which they support the work of the Church in our Diocese," the bishop said.

Announcement of the availability of these grants was made last April by Catholic Charities and the Department of Education.

The criteria for acceptability of a request cover several factors. Improvement in already existing programs or facilities is considered as

well as program development and the purchase of special equipment.

The grants awarded this year will assist Father William Reamer, pastor of Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh, with funds to provide automatic doors at the entrance of the Church.

The automatic doors will provide access to interior of the Church and to the chair lift that enables people to enter the body of the Church.

Father Donald Kramberg, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora will use the funds to help defray the expense of installing a wheel chair lift and code appropriate stairwell for persons with mobility restrictions.

DOVS pilgrimage

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead the annual diocesan pilgrimage to pray for vocations Oct. 9.

This year's pilgrimage, planned by Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director, and the members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society (DOVS), will be to the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Montreal.

The group will celebrate Mass at the shrine and pray a rosary for vocations at the

Cathedral of Montreal.

The cost of \$89 covers lunch and bus travel from Schroon Lake/Plattsburgh or Ogdensburg/Potsdam/Malone. Any proceeds will be used for the promotion of vocations within the diocese. A non-refundable payment is due by Aug. 24.

(Passports or enhanced licenses are required.)

Further information is available from Connie Randall at 315-265-2762.

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St. Jude Novena

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen.

B.T.L.

Bishop's Schedule

Aug. 4 – 9:15 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Malone
11a.m., Mass at Notre Dame Church in Malone

Aug. 5 – 5 p.m., Clinton Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Augustine's Parish Center in Peru

Aug. 6 – 4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

Aug. 11 – 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Francis Solanus Church in Harrisville
10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Hubert's Church in Star Lake
2 p.m., 2nd Annual Prayer Rally at St. Mary's Cathedral

Aug. 13 – 5 p.m., Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Inlet

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated Aug. 14

Environmental Stewardship

"The water that I give will turn into a spring inside..welling up."

John 4

Water is essential for life. If life is sacred, then whatever supports life is sacred.

Tips for conserving the sacred gift of water:

- Water your garden/lawn early in morning or later in evening to reduce evaporation.
- Fix leaky faucets and toilets; 1 drip per second= 3000 gallons of water per year.
- Purchase products with minimal packaging. 1 lb. of plastic = 24 + gallons of water to produce.

Rest in Peace

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

- July 31** – Rev. Napoleon Brisson, 1950; Rev. Michael O'Reilly, 1980
Aug. 2 – Rev. Zephyrin Jutras, 1919
Aug. 4 – Rev. Adolphe Saurel, 1925; Rev. Willie Caron, M.S.C., 1972
Aug. 5 – Rev. M. Calixte Mourier, O.M.I., 1912; Rev. Gerald A. Sharland, 1973
Aug. 7 – Msgr. Edmund H. Dumas, 2000
Aug. 8 – Rev. David N. Burke, 1913; Rev. Donald E. Seguin, 1976
Aug. 9 – Rev. Edward B. May, O.S.A., 1953; Rev. James N. Flattery, 1997
Aug. 10 – Rev. Walter J. LaRocque, 1936; Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., 1956; Rev. Cornelius Vullings, M.S.C., 1971; Msgr. Anthony A. Milia, 2010
Aug. 11 – Rev. Gilbert Monroe, O.F.M., 1958; Rev. John M. Kennedy, 1979
Aug. 12 – Rev. Pierre Gagnon, O.M.I., 1901; Rev. John M. Varrily, 1913
Aug. 13 – Msgr. Bernard F. Kellogg, 1993

Protecting God's Children

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

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Bishop LaValley presides at final Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg

Farewell, beloved St. Patrick's

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff writer

HOGANSBURG - The beautiful Gothic-style church was filled to capacity, and more than a dozen priests celebrated Mass with Bishop Terry LaValley and pastor Father Martin Cline at St. Patrick's July 7.

The faith of those present, the extraordinary music, and the deeply pastoral homily echoed the day's psalm response: "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

There was, too, an undertone of sadness: following this celebration, the doors of this historic building have closed permanently.

Yet the faith that was forged there over the past 179 years remains very much alive. Bishop LaValley brought this home powerfully in his homily, drawing from that Sunday's Gospel: "Rejoice because our names are written in heaven." We are all members of the Body of Christ through baptism. Our faith, though nourished, challenged, and supported in the local family of the parish, is not rooted in a building. Rather, we follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

It is this faith that is the "impressive spiritual legacy of St. Patrick's," the bishop noted. "Since 1834, baptized Catholics have gathered here to be nourished by word and sacrament...Your forbears traveled many miles, often on foot, to receive the sacraments here. Priests and sisters - especially the Sisters of Mercy and later the Atonement Sisters - gave of themselves here, and we express our gratitude."

No task more difficult

Still, "There is no task more difficult than deciding a parish church must close," Bishop LaValley said. "Among the four parishes which closed while I have been



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Cindy Gabri and Toni Herne, Altar and Rosary Society members of St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg, present the Offertory gifts to Bishop LaValley during the final parish Mass July 7. Also shown is Taylor French, altar server for the liturgy.

bishop, in one nearby my hometown I saw relatives, lifelong friends, and others lose the church building where they and their loved ones were baptized, married, and buried.

"It is the same for this congregation before me," he said. "You have made First—and a lifetime—of Holy Communion here. You have been confirmed and exchanged wedding vows here. You have brought loved ones to be buried here. Many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life were nurtured here."

Though this parish closes, Bishop LaValley continued, "We live under God's providence. He has a plan we don't know, but we do know that the Church has been doing pastoral planning since Pentecost."

Moving forward, parishioners must continue to "grow closer, to worship, to

share our faith with others by word and deed," Bishop LaValley said. "Make an effort to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

"Also, I would like to thank Father Cline for his tireless pastoral leadership in these changing times; this has been especially challenging for his first assignment as pastor," he said. "We don't learn this in the seminary! Thanks to the parishioners, and to the pastoral council who have supported him."

Above all, the Bishop reminded the congregation: "Pastoral care continues! The building is no longer available to us, but the Church is. Father Cline will continue to minister to your needs. I give thanks to Almighty God for your faithfulness; let us pray for and support one another. Let us join those 72 returning disciples and rejoice because our names are writ-



Joanne Reyome, a long time parishioner, read the first reading for the closing liturgy at St. Patrick's.

ten in heaven. May God be praised! Forever, may God be praised!"

'Thank you'

After Communion, Father Martin Cline offered his thanks to the many who had assisted him in the painful closure process: "The people! My Mom and Dad! The parish council members and trustees—their support over my three years here has been very important to me.

"To my brother priests, especially those who are here today: I am so grateful," Father Cline said. "To Bishop LaValley, Father Kevin O'Brien, and St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw, for all your help: thank you! To religious sisters who have served here, for countless hours and sacrifices to make St. Patrick's families and children strong in their faith, I am grateful. For those families and children who have carried that faith with them throughout the diocese, and to those who are gathered here today: thank you, thank you, thank you!

"Thanks to Donna Smith,



Father Kris Lauzon, former pastor 2001-2003, read the Gospel.

for that beautiful image of St. Patrick's Church," he said. "Thank you, Bishop, for your time, for your presence, for your beautiful words. Thanks be to God: may you help us to remember that for your faithful people, Lord, life is changed, not ended."

At this point, the trustees of St. Patrick's Church and of St. Mary's Church in Fort Covington were called to the front of the church. There, the St. Patrick's trustees handed on their church's relic of St. Patrick to the trustees of St. Mary's, where the relic will now reside.

Father Cline's last words as pastor of St. Patrick's were addressed to its last parishioners. "Find a Roman Catholic church that welcomes you," he urged. "Don't let this be the thing that kills your faith! God has not changed; his love for you has not changed. We are a people of hope!"

Parishioners past and present, and a multitude of friends, voiced their feelings with a prolonged ovation.

After the final blessing, hundreds and hundreds of voices joined the choir in a resounding rendition of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

It would have been impossible to miss the love—and the hopefulness—in their farewell.

Parishioners share memories of St. Patrick's

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

HOGANSBURG-For those grieving the loss of a loved one, remembering the past can bring solace and point hopefully toward the future. As parishioners took final leave of St. Patrick's Church July 7, they were happy to share memories of their parish.

Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, Episcopal Delegate for Religious for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, was baptized at St. Patrick's and received the sacraments there until she entered religious life in 1956. She recalls a "vital faith-filled community in which life was lived, shared, and very much grounded in faith, hope, and charity.

"I went from the beauty of this place to landing on tarmacs in Canada, Italy, Ireland, South Africa, and Brazil where our order established missionary houses," she said. "But it was the life of St. Patrick's in Hogansburg which grew up inside of me and gave me the strength to forge into the future."

When the last brick of this beautiful edifice comes down, what remains standing will be the lives that will go on living and giving, who were birthed here to go elsewhere to plant the seeds of faith received in our mother church

Sr. Ellen Donahue, SA, Episcopal Delegate for Religious
for the Diocese of Ogdensburg and native of St. Patrick's Church

"When the last brick of this beautiful edifice comes down," she said, "what remains standing will be the lives that will go on living and giving, who were birthed here to go elsewhere to plant the seeds of faith received in our mother church.

"We continue to live the life of Jesus, accepting our joys and sorrows as we call upon the Lord who has revealed himself to us in this sacred place," Sister Ellen said.

Angie Bashaw's association with St. Patrick's spans fewer years, but they have been very significant ones: 12 years ago she was received into the Church here at the Easter vigil.

"I was a convert from Protestantism," she said, "and ([then-pastor] Father) Kris Lauzon really drew me into the life of the parish. I brought my Bible with me,

and really grew through Father Kris' teaching.

"Then my daughter made her First Communion here," Ms. Bashaw said. "It has been so wonderful; the elderly people in this parish have really inspired me by their faith."

For Chris and Cherie Jock, the leave-taking is deeply personal.

"We were married here in 1993, by Msgr. Devan - who also baptized our children. We renewed our vows here in the last week the church was open," Mr. Jock said. "This was Cherie's parents' parish; her dad was buried from here two years ago. It has been an especially welcoming place for our son Zach, whose autism issues can make Mass difficult for him.

"We have just one word for St. Patrick's: HOME!"

For Anna Mae Gray, St.

Patrick's was home in a different sense: she was married there, was a life-long member of the parish - and for many years, served as rectory housekeeper.

"It was a big part of my life for a long time," she recalls. "I have seen lots of priests come and go, and bishops too. Now it is my turn to go, and I will be going to Sacred Heart in Massena, which is nearest my home."

For trustee Ivan Leroux, St. Patrick's has been home since he was baptized there in 1936.

"I grew up in this parish, and it was a great place to be," he said. "We were blessed to have this church for so long. Once it was so full of people, but times change and people die or move away.

"Closing the parish is hard, but you have to do what you have to do," he said.



Atonement Sister John Marie Kelleher, left, was the founding member of the Hogansburg convent in 1941 and stayed with the people for 16 years of ministry. She had planned to come to the July 7 celebration but was unable to make the trip because of illness. Her greetings to the people were shared at the reception and are reprinted in this article. She is pictured above with Sister Jerome.

Father Kris Lauzon, pastor at St. Patrick's from 2001-2003, admits to mixed emotions.

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During the week before the closing of St. Patrick's Church, the parishioners celebrated the Sacraments of the church. On Monday, they celebrated the sacrament of baptism, on Tuesday, Eucharist, confirmation and reconciliation; and on Wednesday night, vocations. Father Martin Cline, pastor, renewed the wedding vows of all who participated that night. This picture shows the "older" couples of the parish. From left to right are Mr. and Mrs. John Demo, (parents of Father Mickey Demo), celebrating 55 years; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Major celebrating 56 years of marriage; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brockway, 58 years of marriage; and Mr. and Mrs. John Poirier celebrating 55 years.



The trustees of St. Patrick's Church, Jerry Mahoney and Mary Lacerenza, hand a statue and relic of St. Patrick to the trustees of St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington, Cindy Healy and Filene Chapman. The gesture was made as a "sign of the uniting of the two parishes," said Father Martin Cline, pastor of Fort Covington and Bombay as well as St. Patrick's. "The people will certainly welcome the people of the St. Patrick's to pray with them and to celebrate the faith with them."

On stormy seashore, pope invites young people to follow Jesus

As World Youth Day begins

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)-- Even at its stormiest, the Sea of Galilee doesn't have waves like those pounding Copacabana beach, but Pope Francis asked young Catholics to imagine they were with Jesus on the seashore and he was asking them to follow him and share his love with others.

In his first remarks to the young people at the huge World Youth Day celebration on the beach July 25, Pope Francis spoke of belonging to the great family of faith and that included a moment of silent prayer for Sophie Moriniere, a French pilgrim who died July 17 in a car accident in French Guiana.

The celebration also included a "shout out" to retired Pope Benedict XVI, who chose Rio as the site of World Youth Day 2013 and selected its theme: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

The nations were present on the windswept, rain-drenched beach where hundreds of thousands of young people began gathering just after noon for a program of prayer and song dominated by Brazilians, but featuring groups from around the globe.

But tens of thousands of young people abandoned the sandy beach for the paved roadway when the pope's helicopter touched down at Fort Copacabana; the pope spent more than half hour driving from the fort on one end of the famous beach to the stage situated about two and a half miles away.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said an estimated 1 million people were on the beach for the ceremony with the pope.

The diversity represented at the event was not simply a matter of the national flags the pilgrims were carrying. Pope Francis said he knew the youths also had a variety



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis embraces a young woman during the World Youth Day welcoming ceremony on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro July 25.

of reasons for being part of World Youth Day and a variety of levels of previous involvement with the church.

"But today you are all here -- or better yet, we are all here together as one in order to share the faith and the joy of an encounter with Christ, of being his disciples," the pope said in his introductory remarks.

Katherine Tanadi, 21, from the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd in Singapore, told Catholic News Service that World Youth Day already "has been a life-changing experience."

Standing on the beach, she said Rio was her first World Youth Day and "I have met young Catholics from all over the world. It's incredible."

Ida Szuzepaniak, 25, from Poznan, Poland, said the experience of being in Rio with hundreds of thousands of her peers in the cold and rain has taught her "that I have to have more patience, I need to pray more."

She also said she was impressed by the Masses and other gatherings where everyone seemed to know the words to the songs and were willing to sing along.

"In Poland everyone is very quiet," she said, but the exuberance in Rio "makes the experience more interesting."

Pope Francis told the teens and young adults that Jesus was asking each person gathered on the seashore: "Do you want to be my disciple? Do you want to be my friend? Do you want to be a witness

to my Gospel?"

The Gospel reading for the evening prayer service was St. Luke's account of the transfiguration of Jesus, including St. Peter's line, "Master, it is good that we are here." (Lk 9:28-36).

In his homily, the pope echoed those words, telling the young people that it is always good to be gathered around Jesus and to keep Jesus at the center of their lives. Faith, he said, is a "Copernican revolution," an operation that shifts concerns and priorities so that they revolve around Jesus and not the individual or false idols.

"Certainly possessions, money and power can give a momentary thrill, the illusion of being happy," he said,

"but they end up possessing us and making us always want to have more, never satisfied."

Instead, he said, with Christ as the center of your life "you will never be disappointed," but, he added, "the young must be strong" to resist the temptations around them.

Pope Francis asked the young people to think about a meal and what it means to "put on salt," then he told them, "Put on faith and your life will take on a new flavor."

"Put on hope and every one of your days will be enlightened and your horizon will no longer be dark," he told them. "Put on love and your life will be like a house built on rock, your journey will be joyful because you will find many friends to journey with you."

"Put on Christ," he said, "you will find a friend in whom you can always trust" and "your life will be full of his love."

Getting practical about matters, the pope told the young people that Christ is waiting to wash away their sins in the sacrament of penance, to nourish them with his body in the Eucharist and to encounter them through their Christian peers who will give them friendship, encouragement and support.

As winter darkness settled over the crowd, Pope Francis told the young people to offer the witness of faith and the service of charity to others, "carrying to this world a ray of his light."

He said it is tough being a bishop -- and a "sad bishop" is no good to anyone -- so it is important for him and other bishops to be confirmed by the enthusiastic faith of the young. Pope Francis also said the way the pilgrims have continued celebrating despite the weather demonstrates how "your faith is stronger than the rain and the cold."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Jamboree Mass ties Scouts' Catholic faith, commitment to serve
 MOUNT HOPE, W.Va. (CNS) -- Nearly 10,000 Boy Scouts from throughout the United States braved heavy rain and thunderstorms July 21 for an outdoor Mass celebrated by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States. The Mass was part of the 10-day National Boy Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Mount Hope. Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston concelebrated the Mass and served as homilist. In his homily, Bishop Bransfield welcomed the Scouts to the Mountain State for the national jamboree marking its significance to the church. Bishop Bransfield acknowledged the hard work of the many people it took to make the national jamboree a reality for West Virginia. "For many months," he said, "a great deal of planning and labor has gone into preparing for this jamboree. When I visited here earlier this year, in the middle of winter, I was impressed with the beauty of the place and I wondered if it would be ready for you by summer. As I look out now, I see a transformed place, made all the more wonderful by your presence and your enjoyment of all that nature has to offer you. It is especially good to be with you as we gather around the altar, led in prayer by our apostolic nuncio, and take part in Lord's eucharistic sacrifice."

Pope is most influential, 2nd most-followed world leader on Twitter
 VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis is the most influential world leader on Twitter, with the highest number of retweets worldwide. He also is the second most-followed leader of the world, running behind U.S. President Barack Obama. The rankings were released July 24 in a recent study titled "Twiplomacy," which refers to the use of Twitter by world leaders. The study compiled a wide range of data from the Twitter accounts of 505 heads of state, foreign ministers and governments from 153 countries during the month of July. President @BarackObama is the most followed head of state, with more than 33.5 million followers, and has the fourth-most popular account overall, right behind Lady Gaga, it said. But the second most-followed world leader is Pope Francis, with 7.2 million followers spread across his nine different language-based @Pontifex accounts. Despite Obama's strong following, Pope Francis is the most influential world leader with the highest number of retweets, the report said.

Native Americans celebrate faith at Tekakwitha gathering
 EL PASO, Texas (CNS) -- Nearly 600 Native American Catholics from 37 states joined in the annual Tekakwitha Conference gathering in El Paso July 17-22. Participants from Maine to Oregon, Florida to California, attended the annual four-day event that was held in the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center. Named for St. Kateri Tekakwitha, who was canonized in October 2012, the Tekakwitha Conference was originally founded to help indigenous Catholics "reinforce Catholic identity" while at the same time affirming "pride in our cultures and spiritual traditions," which are "special gifts" to the Catholic Church, said Sister Kateri Mitchell, a Sister of St. Ann, who is the conference's executive director. Keynote speakers at the gathering focused on the relationship of Native American cultural activities and the transformative nature of sacraments in the Catholic Church.

400,000 brave wind, rain for WYD opening Mass

By Lise Alves
 Catholic News Service

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS) - The mosaic of hundreds of national flags waving in the cold wind on Copacabana beach was symbolic, as pilgrims from all backgrounds, driven by a single faith, participated in the opening Mass for World Youth Day.

"We come from different cultures, speak different languages, but we sing the same songs and have the same faith," said Nancy Issa of Ramallah, West Bank. Issa and 20 other Palestinians came to Brazil for the July 23-28 events.

Rio Archbishop Orani Joao Tempesta officially opened World Youth Day with the evening Mass.

"This week Rio becomes the center of the church, alive and young," he said. "These youths' enthusiasm show the face of the young Catholics. ... I celebrate for all those who believe that a new world is possible."

Police said more than 400,000 pilgrims braved the rain to gather on the beach. Some reacted with joy and tears when young people made their way up on the main stage carrying the Pilgrim's Cross.



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING
Pilgrims attend the opening Mass of World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro July 23. People endured rain and wind on Copacabana beach as they gathered for the event's kickoff ceremony.

"Emotions are very high," said Jose Leonardo Chacin, 27, an accountant from Maracaibo, Venezuela. "Especially since the pope is Latin American."

At the beginning of his speech, Archbishop Tempesta remembered retired Pope Benedict XVI, responsi-

ble for choosing the city to host World Youth Day 2013. He later highlighted the importance of this first foreign trip by Pope Francis.

"This World Youth Day was destined to be ... the first apostolic trip of the first Latin American pope in history," said the archbishop.

In the crowd, thousands of Argentines cheered. Nearby, a small group of Canadians were ecstatic with the whole celebration.

"This is so great. The enthusiasm, the passion, it is all incredible," said J.P. Martelino, 18, of St. Patrick Parish in Vancouver, British Columbia. When asked what he would take from the week, Martelino replied, "Definitely the energy. ... I will take that to Canada with me and try to reproduce it so it may attract more young people to church."

After the Mass, the rain started to pick up, and slowly the pilgrims headed home. Tired and cold, many still smiled, telling Catholic News Service that this had been a great first day.

"I believe that World Youth Day is similar to going to Mecca for Muslims," said Chacin. "Every Catholic, no matter what age, should do it at least once in his or her lifetime."



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Only treasure worth seeking: the love of God

The theme of today's readings are very close to a major theme of Pope Francis - the addictive power of greed, and placing our security and happiness in material possessions over our love for God and the needs of our neighbor.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gets a request from a person in the crowd whose



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

relative won't share an inheritance.

He wants the Master to intervene!

Jesus, reading the man's heart, utters a great teaching: "Avoid greed in all its forms".

Then he tells a story about the foolish rich man who is a real "pack rat".

Rather than give his excess wealth away to worthy causes, he decides to build a huge

storage barn to hold it all.

He never pauses to ask himself what God might have to say about all his wealth. He just decides to hoard it all. And God says to him, "You fool! You're going to die this very night! And who will inherit all this wealth of yours?"

We find a similar condemnation in the first reading from that great Wisdom book, Ecclesiastes, "Vanity of vanities, and all is vanity!" In other words, what a waste is a lifetime spent in

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Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2-21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9011

Luke 12:13-21

accumulating wealth, if we don't share it with those who have less?

The second reading from St. Paul to the Colossians tells us how to avoid all this

foolish preoccupation with riches. "Seek the things that are above, where Christ is... Set your minds on what is above, not on things that are one earth."

In other words, just keep your eyes, your thoughts, and your heart attached to me, and you'll never lose sleep at night worrying about all your "stuff"!

The only treasure worth seeking is the love and justice of God. In that we find our true freedom and security.

Parishioners

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"There is sadness that a place of worship has closed, but hope that new life will come out of it," he said. "What we see here today is the face of a region in decline. But there is reason to hope: God has blessed us

here for 179 years, and he will still bless us.

"So we move ahead and keep that faith," Father Lauzon said.

Sr. John Marie's memories

One expected honored guest was not able to attend

the final celebration at St. Patrick'.

Illness prevented her from coming, but Atonement Sister John Marie (Elizabeth) Kelleher sent warm greetings which were read by Sister Ellen Donahue.

Sister John Marie arrived in Hogansburg on September 8, 1941 "as the Angelus was ringing...It was my first assignment, so I was eager to get started. Monsignor Funke (pastor) drove us to all the schools to arrange for re-

ligious ed classes to be held right in the school-- Hogansburg and Helena, and seven one-room schools. After classes, we would visit homes or take the census."

Sister John Marie's recollections included First Communions, May processions and crownings, the Living Rosary in October every year, and the luster lent to all the celebrations by a large and faithful corps of altar boys.

She applauds the choir but laments that, "They and the entire parish had to put up with my many mistakes as I was learning to play that beautiful organ. But we were fortunate to have had so many who were gifted with great voices."

Sr. John Marie also fondly remembers the Summer School of Religion.

"It was a very big part of our religious education program and took a lot of preparation," she said. "Of course the fun part came at the end - we had a picnic and the trip to St. Joseph's Shrine in Mon-

treah and the afternoon spent at Belmont Park."

Sister also recalls the many efforts of the Sodality, which even published (on mimeograph!) its own newsletter.

Particularly memorable were the annual Holy Week retreats, "usually with Fr. Drolet, S.J. and the Sodality Institute at Lake Champlain. Many parents made big sacrifices to enable their teenagers to attend those valuable weekends...These are just a few of the highlights of my wonderful sixteen years in Hogansburg. It was a magical time."

Sister Ellen Donahue, who grew up in St. Patrick's parish during those same years, could not agree more.

"This place was teeming with life," she said. "The Church was at the heart and center of every family."

"Sister John Marie's message to each of us, young or old, still echoes in my mind. "Never forget that you are made in the image and likeness of God, and take that truth wherever you go."

An impressive legacy, indeed.

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AT THE MOVIES

THE WOLVERINE

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Does the idea of a giant suit of samurai armor made out of an indestructible -- but, alas, fictional -- alloy called adamantium strike you as the coolest thing ever? If so, then the macho superhero adventure "The Wolverine" (Fox) might just be the movie for you.

Viewers addicted neither to outsized gadgetry nor to the Marvel Comics X-Men myths of which this is an extension, however, may find director James Mangold's action picture a heavy lift. That's largely due to the physical and emotional angst endured by the titular character (Hugh Jackman) who also goes by the more casual handle Logan.

Ostensibly, Logan would seem to have a lot going for him. Not only can he sprout tougher-than-steel (i.e., also adamantium) claws from his hands at a moment's notice,

but his body has miraculous powers of self-healing too.

Ay, but there's the rub: Logan's invulnerability has resulted in virtual immortality. And, after more than a century of hanging around, he's as bored, blasé and downright world-weary as any 1950s French philosopher. Then there's the fact that, along the way, he accidentally killed his true love. Darn!

Perhaps a trip to exotic Japan might alleviate the blues? To justify the jaunt, we open on flashbacks of World War II that find Logan a POW sweating it out in a heavily reinforced hot box that happens to be located across the bay from the doomed city of Nagasaki. As the mushroom cloud looms, Logan saves the life of one of his captors, an officer named Yashida (Ken Yamamura).

Flash forward to the present, and the aged but eternally grateful Yashida (Haruhiko Yamanouchi), now a fabulously wealthy

industrialist (what else?), is facing death. He summons his old friend for a final visit.

Naturally, Yashida has a fetching granddaughter, Mariko (Tao Okamoto), whose position as his heir makes her a target for bad guys. How many tattooed Yakuza types can Logan's built-in Ginsu knives slice and dice? Um, quite a lot.

Fortunately, the relentless combat involves only moderate gore, and occasional flashes of wit offer some relief from the fog of testosterone.

Less welcome is the fact that Logan and Mariko not only fall for each other, but fall into bed together as well. They do so despite the obvious detail that Logan's mark-of-Cain lifestyle does not exactly lend itself to long-term commitments.

Additionally, a scene where the otherwise conventionally heroic Logan almost murders one of the principal villains (played by Brian Tee) in cold blood --



CNS PHOTO/FOX

Hugh Jackman stars in a scene from the movie "The Wolverine."

Logan averts the guilt of killing him only by accident -- will not sit well with morally mature audience members.

The film contains constant action violence with some blood, ritual suicides, a nonmarital bedroom scene, rear nudity, mature

references, 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.

ALSO PLAYING



CNS PHOTO/SUMMIT

Mary-Louise Parker, Bruce Willis and John Malkovich star in a scene from the movie "RED 2." Those "retired and extremely dangerous" (RED) secret agents are back on the case in this lively sequel to the 2010 film, directed by Dean Parisot and based on the graphic novels by Warren Ellis and Cully Hamner. An ex-CIA agent (Bruce Willis) is adjusting to a quiet life with his kooky girlfriend (Mary-Louise Parker). Before long, he is recruited by his former partner (John Malkovich) to take on a new case and save the world from nuclear annihilation. Joining the cause are super-spies from Britain (Helen Mirren), Russia (Catherine Zeta-Jones), and Hong Kong (Byung Hun Lee). While the tone is light and silly amid the mayhem with witty repartee and innuendo, the high violence quotient places this film firmly in the adult camp. 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.



CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 13, 2013 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2013 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage, Lake Placid.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the page & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

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ADIRONDACK

CHARISMATIC RETREAT

Saranac Lake - The annual Charismatic retreat has been planned.

Date: Aug. 16-18

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Features: Father Douglas Decker will preside. Prayer meeting will take place Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of healing will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Contact: Phone, 518-891-1182

CLINTON

DAY OF ADORATION

Ellenburg Center - Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Meditations on the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Date: Aug. 7

Time: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Features: Come for an hour or stay all day. Rosary and meditation at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch.

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

REDFORD PICNIC

Redford - The 158th Annual Redford Picnic is to be held.

Date: Aug. 18

Place: Grounds of the Church of the Assumption Parish Center

Schedule: Events start at 11:30 a.m. beginning with "The Fiddlers" until 1:30; "Roy Hurd" from 2 p.m. to 4 followed by "Rock Brothers" from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15. Drawing for the \$5000 cash prize will be at 6:15 p.m.

Features: Ham and Roast Beef dinners will be served in the gym. Games, including Skilo, Pie Wheel, Fancy Booth and rides on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America. Rummage sale starting at noon and numerous other events. Free admission to the grounds

RETREAT AND CELEBRATION DAY

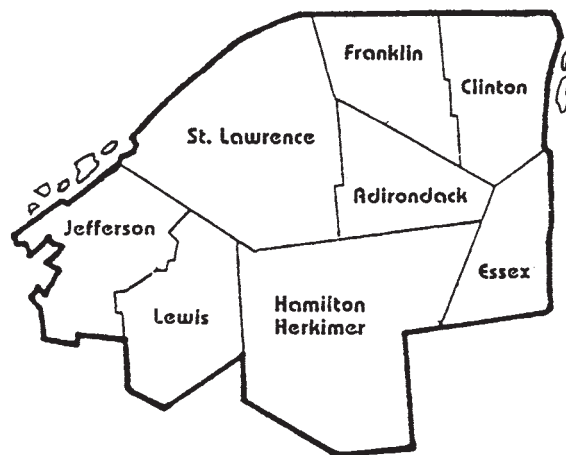
Ellenburg - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having Retreat and Celebration Day.

Date: Aug. 24

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Bishop Terry LaValley will preside at Mass and Fr. Jack Downs will present a talk treating Mary as an example of discipleship within the reach of us all. Adoration and Mass will follow the talk. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated and necessary

Contact: olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 before Aug. 15.



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.

ESSEX

FISHING CHARTER

Willsboro - St. Philip of Jesus & St.

Joseph, Essex are raffling off a Fishing Charter for 4 people who will get to enjoy 4 hours on Lake Champlain with a local professional guide. Fishing gear and license provided. Drawing Aug. 4

Cost: Chances are \$10/each.

Contact: For tickets contact the Parish office at 963-4524.

FRANKLIN

UNDERSTANDING ANNULMENTS

Brushton - St. Mary's is sponsoring a workshop "Understanding Annulments"

Date: Aug. 7

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: Msgr. Harry Snow, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Ogdensburg will discuss the purpose of annulments, the steps, the process and the language used. Time for questions follows

Contact: For more information call St. Mary's Parish office at 518-529-7433 or email: office@stmarysbrushton.org.

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

YEAR OF FAITH MISSION

Lake Pleasant/Wells - St. Ann/St. James Major Parishes will be having a Year of Faith Mission by Fr. Timothy Canaan.

Schedule: Aug. 11 - St. James Major Church; Aug. 12 - St. Ann's Church; Aug. 13 - St. James Major Church.

Time: 7 p.m.

Theme: Sun. - Adoration and Healing in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament; Mon. - Come to the Water and the Spirit

- Renewal of Baptismal Promises; Tues.
- You are my Witnesses! Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

JEFFERSON

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Watertown - The Watertown K of C is sponsoring a chicken barbecue.

Date: Aug. 24

Time: 11 a.m. until gone

Place: St. Anthony's Church parking lot; take-outs available.

Cost: Full Meal, \$8; 1/2 Chicken Only, \$5

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of August will be observed.

Date: Aug. 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Contact: 315-348-6260 for information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville - All are welcomed to Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, and Benediction.

Date: Aug. 8

Time: 3 p.m. to 6

Place: St. Peter's Church

ST. LAWRENCE

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

Date: Aug. 3

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Features: Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima, followed by a 15 minute private meditation on the Luminous Mysteries. Confessions start at 2:45 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Heuvelton - St. Raphael parish will host "SonWest Roundup" VBS for children in pre-K through grade 6. Through Bible stories, crafts, games and songs, children will learn about God's plan of salvation.

Dates: Aug 5-8

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Place: St. Raphael parish center

Contact: Carolyn Pierce 344-7735/
cvm4@cornell.edu

K OF C BRUNCH

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

Date: Aug. 11

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

FIELD DAY AND CHICKEN BBQ

Brasher Falls - K of C Annual Field Day and Chicken BBQ will be held.

Date: Aug. 11

Schedule: Old Timers Softball Tournament at 9 a.m.; Chicken BBQ at 11 a.m.; Skilo at 12 p.m.

Cost: Chicken BBQ - Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Concession Stand, Raffles, Food Sale, Plant Sale, and games, chicken Dinner take-outs available by calling 389-5492. NO COOLERS

SUMMER FAITH FUN

Potsdam - Join St. Mary's Church for Summer Faith Fun celebrating Mary.

Date: Aug. 5-9

Features: For children 4-12. Bible lesson, music, snack, games and more. Learn about Mary's life and her example for us as Christians.

Contact: St. Mary's Office at 265-9680 or e-mail patmoos@northnet.org

DIOCESAN EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Fr. Donald Robinson will be leading a pilgrimage "Best of Spain and Portugal!"

Dates: Feb. 18-28, 2014

Cost: \$2899 per person from NYC

Included: Roundtrip Air from NYC, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing and much more. Features: Madrid, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Granada & Toledo

Contact: Fr Robinson at 315-782-1190 or e-mail donrob4@twcny.rr.com

THE BEAUTY OF BELIEF

Potsdam - The Diocese of Ogdensburg is hosting "The Beauty of Belief - a celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith"

Date: Aug. 18,

Time: Doors to the gallery entrance for the art show will open at 3pm; concert of choral, vocal and instrumental music starts at 4pm

Place: SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall and Gallery

Features: 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.

For art Work: Entries for art work accepted through Aug. 1. Pictures can be e-mailed to beautyofbelief@rcdony.org. Further information is available from Carol Gonther (315-212-5004), or Donna Smith (518-521-7256)

DOVS VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, and the members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society for a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Montreal to promote and support Vocations.

Date: Oct. 9

Cost: \$89 (covers lunch and bus travel from Schroon Lake/Plattsburgh or Ogdensburg/Potsdam/Malone)

Features: Mass at the Shrine, Rosary for Vocations at the Cathedral of Montreal. (Any proceeds will be used for the promotion of vocations in diocese.) Non-refundable payment due by Aug. 24.

Passports or enhanced licenses needed
Contact: Connie Randall at 315-265-2762 for more information.

MATTHEW KELLY EVENT

Ogdensburg - Matthew Kelly will lead a PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE! event at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Date: Oct. 26

Time: 9 a.m. to 1:30

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: The day will center on a practical exploration and understanding of our Faith, and all the ways it's meant to impact our lives - including: spirituality, relationships, work and money, personal health, and parenting.

Contact: See: rcdony.org/matthew-kelly.html or contact Marika Donders in the Office of Evangelization at 315-393-2920, ext 1380



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

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Shown is Sr. Yvonne Therese, Father Kris Lauzon and a group of students at Holy Name School presenting Sr. Mary Ellen Brett with their final check for the MCA.

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OBITUARIES

Bombay – Anna (Brown) Boulais, 73; Funeral July 12, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Brasher Falls – George H. Stowell, 85; Funeral July 10, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Cadyville – Joan A. (LaBombard) Thornton, 77 Funeral July 22, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Constable – Rose Marilyn Shaw Robideau Gibbs, 73; Funeral Services July 23, 2013 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery, Westville.

Dannemora – Lucy Etta (DuBrey) Lagoy, 93; Funeral July 25, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Edwards – Margaret B. (LaDue) Simmons, 81; Funeral Services July 10, 2013 at the French Funeral Home; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Fine

Fort Covington – Freda A. Johnson; Funeral Services July 26, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Fort Covington – Dorothy Cappiello Keeler, 92; Funeral Services July 25, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the Old St. Mary's Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Gatlin C. Oakes, 55; Funeral Services July 25, 2013 at St. Regis Catholic Church.

Keeseville – Joseph H. Test Jr., 78; Funeral Services July 18, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Lowville – Franklyn Gowing, 77; Funeral July 24, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Pearl E. (LaPoint) Ashline, 95; Funeral Services July 17, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Gary Tod Dominy, 51; Funeral Services July 20, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Colton.

Malone – Geraldine B. (Cook) Mayville, 87; Funeral Services July 25, 2013 at St. Mary-Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery

Malone – Joyce E. (Lamica) Racine, 82; Funeral Services July 23, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Massena – Brian P. Cromie 42; Funeral Services July 13, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart

Massena – Mary L. (Orologio) Fiacco, 100; Funeral July 23, 2013 at Church of Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Jeffery L. "Jeff" King, 52; Funeral Services July 19, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church.

Morrisonville – Marielle E. (Pellerin) LeFevre, 84; Funeral Services July 17, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Norfolk – Ann M. (MacGillis) Hartin, 91; Funeral Services July 17, 2013 at Church of the Visitation.

Ogdensburg – Gilbert C. Ashley, 86; Funeral July 15, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Barbara J. (Montroy) Bailey, 78; Funeral Services July 17, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in East Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur.

Ogdensburg – Allen Henry Burns, 80; Funeral Services July 20, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Diane M. (Pray) Foster, 60; Funeral Services July 24, 2014 at Notre Dame Church.

Ogdensburg – James L. Lipinsky, 59; Funeral Services July 26, 2013 at Fray Funeral Home.

Paul Smiths – Gertrude Carter Bullock, 99; Funeral Services Aug. 30, 2013 at St. John's in the Wilderness

Peru – Mary L. (Senecal) Melhorn, 69; Funeral Services July 20, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Peru – Arnold K. Wells, 91; Funeral Services July 18, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Janice A. (Johnson) Pope, 80; Funeral Service July 13, 2013 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Sarah M. (Garrow) Alexander, 90; Funeral Services July 25, 2013 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Elzear H. Levesque, 86; Fu-

neral Services July 17, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Kathleen (Kelleher) Masella, 83; Funeral Services July 22, 2013 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Church.

Port Henry – Abigale C. Trybendis, 37; Funeral Services July 13, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Philip Neri Cemetery, Westport.

Potsdam – Isabelle A. Kearns, 98; Funeral Services July 19, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Bayside cemetery.

Potsdam – Kathryn A. (Sloan) McCourt, 37; Funeral Services July 13, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Milton Cemetery, Milton, MA.

Potsdam – Angela F. Ormond, 65; Funeral Services July 25, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

Redford – Leo W. Collins, 89; Funeral Services July 26, 2013 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Geraldine E. (Burgey) Allen, 94; Funeral Services July 10, 2013 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Arthur A. Richer, 70; Memorial Services July 29, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church

Tupper Lake – Richard Emond Ayotte, 79; Funeral Services July 19, 2013 at Holy Name Church.

Watertown – Cheryl C. (Biondolillo) Chiappone, 62; Funeral Services July 23, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Grace M. Pandey, 90; Funeral Services July 22, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in Lancaster Rural Cemetery, Buffalo.

Watertown – Donald J. "Don" LaPage; Funeral Services July 15, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

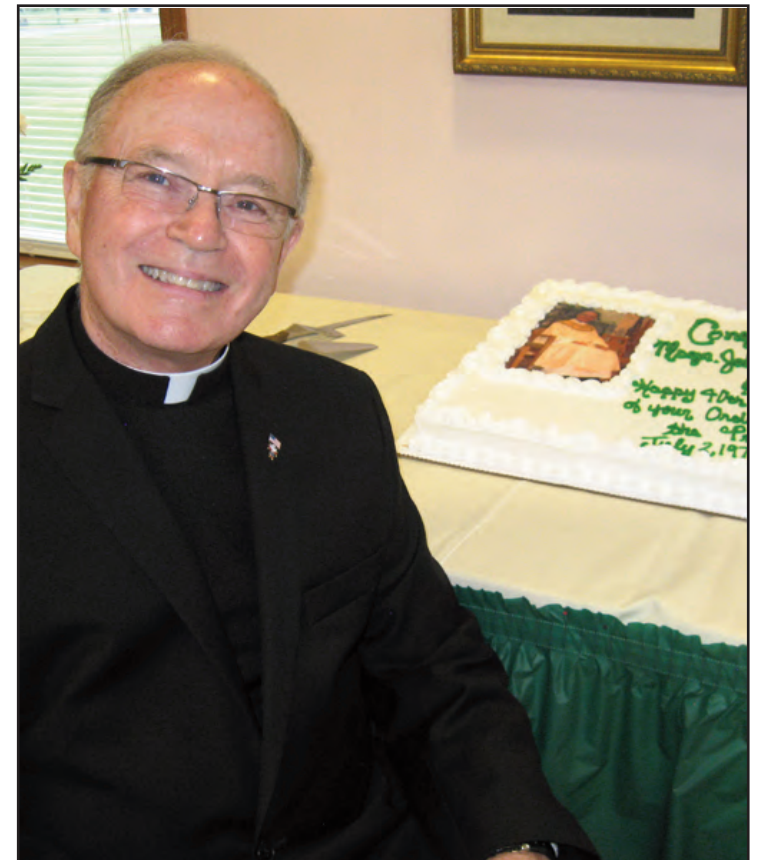
Willsboro – Harris Raymond Young, 88; Funeral Services July 27, 2013 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

Wilmington – Emil Frederick Miskovsky, M.D., MBA, 82; Memorial Services Aug. 10, 2013 at St. Margaret's Church.

SUMMER TIME IN GOD'S COUNTRY FACES OF FAITH



Nineteen children took part in the 2013 Vacation Bible School at the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk. They journeyed with St. Paul to Athens to hear the truth. Shown, front from left are Areonna LaShomb, Serenity Akins, Aries Akins, Harmonie Akins and Dominic LaShomb; second row, Carol O'Brien Gonthier, Laneè Rogers, RJ Wolfe, Maddie Tessier, Margaret Wagstaff, Carl Morris, Joshua King, Keely Ashley and Jessika Bullock and Austin LaShomb; and back, St Paul (aka Msgr. Murphy), Hayden Bullock, Stephen Wagstaff, Kathie Ashley, Kris Layo, Micaela Trimm, Al Layo, Kathy Wolfe and Pat Fetterly.



Msgr. John R. Murphy was honored on the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by the parishioners of the Church of the Visitation, Norfolk; St. Andrew's, Norwood; and St. Raymond's, Raymondville, the three churches of which he is pastor. He received a new chasuble depicting a Celtic Cross and was honored at a Mass in Norfolk followed by a reception in the parish center with about 165 in attendance.



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK
Bishop LaValley made a trip to Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake July 9 to celebrate Mass with the campers. He was assisted by Father Scott Belina.



The Heuvelton Knights of Columbus Monsignor Giroux Council #12958 held an essay contest on Catholic citizenship. The students wrote about their views on "The Responsibility of a Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." Pictured, front, from left, are first place winner in the high school division, Reilly Pierce; second place winner in the high school division, Alexis Michael; third place winner in the high school division, Aidan Scagel, and first place winner in the middle school division, Carter Pierce. In back are 4th Degree Knight David Wells, Essay Coordinator and 4th Degree Knight Roger Michael, and Assistant Grand Knight and 3rd Degree Knight Randy Tyo.