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Church as 'loving mamma'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis gave pilgrims attending his weekly public audience Sept. 11 what he called a "homework assignment" to find out the date they were baptized and celebrate it every year.

"How many of you remember the date of your baptism?" the pope asked the crowd in St. Peter's Square, and then acknowledged a

relatively small show of hands.

"Our baptismal date is the date of our birth in the church," he said. "When you go home today, look hard for the date of your baptism, so you can celebrate it and thank the Lord for this gift."

The pope's remarks came during a talk on the subject of the church as mother, for

which he mostly used the informal Italian term "mamma.

One doesn't belong to the church as to a company, a party or any other organization," he said. "The link is vital, like that one has with one's own mom, because the church is really the mother of Christians."

"A good mom helps her children come out of them-

selves, and not stay comfortably under the maternal wings, like a brood of chicks stays under the wings of the hen," he said. "The church, like a good mother, does the same thing: accompanies our growth, transmitting the word of God, which is a light that shows us the path of the Christian life; administering the sacraments."

Countdown to Year of Faith Mass

Parishioners across the diocese have signed up for buses traveling to the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid Sept. 29.

Musicians throughout the North Country are taking part in regional practice sessions.

Bishop LaValley has encouraged pastors in the diocese to modify their Sunday Mass schedules for Sept. 29 so priests and parishioners can travel to Lake Placid to participate in the Solemn Mass at the Olympic Arena at 2:30 p.m.

Archbishop Carlo Viganò will be the main celebrant.

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PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE



PHOTO BY MARIKA DONNERS

Dr. Lonel Woods of the Crane School of Music will direct the 300-voice choir for the Solemn Year of Faith Mass Sept. 29 in Lake Placid. He is shown above at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam during one of several practice sessions being held across the diocese during the final weeks before the diocesan liturgy. At right is Father Scott Seymour, pastor in Morrisonville and Treadwells Mill, organizer of the music for the Mass which will include a wide variety of forms including traditional hymns, Gospel-style and contemporary.

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IN PRAYER FOR PEACE

Pope Francis leads vigil



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis leads Benediction during a vigil to pray for peace in Syria Sept. 7 in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. In his column this week, Father William Muench writes about joining in the pope's campaign for peace. "We, Catholic Christians, must show this world what a person of peace looks like — especially by the way we treat others," Father Muench said.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Ready to welcome our nuncio!

What an honor it will be for us to welcome Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, to our diocese Sept. 29.

The archbishop, the papal nuncio to the United States, will be the principal celebrant at our diocesan Mass for the Year of Faith at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid.

Just what is a nuncio? A nuncio is a Vatican diplomat with the rank of ambassador.

He is responsible for diplomatic relations with the government, but also serves as the

pope's representative to the church in a given country, which includes responsibility for coordinating the search for and vetting of candidates to become bishops.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Viganò to the position in October 2011 and the archbishop continues to serve under Pope Francis.

In an interview with Catholic News Service shortly after his appointment, Archbishop Viganò that being a nuncio is "a call to know this

people, this country and come to love them."

We will be happy to show him how easy it is to love the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the beautiful part of the country in which we live.

I think he'll be impressed to see the numbers and the enthusiasm of the Catholics praying with him in the arena,

This isn't the first time we've welcomed a papal nuncio in our midst. Previous nuncios have taken part in the installation of our bishops over the years.

But, this is the first time since 1972 – when the diocese

celebrated its 100th anniversary – that a nuncio has celebrated a Mass which every single Catholic in the North Country is invited to attend.

This solemn Mass promises to be a spectacular spiritual event.

I've heard that the buses are filling up quickly.

I've heard that the selected music is breathtakingly beautiful and that the choir director is brilliant.

I know that Bishop LaValley's homily will be a powerful message of faith.

And I know it's an opportunity that should not be missed by any of us!



Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Joining in the pope's campaign for peace

Today, I would like to join together with all those who have already written and spoken out in recognition of Pope Francis' strong call for peace – especially a peaceful settlement of the crisis over Syria.

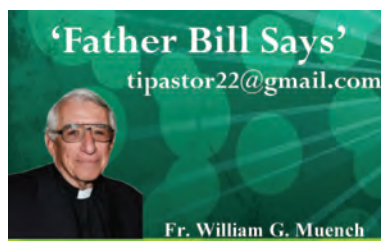
I am totally impressed with the responses that have been made to our Holy Father's call for prayer and fasting.

Pope Francis has spoken out forcefully concerning the injustices suffered by the people of Syria. However, his consistent call is that violence is not the answer.

He spoke out very strongly concerning this in his homily on the evening of the peace vigil in St. Peter's Square.

He said this: "War always marks the failure of peace – it is a defeat for humanity." "This evening I ask the Lord that we Christians, and our brothers and sisters of other religions, and every man and woman of good will, cry out forcefully: violence and war are never the way to peace."

So, today, I join with all of those who have spoken out – our bishop, the bishops throughout the country, and so many others who have written and spoken out concerning this – there must be a better way.



I was so impressed that many parishes in our diocese demonstrated a response to the Pope's call for peace – for prayer and fasting – with special services and prayer vigils.

This moment must not be forgotten. Since we have joined in this campaign of prayer for peace – now we must live it.

As people of peace, our lives must demonstrate our hopes and dreams for peace. We, Catholic Christians, must show this world what a person of peace looks like – especially by the way we treat others.

This must begin with our own families. Each family must be the most peaceful family on the face of the earth – nothing less.

Only then can we challenge the rest of the world to be a more peaceful place.

We must also make our community, the most peaceful

community on the face of the earth. The challenge begins right here at home. Then we can demand the rest of the world to join us in this path to peace.

Our campaign for peace begins with prayer. This prayer must be lived out in our daily lives. It begins with the little things. Doing the little things of life well is so fundamentally important in this program.

I am certain that this path to peace does begin with how we deal with the little things of life. Often, these little things can be annoying and can interfere with our efforts to finding complete peace.

Doing the little things of life well – "What does that require?" I am certain that it begins with patience. Being that steady, patient person is never easy. Yet, nothing demonstrates our peacefulness more than patience. It also demonstrates our faith in God – our love of God – our love of our neighbor.

Now, don't get me wrong – I am not the most patient person. I must work harder at this spirit of patience. And now is the time – I have been challenged by my Holy Father, Pope Francis – I want to join more fully in this campaign of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his call for peace.

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Priest changes mean parish linkages to take place

Bishop LaValley appoints three new pastors

Bishop LaValley has named Father Robert L. Decker as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Black River and St. Rita's Church in Deferiet.

Father Decker, currently pastor of St. Hubert's Church in Star Lake with St. Michael's Oratory in Fine and St. Anthony of Padua Oratory in Newton Falls and also St. Francis Solanus Church in Harrisville with St. Henry's Oratory in Natural Bridge, is replacing Father Garvin J. Demarais who was granted a medical leave of absence by Bishop LaValley.

As a result of this assignment change, Father Stephen R. Rucker, currently pastor of St. James Church in Gouverneur and Sacred Heart Church in Edwards, will assume responsibility for the parish in Star Lake and Father Daniel L. Chapin, currently pastor of St. Stephen's Church in Croghan with St. Vincent de Paul Oratory in Belfort and St. Peter's Oratory in New Bremen will assume responsibility for the parish in Harrisville.

These linkages take place according to previous planning discussed by the pastors and parishes involved.

Effective date for the changes will be Oct. 16.

Profiles of the new pastors follow:

Father Decker

Father Decker, a native of Hammond, was born Oct. 16, 1950. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King Seminary and was ordained by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana on May 7, 1983 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The priest has served as parochial vicar at Holy Family Church in Watertown, St. Mary's Church, Clayton; St. John's Church, Lafargeville; Sacred Heart Church, Massena; and St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid.

In 1995 he was appointed pastor of St. Therese Church, Newcomb and St. Henry's Church, Long Lake.



Father Robert Decker

From 1998 to 2003, Father Decker served as a missionary for the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate in Mollendo, Peru.

He was named administrator in Harrisville and Star Lake in 2003 and pastor the following year.

Father Rucker

Father Rucker, new pastor in Star, Lake has served as pastor in Gouverneur and Edwards since 2008

Previously he was pastor Hogansburg, Fort Covington, and Bombay from 2003, after serving as a missionary with the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate in 2002-2003

Father Rucker, a native of Port Leyden, was born Sept. 12, 1953 in Lowville. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. He was ordained Sept. 1, 1979 at his home parish of St. Martin's in Port Leyden.

The priest has served as assistant pastor at Holy Family in Watertown and in Clayton. In 1982, he was named a full time faculty member at Wadhams Hall Seminary College, a position he held until the seminary's closing in 2002. He chaired the philosophy department.

Father Rucker also served as an administrator in Ham-



Father Rucker

mond and Rossie from 1990-1992 and part time chaplain at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility from 1997 to 2002. In addition he was an administrator in Newcomb and Long Lake for a short time in 2003.

Father Chapin

Father Chapin, new pastor in Harrisville, has served as pastor in Croghan since 2006. He had previously served as pastor in Gouverneur from 2000 with added responsibilities as pastor in Edwards in 2004.

Born Nov. 13, 1946 in Malone, Father Chapin grew up in North Bangor. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester before his ordination May 13, 1972 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

The priest served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Ogdensburg before beginning ten years of missionary work with the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate, serving at St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru, from 1976 to 1986.



Father Chapin

He was pastor from 1981 until returning to the United States.

Upon returning to the U.S., Father Chapin again served as parochial vicar at the cathedral for a short time until taking part in a sabbatical year at the Weston School of Theology.

While on sabbatical, he worked as a chaplain intern at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton, Mass.

Upon his return to the diocese, he served as parochial vicar at Holy Family in Watertown until being named pastor in Clayton and Lafargeville and then in Gouverneur and Edwards.

Father Chapin also served as part-time chaplain at Gouverneur Correction Facility. He is currently head of the ecumenical committee and director of Hispanic Ministry for the diocese.

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YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

A story of 102 years of faith

By Andrew Lauria
Contributing Writer

My Great-Aunt Lena is 73 years and a day older than me. She was born and has lived her 102 years of life on one side of Eagle Street in Gloversville, N.Y. She still resides in the house she bought with her husband when they were married in 1935.

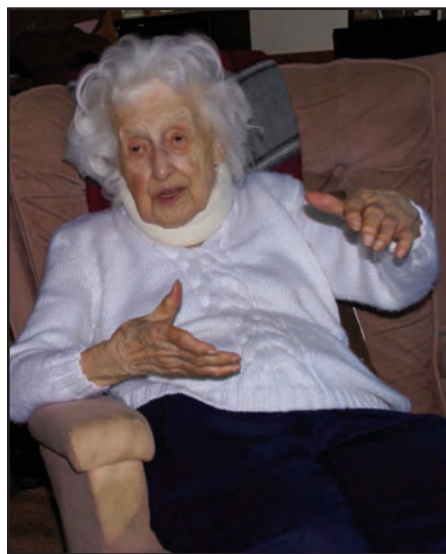
She speaks Italian in two dialects, which were out-lawed by Mussolini during WWII. She still has all her hair, her whole vision, and has lost only one tooth.

She is, according to my completely biased opinion, the best cook in the entire world. And even though she and my great-uncle never had children, I consider her to be my third grandmother.

The world is a very different place for a modern, single, late twenties, globe-trotting guy than it is for this widow born the same year the first electric headlights were offered on an automobile.

So what do my great-aunt and I have in common?

We love our family and even



Great-aunt Lena at 102

though she has been a part of it for much, much longer than I have, we both feel the same gratitude for the people that we call our own flesh and blood.

We both love to eat. Everything. Not only do we enjoy the art of a well prepared meal, but we love the intimacy found in a long conversation over a cup of coffee.

We even like a lot of the same



music, which makes her feel young and me seem quite old.

But most importantly we love the Lord. Of all the experiences in her life and in mine, neither of us have a wider fascination or more profound gratitude than for a man named Jesus.

Christ stated over and over again that He would be with us until the end of time. Aunt Lena says that He was right because she has been with Him since the beginning so she knows that He isn't lying.

I think that I sense the same eter-

nality of this promise in my own life and we can relate to each other through this connection with Christ.

We both share in the same terrifying but astounding faith that God will never leave us, no matter what happens in our short or long life.

But that faith is not easy. Aunt Lena has out-lived every person she has known so far and that long life has come with a huge sense of loss. I think the most significant loss she has experienced was her husband, Corrado, who died of cancer in 1986. His death has tested her faith more than any other experience in her life.

She loved him more than anyone else and she still speaks of him daily. She is always telling me stories of their young lives together and constantly reminiscing about their many trips to Italy. The highlight is always how their marriage was blessed by Pope Paul VI.

She and my Uncle Corrado shared a deep love for the Faith and for the Catholic Church. I think Aunt Lena misses my uncle because she misses the love that he gave her, a love that

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CDA Past Regents gather for annual Mass July 20

SARANAC LAKE - The Diocese of Ogdensburg Past Regents Chapter Annual Mass for Deceased Members and Luncheon was hosted by Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Saint Bernard #787 of Saranac Lake July 20.

Bishop Terry R LaValley presided at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy with Msgr. C. John McAvoy, Father Scott Seymour, Father William Muench, and Father Bryan Stitt concelebrating. Cross bearer was seminarian Matt Conger.

CDA State Regent Mary Ziesig presented a \$2000 check to Bishop LaValley at the conclusion of the Mass from the organization's Marie C. Curry Fund, in support of the diocese's seminarians.

A luncheon followed at the Red Fox restaurant and the annual raffle tickets were

drawn. Winner of \$350 was Bernice Marcotte.

Donations will be made to Safe Haven and to the diocese's seminarians.

Greetings were offered by National First Vice Regent Helene Shepard.

State Regent Mary Ziesig spoke of the present fundraiser, the Charity calendars, to help fund the Marie C. Curry project, and Immediate Past State Regent Penny Martin spoke on the State charity for 2013 & 2014-Safe Haven.

A short business meeting followed the luncheon.

The spring meeting is being planned for April 2014, time and place to be announced.

The annual Memorial Mass and luncheon is scheduled for Oct. 4, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church, Danemora, hosted by Court

Mother Admirable #592, with Bishop Terry LaValley presid-

ing as chief celebrant.

All CDA members and

guests are invited to the liturgy and luncheon.



Those attending the Past Regents Chapter Memorial Mass held July 20 at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake included, front row, Immediate Past State Regent Penny Martin, State Secretary Caroline Schlegel, 1st Vice State Regent Heather Rave, 1st Vice National Regent Helene Shepard, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, State Regent Mary Ziesig, 2nd Vice State Regent Marianne Eaton, State Treasurer Emma Lou Smith, Joan Jetsko, Past Regent Vice President and Anna Lucia, President Past Regents. Also pictured are Mary King, Past Regents Treasurer and Christa Reyell, Past Regents Secretary.

Solemn Mass:

A celebration of diocesan journey through Year of Faith

Pope Benedict XVI opened the Year of Faith Oct. 11, 2012 as an opportunity to renew the faith-lives of Catholics around the world that they might be more credible and joy-filled witnesses to Christ and more actively engaged in service of the poor.

During the past 10 months, the Diocese of Ogdensburg has planned and sponsored a variety of activities and initiatives intended to assist in realizing the goal of the Year of Faith: a deeper encounter with Christ.

The Sept. 29 Year of Faith Solemn Mass has been planned as celebration of the diocesan journey through the Year of Faith.

The presence of Pope Francis' personal representative - Archbishop Carlo Viganò, the papal nuncio to the United States - at the Mass, identifies the Pope's closeness to people in the North Country and the worldwide nature of the Church and the Year of Faith.

Every Catholic in the North Country is invited and encouraged to participate in the liturgy to be held at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid at 2:30 p.m.

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was undoubtedly sent by God. Even though they have been separated for 27 years, she still carries the faith of the Church and believes in the Church which he loved.

And I know that she believes that, like Christ, Uncle Corrado still loves her because of her fidelity to him and to God even after all these years.

She says that the next thing she has to look forward to is being with her husband, who is waiting for her with Jesus.

So while my life and Aunt Lena's are different in almost every way, what we value most is actually not that different at all.

What we cherish most is the Catholic faith and the belief that everything we have experienced in this life can be understood as a gift from a personal God who

loves us and keeps us close to Him. After all, Christ stated that every one, no matter how different, is called to live in Him.

As Catholics, we all share this one faith, a faith that has many different expressions according to the individual circumstances of our existence.

And what the rest of the world seems to miss about our Church and Her faith is the same thing that Aunt Lena and I celebrate every time we are together; abundant life found in our relationship with Jesus.

I think this is the vocation of all people, simply to love one another as He has loved us and carry out that love until the end. And if we take this vocation seriously for as many years as God calls us to do so, then we will have life. And for some of us, that will be a very, very long.

Join us for the
Solemn Mass
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with



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Funeral held in Montreal for Sr. Norah Phelan, CSC

MONTREAL – A Mass of Christian Burial for Holy Cross Sister Norah Phelan, who served in Christian Formation programs in several parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, was held Sept. 12 in the chapel of the Sisters of Holy Cross, St. Joseph Pavilion, St. Laurent, Montreal.

Sister Norah died Sept 6 at St. Joseph Pavilion.

Burial was in the Cemetery of the Sisters of

Holy Cross, St. Laurent.



Sr. Norah Phelan, CSC

Born and raised in Montreal, Sister Norah was predeceased by her parents Gerald James Phelan and Marguerite Neilson, and her only sibling Rita Garvin.

Sister Norah is lovingly remembered by her Sisters in the Holy Cross Community, by many nieces and nephews as their dear "Auntie Nonie", as well as by very close cousins, especially

Richard Phelan.

Those who knew Sister Norah throughout her ministry in Renfrew, Penetanguishene, Ottawa, Smithers, B.C., and in parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at Rouses Point, Ogdensburg, Brownville and Clayton, remember her deep faith, her commitment to the faith development of children and their parents, and her loving service to others.

Memorial donations may be made to the Missions of the Sisters of Holy Cross. Information: 613-225-1416.

Rites held Sept. 11 for Sister M. Martha Henry, SSJ

WATERTOWN – A Mass of Christian Burial for St. Joseph Sister M. Martha Henry, 87, was held Sept. 11 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse chapel.

She died Sept. 9 at the motherhouse. Burial was in the Glenwood Cemetery.

Sister Martha was born

Mary Theresa Henry on April 21, 1926 in Lowville, daughter of Francis and Raphaella Magra Henry. She attended Lowville Academy and the Helen Keller Institute.

Her religious life began when she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown Sept. 7, 1953. She made her

final profession in Watertown on Aug. 28, 1959 with Bishop James J. Navagh presiding.

Sister Martha had celebrated her 50th year in 2004 and would celebrate her 60th this year.

Her ministries included many years as a faithful cook at the Motherhouse, and also in Carthage and Dannemora. She enjoyed cooking, reading, and swimming.

Sister Martha is survived by her brother, Patrick A. Henry, Germany, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Paul and Albert Henry, and three sisters, Thelma Kopczenski, Loretta Triana, and Gabriella Sullivan.

Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 19 – 2 p.m., Installation Mass of Most Rev. Frank Caggiano as Bishop of Bridgeport at the Church of St. Theresa in Trumbull, Conn.

Sept. 20 – 9:30 a.m., Opening School Mass at Immaculate Heart Center School in Watertown

Sept. 22 – 11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Sept. 23 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Spratt Building in Ogdensburg
7:15 p.m. Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:

Sept. 18 – 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Sept. 19 – 6 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

Sept. 20 – 12 p.m., St. James Minor Church, Carthage

Sept. 24 – 6:30 p.m., IHC Primary, Watertown

Oct. 3 – 6 p.m., Trinity Catholic School, Massena

Oct. 3 – 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's School, Canton

Oct. 8 – 6:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

Oct. 15 – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 18 – Rev. Charles E. Campeau, 1952

Sept. 19 – Rev. Francis C. McMahon, 1975

Sept. 20 – Msgr. Edmund J. Brown, 1954; Rev. Donald Gallagher, 1959; Rev. Edward J. Wright, 1993; Msgr. Floyd J. Brown, 1994

Sept. 21 – Rev. M. Stanton, 1908; Rev. Michael J. Brown, 1917; Rev. Wilbert LeBeau, 1953

Sept. 22 – Rev. John McDermott, 1870; Msgr. John Michael Hogan, 1951

Sept. 23 – Rev. P. Phillips, 1872; Rev. Marcel Dupont, M.S.C., 1982

Sept. 24 – Rev. John Talbot Smith, 1923; Deacon Reginald F. Merrill, 2005

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Environmental Stewardship

In preparation for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4) the Catholic coalition on Climate Change encourages everyone to take the St. Francis Pledge – "To care for Creation and the Poor".

Protecting God's Creation and advocating on behalf of people in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change is part of our responsibility as Christians. St. Francis Pledge -Part I: PRAY and to reflect on our duty to be good stewards of Creation and help the poor and those most vulnerable. "O Lord, Grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for your Creation."

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Bishop's Fund keeps Camp Guggenheim 'great'

By Sister Jennifer Votraw, SSJ
Chancellor

Guggenheim Lodge is one

of the baby "Great Camps" of the Adirondacks.

For those of you who have stayed there or enjoyed a meeting for a day, you will

remember the stone fireplace in the big main room, or the bedrooms with lovely quilts or the long porch overlooking the lake and the well-equipped kitchen.

The other buildings that comprise Guggenheim were built later but now are used as a dormitory, cafeteria, arts and craft center and boat house.

It is truly an exquisite site that is used for many pro-

grams and people.

The quality of the physical center and its on-going maintenance is overseen by Ralph Bennett, our "go-to-guy" who is on-site each day during the camping season. Due to Ralph and to many volunteers over the years, Guggenheim is clean, up-to-date and in good repair for our many participants and guests.

This can only happen be-

cause of the commitment of Bishop LaValley to Guggenheim and making monies available from the Bishop's Fund to make necessary repairs and upkeep of the camp possible.

Your support and contributions are vital to Guggenheim's quality and existence. Thanks to your generosity, Guggenheim is a "great" camp in every sense of the word!!



For the past 41 years, the Guggenheim sign has been a welcome sight for campers entering the diocesan camp site in Saranac Lake. The annual Bishop's Fund appeal has provided support for Guggenheim both in maintaining the property as Sister Jennifer Votraw writes about above and for the youth ministry programming as Alexis Michael describes below.

Two weeks to remember

By Alexis Michael
Parishioner, St. Raphael's, Heuvelton

Teen Vision is the counselor-in-training program for our diocesan summer camp, Camp

Guggenheim. This past summer I was blessed to serve as a Teen Visioner for weeks three and four of the camp season. To say that I was ecstatic when I received my acceptance letter in mid-June was an understatement.

Though the prospect of spending two extra weeks at camp – and wearing a staff polo shirt – was exciting, I knew that there would be much more than that hidden beneath the surface.

I knew that this would end up being a summer to remember.

I was not wrong. Teen Vision consists of two consec-

utive weeks at camp, a training week followed by a leadership based session.

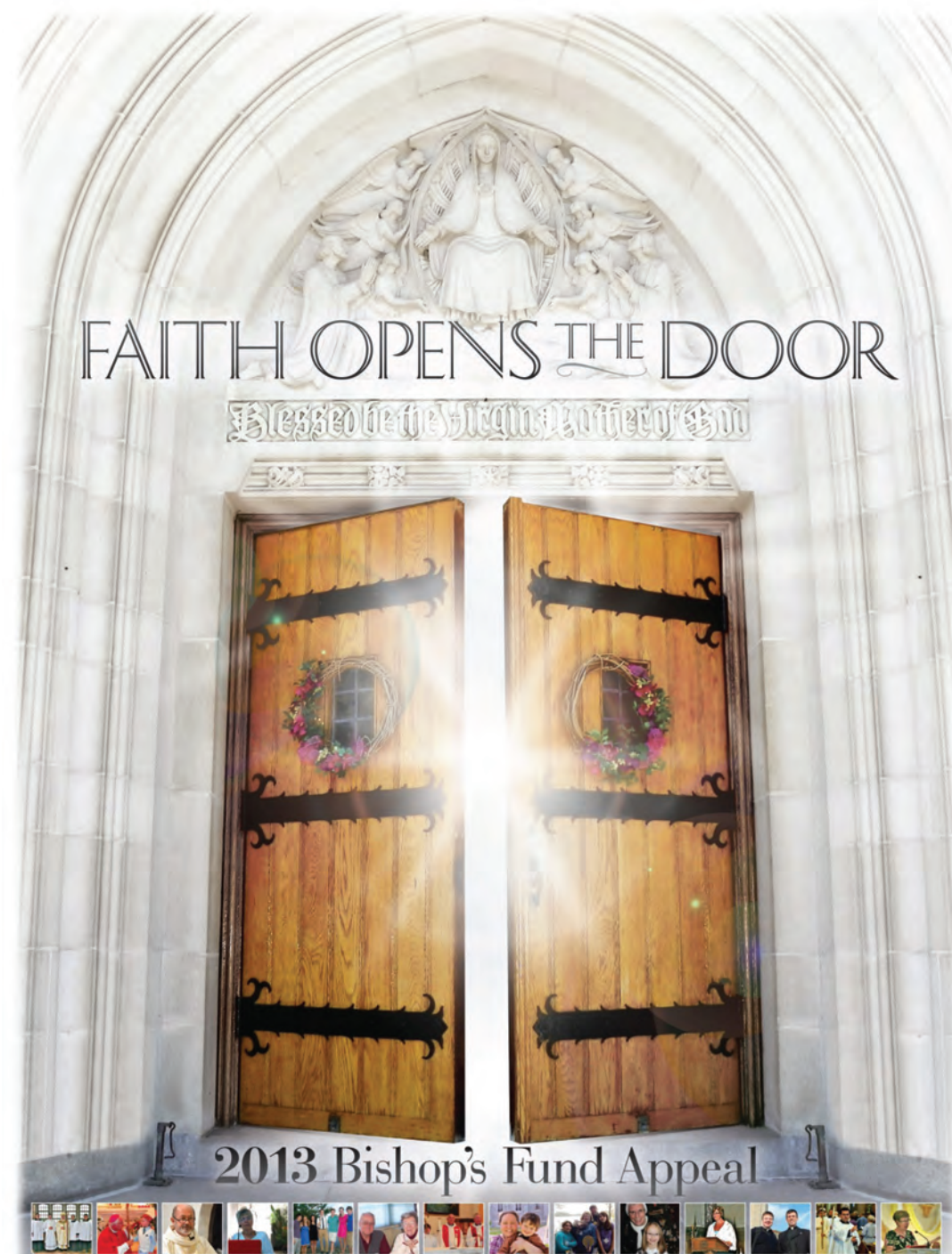
For our first week, my fellow Teen Visioners and I were coached on how to be effective leaders. For four days our TV "parents" gave us lessons, mainly on the big three parts of being a leader - prayer, service, and humility.

We learned that serving others is a leader's true purpose. By leading others closer to God, we also work on fulfilling his plan for ourselves.

We learned about the importance of humility in prayer, and focused largely on Blessed Teresa's meditation, "I Thirst for You."

We participated in various group building activities meant to make us grow closer as a Teen Vision family. They usually involved us

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40 Days for Life campaign to start with Sept. 24 rally

PLATTSBURGH – “We truly hope that this fall’s 40 Days for Life campaign will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in Plattsburgh,” said Nancy Belzile, who coordinates the local 40 Days for Life effort.

“The pro-life community will join together for our area’s 40 Days for Life kickoff event at Newman Center, SUNY Plattsburgh Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.,” she said.

Plattsburgh is one of the many cities from coast to coast conducting simultaneous 40 Days for Life campaigns from Sept. 25 through Nov. 3.

“We start this effort by drawing members of the community together to share the vision of 40 Days for Life and to pray for God’s blessings on this effort,” Belzile said. “It is time to focus attention on the harm abortion

has done to our city.”

Speakers at the 40 Days for Life kickoff event include: Rod Murphy, founder and CEO of Frontline Life Centers and author of “Stopping Abortions at Death’s Door” and Rebecca Purdy, New York and New Jersey Regional Coordinator for Students for Life. She has coupled with 40 Days for Life, Silent No More and various other pro-life organizations in order to spread the culture of life across her campus and is a Missionary for Life.

“This rally will begin 40 days of prayer and fasting, with special attention to prayer in the public right-of-way outside the abortion facility at Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh, as well as various types of community outreach. We look forward to

seeing what kind of transformation God will bring about in our city,” said Belzile.

All prayer vigil participants are asked to sign a statement of peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, intensive pro-life campaign that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and 40 days of grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history where God brought about world-changing transformation in 40-day periods.

To learn more about 40 Days for Life, visit: www.40daysforlife.com. For information about the Plattsburgh campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com/Plattsburgh

Two weeks

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asking ourselves, “do I really trust these people?”

The activities ranged from quiet and contemplative, to stressful and exhausting, but all served their purpose in helping us grow closer together. Then we returned for a second week to put these newly obtained skills into practice.

It felt almost surreal, coming back two days later to re-enter Tent 3 and set up my sleeping bag. After a quick reunion and catch-up, we got back to work. The seven of us helped the staff lead activities that we had only just participated in.

We set a good example in different morning activities, led groups of campers in the camp wide game, and prayed Morning Prayer for the camp.

Whether it was working in the dish room or helping with boats, we had to be ready for the unexpected.

So too, I soon understood, did the staff.

Never before did I realize how much the Camp Guggenheim staff put into each week, let alone the entire summer.

During my first year attending camp as a 12-year-old, the staff seemed to be flawless, and why not, when the only other faithful people I knew were almost thrice my age.

Seeing these people, still older than me but by a much lesser gap, living lives I’d only dreamed about, gave me the initiative to want to be faithful like them.

As I’ve gotten older I understand that the staff is, like the rest of us, not perfect. However, this has only made them easier to talk to and their work over the years more meaningful to me. It has made me appreciate my past years at camp ten times as much now that

I understand, at least partially, how much effort was put into making sure the weeks went as smoothly as they did.

It opened my eyes, and further explained why it wasn’t uncommon to see a staff member passed out on a couch at odd hours of the day, especially since we Teen Visioners passed out on couches after only two short weeks.

It truly was an amazing two weeks, and I will never forget what I learned, or the friends I made, while on Teen Vision.

Over the course of our time together, we truly became a family. While at times we got frustrated and discouraged, we never hesitated to pick each other up and set ourselves on the right path again.

As we learned from our “parents”, “You never stand taller than when you bend down to help another.”

Funeral held for Filippini Sister Carmela Melucci, 84

MORRISTOWN, N.J. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Filippini Sister Carmela Melucci, 84, a former teacher at St. Anthony's School in Watertown, was held Sept. 13 at St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh.

She died Sept. 11 at Saint Joseph Hall. Burial was in Ave Maria Cemetery

Born in Muro Lucano, Italy, Sister Carmela entered the Religious Teachers Filippini Feb. 10, 1948. She received the religious habit on Oct. 2, 1949, and came to America soon after. She made her religious profession on Aug. 31, 1952.

Sister Carmela was awarded a BS degree in Elementary Education from Saint John College, Cleveland, Ohio; a MA degree in Italian from Middlebury College, Vermont; a certificate in Spanish from Trenton State College; and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of

Perugia in Italy.

Sister Carmela taught in the elementary schools in the Dioceses of Newark, Scranton, Trenton, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Cleveland, Ogdensburg, and Camden, until 1976 and then taught in the following high schools: Paul VI, Haddonfield, New Jersey, 1976-1983 and Union Catholic, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 1983-1992.

From 1992-2005 Sister Carmela taught languages part time in the following Colleges in New Jersey: Assumption College, Farleigh Dickinson, Montclair State, County College of Morris, and the College of Saint Elizabeth.

When Sister Carmela retired from teaching in 2005 she utilized her skills in sewing and in the culinary field at Villa Walsh.

In 2010 Sister Carmela be-

came a resident of St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, Villa Walsh.

Sister Carmela is survived by her sisters, Antoinietta Lasilli, Giuseppina Melucci, Sister Inconata Melucci, MPF, Lucia Magnifico, Dora Di Antonio; brother, Giovanni Melucci and several nieces and nephews. Family members are all residents of Italy. She is predeceased by her parents Michele Melucci and Maria Gerarda (Basti), and her sisters Geraldina and Rosa Melucci and brother Antonio Melucci.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Sister Carmela Melucci will be accepted to St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, c/o Sister Ascenza Tizzano, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960-4928.



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May God richly bless this organization and all the people who support it and work with it; especially Father John "Mickey" Demo.



Pope Francis calls selfishness the cause of war

Praying for peace in Syria

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Leading a crowd in prayer for peace in Syria, Pope Francis said that war is ultimately caused by selfishness, which can be overcome only through expressions of fraternity and never with violence.

Leave behind the self-interest that hardens your heart, overcome the indifference that makes your heart insensitive towards others, conquer your deadly reasoning, and open yourself to dialogue and reconciliation

"Leave behind the self-interest that hardens your heart, overcome the indifference that makes your heart insensitive towards others, conquer your deadly reasoning, and open yourself to dialogue and reconciliation," the pope said Sept. 7 before an estimated 100,000 people in St. Peter's Square.

The pope had called the prayer vigil less than a week earlier, as the central event of a worldwide day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East and the world.

The Vatican called the vigil an unprecedented papal gesture for peace, by virtue of its scale and prominence of location. It took place the same day that U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met with European leaders to make President Barack Obama's case for a military strike on the government of Syria President Bashar Assad, as punishment for the alleged use of chemical weapons in the ongoing civil war there.

The pope's homily, which took up about 15 minutes of the four-hour liturgy, did not refer to contemporary events but spoke in biblical terms about the nature of war,



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Pope Francis leads a vigil to pray for peace in Syria Sept. 7 in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

whose origins he traced to the fall of Adam and the first murder, by Cain of his brother Abel.

Answering Cain's famous question to God - "Am I my brother's keeper?" - the pope replied: "Yes, you are your brother's keeper! To be human means to care for one another."

"We bring about the rebirth of Cain in every act of violence and in every war," the pope said. "All of us!"

War's ultimate source, Pope Francis said, is the original sin of disobedience.

"When man thinks only of himself, his own interests and places himself in the center, when he permits himself to be captivated by the

idols of dominion and power, when he puts himself in God's place, then all relationships are broken and everything is ruined," the pope said. "Then the door opens to violence, indifference and conflict."

The pope concluded on a hopeful note, asking the crowd: "Can we get out of this spiral of sorrow and death? Can we learn once again to walk and live in the ways of peace?"

"Yes, it is possible for everyone!" he said, drawing applause, and he then invoked the image of Christ's redemptive sacrifice as the ultimate symbol of peace.

"How I wish that all men and women of good will

would look to the cross, if only for a moment," he said. "There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken."

The pope's homily was followed by a period of eucharistic adoration, including several stretches when all present stood or knelt in silence, without any musical accompaniment.

At other times, as during the praying of the rosary in the first half of the vigil, prayers and readings alter-

nated with music or performances on the organ, the harp and other string instruments.

During the adoration, people representing five different countries or regions with direct or indirect links to the Syrian conflict -- Egypt, the Holy Land, Russia, the United States and Syria itself -- brought up incense to burn in a brazier beside the altar. Ten students from the North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome, served as attendants.

The ancient icon of Mary known as "Salus Populi Romani" (health of the Roman people), which had been transported for the occasion from Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major, stood on an easel beside the altar. The icon has special importance for Pope Francis, who went to pray before it on the first morning of his pontificate in March.

The atmosphere in the square was solemn, with none of the festivity of a Sunday Angelus or Wednesday public audience. Security guards confiscated flags and placards, though some Syrian flags and signs criticizing Obama could be seen on the periphery of the square.

For more than an hour prior to the vigil, and then for the duration of the event, priests heard confessions in the square, sitting face to face with penitents on simple wooden chairs.

Many in the congregation clapped and cheered when Pope Francis came out of the basilica at 7 p.m., but soon fell silent when they noticed his serious demeanor and his failure to wave or smile.

At the end of the liturgy, just before 11 p.m., after the pope had returned to the basilica, the crowd applauded again. Pope Francis came out to offer a few final words, thanking the congregation for their company and asking them to continue praying for peace.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Push on immigration legislation builds on prayer, fasting, preaching

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Faith-based advocacy in support of immigration reform is taking a multi-pronged approach as Congress resumes after the August break, with prayer and fasting being added to letter-writing and public speaking. Over the weekend of Sept. 7 and 8, dioceses and parishes in 22 states focused on the Catholic Church's teaching on migration in homilies and other activities. Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, in a Sept. 8 letter to the people of the archdiocese, reminded them of their roots, saying today's immigrants may "come in good part from Asia and Latin America, but their needs are in many ways similar to those of our ancestors. The church's interest in the immigration question continues to be a combination of pastoral care and public advocacy," Cardinal O'Malley said in the letter. "We seek to provide a welcome in our parishes, schools and social service agencies, and also to have a place in the debate about a fair and just public policy." Across the country in Los Angeles, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez issued a statement in his capacity as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration that said, "Now is the time for Catholics to let their elected officials know that they support immigration reform."

Human rights, religious freedom called necessary to lasting peace

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Retired Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington, back from a recent trip to Jordan, said four essential elements to any long-range peace deal in the Middle East are human rights, religious freedom, an agreement on the Holy Land and forging a "path to peace. The whole question of peace, the whole question of religious liberty, is so important," Cardinal McCarrick said Sept. 9 at a conference, "Religious Freedom & Human Rights: Path to Peace in the Holy Land -- That All May Be Free," at The Catholic University of America. The University co-sponsored the conference along with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. Cardinal McCarrick said that during his trip to Jordan in early September, he visited the Jordan-Syria border. "You can see the tremendous difficulty" of those fleeing Syria, he said, in light of an ongoing civil war and the specter of a U.S. attack on Syria over reported government use of chemical weapons there.

'It's a girl!' Joyful words in U.S., dangerous words in India, China

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In the United States, hearing the words "it's a girl," is a cause for enormous joy and celebration for most, said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. "Today, the three most dangerous words in China and India are: It's a girl," Smith said told a congressional hearing Sept. 10. Smith, the father of two boys and two girls, addressed the issues of sex-selective abortion, lopsided gender ratios, and malnutrition among young females in India during a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations. Smith, subcommittee chairman, said tens of millions of women are missing in India as a result of sex-selective abortion and female infanticide. Smith said in parts of India, 126 boys are born for every 100 girls. "Women have been systematically exterminated through sex-selection abortion," Smith said. "It's a deliberate and premeditated assault on women." Smith said India also has 37 million more men than women, according to the 2011 census. He said malnutrition of young girls is also common. Smith said girls below the age of 5 have a mortality rate that is 75 percent higher than boys of the same age.

VATICAN LETTER

Under pope, liberation theology comes of age

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis' Sept. 11 meeting with Dominican Father Gustavo Gutierrez was an informal one, held in the in the pope's residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, and not listed on his official schedule. Yet the news that Pope Francis had received the 85-year old Peruvian priest, who is widely considered the father of liberation theology, has excited interest far outside the Vatican..

During the 1990s, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith conducted a lengthy critical review of Father Gutierrez's work, and required him to write and rewrite articles clarifying some of his theological and pastoral points.

But within a single week in early September 2013, the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, published an interview with Father Gutierrez, an article by the theologian himself, and two articles praising his work -- one of them by the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Archbishop Gerhard L. Muller.

Following years of Vatican criticism of liberation theology under Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, these events might seem to indicate a reversal of policy under Pope Francis. It would be more accurate to say they represent the fruit of a long and painful process, through which the church has clarified the nature of its commitment to the world's poor today.

Liberation theology emerged in Latin America in the 1960s and 1970s. It finds in Scripture the principles and inspiration for working to free people from unjust social patterns and structures. Its starting point

often is the concrete situation of Latin America's predominantly poor people and how they understand the Scriptures as relating to them in their struggles for freedom from sin and from unjust social structures.

During the 1980s, the Vatican's doctrinal office under then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict, issued two major documents on liberation theology. The documents praised the movement's concern for the poor and for justice, but condemned a tendency to mix Marxist social analysis and concepts such as "class struggle" with religious commitments to end poverty and injustice.

The consequences of theologians adopting Marxist methods, Pope Benedict told Brazilian bishops, included "rebellion, division, dissent, offense (and) anarchy," which were still "creating great suffering in your diocesan communities and a serious loss of vital energy."

On another occasion, he told an interviewer that the "politicization of the faith" by some liberation theologians had contributed to the "widespread exodus" of Latin American Catholics to Pentecostal and other Protestant churches.

Many Jesuits embraced liberation theology as part of what a 1975 decree by the order called their "commitment to promote justice and enter into solidarity with the voiceless and the powerless."

Not surprisingly, any signs of sympathy with secular ideas of revolution drew concern from the Vatican. In 2007, the doctrinal congregation warned of "erroneous or dangerous propositions" in the work of Jesuit Father Jon Sobrino. The following year, Pope Benedict found it necessary to ask the Jesuits as an order to reaffirm their ad-

herence to church teaching on a number of controversial questions, including "some aspects of the theology of liberation."

As superior of the Jesuits' Argentine province from 1973 to 1979, then-Father Jorge Mario Bergoglio discouraged politicization among his priests, especially during the military dictatorship that took power in Argentina in 1976. In the polarized atmosphere within the order, he was hardly counted as a friend of liberation theology.

But the future pope's pastoral work for and with the poor was constant, and would eventually find expression at the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, held in 2007 in Aparecida, Brazil.

The conference's concluding document, of which then-Cardinal Bergoglio was a principal author, did not use the term "liberation theology," but its strong words about the "building of a just and fraternal society" that ensures "health, food, education, housing and work for all" reflect the spirit of the movement in its orthodox version.

Pope Francis' election was thus a powerful affirmation of the belief that the pursuit of social justice is a necessary consequence of Christian faith. But less than nine months before the papal conclave, a less heralded appointment had already signaled that this belief, as formulated in liberation theology, enjoyed favor at the church's highest levels.

When Pope Benedict named Archbishop Muller to head the doctrinal office, in July 2012, he surely knew that the man he was making the highest custodian of church teaching after the pope himself was an admirer and co-author of none other than Father Gutierrez.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

A question of good stewardship

One of the themes in today's readings concerns a great social sin of our day—greed.

While Americans live on a comfort scale well above the Third World, there is growing concern that the gulf between the “haves” and the “have nots” in our country has grown to the point of alarm.

Greed for profit has seriously injured the rights of workers. If any of us are on the wrong track, then Catholic social teaching would suggest that we change direction.

How does God judge greed?

The prophet Amos, while speaking in the eighth century B.C., might just as well be voicing God's judgment on our present-day society. It is just not acceptable to Him! In fact, greed seems to be one of those sins which anger God the most.

It's a question of good stewardship.

When greed rules our lives, we make decisions that often deprive the poor.

Although the story in today's Gospel about the unjust steward who is about to

be fired is somewhat confusing, the main lesson is very clear—“The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light”.

How come?

Because this steward, seeing he is about to be fired, reduces the debts of all his master's debtors.

In so doing, he makes his master look good, and makes friends of those debtors he had cheated by giving back to them by using his own commission!

Even though he lost his job, he neatly provides for his future state of unemployment. He was a very clever man.

God so wishes that his



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Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

followers, in spreading the Kingdom, would imitate the cleverness of the worldly!

One saintly medieval commentator, Cornelius a Lapide, suggests that we, His sinful, struggling disciples, would show some cleverness in securing our salvation.

How? By praying earnestly every day for our brothers and sisters in pur-

gatory, so that when we die and are in that place of purification ourselves, those for whom our prayers have earned Heaven may return the favor, and beseech the Lord to shorten our stay there and bring us immediately to eternal joy.

That, according to a Lapide, is the meaning of “Make friends for yourselves of the mammon of dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings”.

Not a bad interpretation! It all fits with today's second reading in which St. Timothy urges both public and private daily prayer, so that everyone can be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

RESPECT LIFE

Research ethics and the case of Henrietta Lacks

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
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Last month an historic agreement was reached between the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the family of a woman named Henrietta Lacks. It didn't get a lot of attention, but it is critically important.

If you've heard of Henrietta's name, it's likely because of the 2010 non-fiction book, “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot. The book stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for two years; I highly recommend it.

It engagingly weaves the story of the life of Henrietta Lacks, a poor African American mother of five who died in 1951 at age 31 from an aggressive form of cervical cancer.

Without her knowledge or consent, some of her cancerous cells were taken by researchers at John Hopkins Hospital. They were cul-

tured and grown in petri dishes; they multiplied and replicated over and over again for decades. They have been used for AIDS and cancer research. They helped develop drugs to successfully treat herpes, leukemia, Parkinson's disease and influenza. They were used in the creation of the polio vaccine and other life-saving developments.

Henrietta's family never knew. They found out more than twenty years later, long after the cells and their discoveries were making millions of dollars for scientists and companies all over the world.

I suppose John Hopkins can be forgiven; in the early 1950's “informed consent” was not even a concept, much less a standard component of medical and research ethics.

But earlier this year, Henrietta's descendants were duped again, and this time there is no excuse.

In March, researchers successfully sequenced the genome of Henrietta's cells

(called “HeLa” cells) and posted their data on the internet. That means that all of Henrietta's hereditary information, encoded in DNA, had been made public for all the world to see. And no one had bothered to ask permission – again.

Think about that. Imagine if someone secretly took your DNA and then processed everything it says about you – how long you will live, what diseases you will likely get, and more – and then revealed that information to the world, with your name attached.

The potential damaging consequences are endless, for you and your family: denial of life insurance, refusal for admission to a long-term care facility, rejection for a life-saving organ transplant.

Despite great strides in recent years, discrimination based on genetic information has not been erased from our landscape.

This most recent exploitation of Henrietta Lacks, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, was an irresponsible invasion of medical privacy. It was identity theft, pure and simple. I understand the desire of scientists to “push the envelope” in pursuit of bio-medical breakthroughs.

But that should never come at the expense of human research subjects and their privacy.

Thankfully, the researchers who published Henrietta's information in a public database removed it from view and apologized to her family. And now the NIH appears to have made amends to the Lacks family as well.

The agreement announced in August established new rules for use of HeLa cells, which will be made available only through an application process governed by a new panel that

includes two representatives of Henrietta's family. Conversations between the family and the research community are now open and ongoing.

The bestselling book about Henrietta begins with this quote from Elie Wiesel from The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code:

“We must not see any person as an abstraction. Instead, we must see in every person a universe with its own secrets, with its own treasures, with its own sources of anguish, and with some measure of triumph.”

HeLa cells, which continue to grow and lead to more medical discoveries, are not anonymous. They belonged to a real person, Henrietta Lacks, Bible-carrying daughter, mother, sister, wife, and tobacco farmer.

The best thing to come of the new NIH pact is the acknowledgement of Henrietta Lacks as a human being, not just a clump of cells. We are all indebted to her and her family.



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AT THE MOVIES

THE FAMILY

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

That rare Hollywood commodity, the close-knit clan, is put to shameful waste in director Luc Besson's troubling Mafia-themed comedy, "The Family" (Relativity).

In fact, the internal harmony of the titular household exists simply as a foil for the viciously violent -- and supposedly humorous -- behavior its members display toward any outsider who displeases them.

With a price on their heads, Cosa Nostra insider-turned-informant Giovanni Manzoni (Robert De Niro), his wife, Maggie (Michelle Pfeiffer), and their high-schoolers, Belle (Dianna Agron) and Warren (John D'Leo), have been sent to hide out in a remote Normandy village as part of the witness protection program.

Since the victims of Giovanni's snitching are still in relentless pursuit, the quartet's chief FBI handler, Agent Robert Stansfield (Tommy

Lee Jones), is desperate for them to blend in with their new neighbors. That's easier said than done, however, because all four share the same tendency to exact blood-soaked vengeance on anyone foolish enough to affront them, however trivially.

As Besson and screenwriter Michael Caleo ill-advisedly seek to draw laughs from bombings, beatings and murder, the life-squandering lightheartedness becomes increasingly distasteful. Other factors make their screen version of Tonino Benacquista's novel "Malavita" even more off-putting.

Thus, Belle, explicitly identified in the dialogue as a 17-year-old, brazenly sets out to seduce her math teacher. We're shown the successful outcome of her campaign in considerable detail.

Sacred subject matter also comes in for frivolous treatment through ostensibly devout Maggie's interaction with the local priest (Christopher Craig). Having

seen her praying by herself in church several times, Father inquires why she doesn't attend Mass, and eventually invites her to make a long-overdue visit to the confessional.

We're meant to be amused by the thought of the shocking catalog of horrifying sins to which the unwitting clergyman has thus subjected himself. And, indeed, the next time we see the good pastor, some days later, he's agitatedly reproaching Maggie for her offenses and tossing her out of church lest she contaminate his decent parishioners -- several of whom are within earshot at the time.

The fact that such actions would represent a blatant violation of the sacramental seal -- an offense incurring automatic excommunication -- is apparently too insignificant to stand in the way of the intended joke. Forgive us if fail to see the humor in such trespasses.

The film contains much harsh and sometimes bloody violence, graphic nonmarital and underage



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Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert DeNiro star in a scene from the movie "The Family."

sexual activity, nongraphic marital lovemaking, irreverent humor, numerous mature references, a few uses of profanity as well as frequent rough and occasional crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally of-

fensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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ALSO PLAYING



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Vin Diesel stars in a scene from the movie "Riddick." The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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CLINTON

WALK OF FAITH, PORK DINNER

Peru - The Catholic Community of St. Augustine's and St. Patrick's Parish, The Peru Community Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Monica 2598 and Knights of Columbus Council 7273 in Peru, NY will hold its 7th Annual Walk of Faith.

Date: Oct. 13

Time: Early registration at 11:45 a.m. Opening ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (behind St. Augustine's Church)

Features: Immediately following opening ceremonies, the Walk of Faith will begin, rain or shine. Walk is 2.7 mile route in the Town of Peru. Proceeds will go to The North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project.

Dinner: A pulled pork dinner, also benefiting the Mission of Hope and Jamaica Project will follow the walk, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish Center. non-walkers, \$8; walkers, 6\$; children 12 and under, non-walkers, \$4, walkers, \$3.

Contact: Christa Reyell at 566-6404.

HARVEST DINNER

Chazy - Sacred Heart Church will have its Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Sept. 22

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$3; 5 and under, Free; Take-outs, \$9

Features: Buffet Style Chicken and Biscuit dinner. Raffle. Sinners' Den Pantry

TENT SALE

Peru - St. Vincent's will have its fall tent sale.

Date: Sept. 20 - Sept. 22

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: 3028 Main St.

Features: Fill a large bag with gently used clothing and footwear for \$6.

HARVEST DINNER

West Chazy - St. Joseph's Church will hold its 40th Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 13

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Parish Center

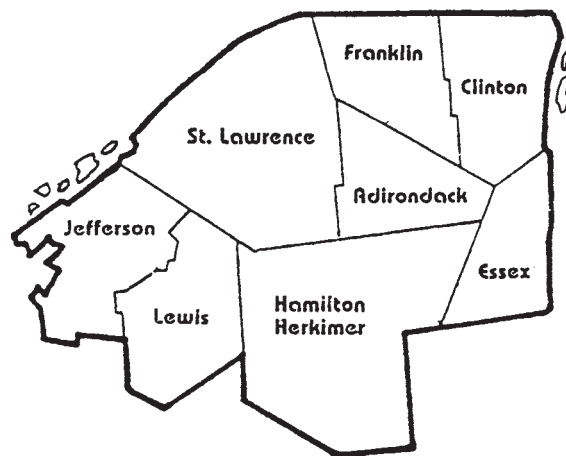
Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 5-12, \$5; Children under 5, Free

Features: Turkey with all the trimmings, a Country Store and much more.

Contact: St. Joseph's Parish Office at 518-493-4521 for more information

HARVEST DINNER

Dannemora - St. Joseph's Parish will be hosting its Annual Roast Turkey and Trimmings Harvest Dinner.



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.

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-10, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Take outs are available. Cash Raffles, Chinese Raffle, Crafts and Country Store, 50/50 and live music

Contact: Vern & Sorelle Bouyea @ 293-7768 or Deacon Ed & Louise Mazuchowski @ 563-0828

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Plattsburgh - A series of Natural Family Planning classes to be sponsored by the Diocesan NFP Office.

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. John's Church [Parish Center, lower level]

Program: Three-part learner-centered format educates couples to observe and interpret the physical signs of fertility. This knowledge can be used to achieve, as well as to postpone, conception.

Cost: Fee of \$50 includes all materials; scholarships available.

Contact: To register, or to learn more, contact instructors Matthew and Sarah Bosley at 518-962-8966 (email: mbosley@westelcom.com) or the Diocesan NFP Office at 518-483-0459 (email: apietropoali@diogdensburg.org.)

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is holding a healing Mass.

Date: Sept. 28

Time: 10 a.m.

Features: Father Doug Decker will pre-

side at a healing Mass which will be followed by an opportunity for individual prayer by OLA prayer ministry teams.

Contact: If you plan on staying for a light lunch, RSVP by Sept. 26 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated

IGNATIAN RETREAT

Ellenburg Center - OLA will be having an Ignatian Retreat - Discernment of Spirits.

Date: Oct. 18-20 or Oct. 25-27

Time: Begin at 7 p.m. and ends at Noon on Sunday

Presenter: Fr. Jack Downs.

Cost: \$60 per weekend covers all food.

Rooms available for overnight guests on a first come basis (+\$50 weekend).

Features: This time of prayer and learning will be based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment, covering 7 rules each weekend. The message is freedom from captivity to discouragement and deception in the spiritual life.

Contact: Register by Oct. 7 with a \$15 non-refundable deposit. Email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 to register.

QUILT SHOP OPEN

Ellenburg Center - Lost Sheep Quilt and Fabric Shop is now open!

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer,

Hours: Tues. - Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Evenings and other times by appointment. Phone 594-3253 or email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com to come at other times

Features: the Moda line plus Jo Morton fabrics by Andover., wool and patterns to make penny rugs, some notions including King Tut and YLI thread, batting, pins, etc. Some precuts - charm packs and jelly rolls and kits.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh - Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

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

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

ESSEX

HARVEST DINNER

Elizabethtown - St. Elizabeth's will be having a Harvest Dinner with Roast Beef and all the trimmings.

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Take-outs available, 1:30 p.m.

FRANKLIN

FALL FESTIVAL DINNER

Bombay - St. Joseph's Parish will be having its 22nd Annual Fall Festival Dinner featuring baked ham.

Date: Sept. 29

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; under 12, \$4; under 5, Free

Features: Baked goods, canned goods, fresh produce & flea market items, 50/50 Raffle, Multi-prize Raffle and more!

FALL FESTIVAL

Constable - The Catholic Community of Constable, Westville & Trout River, Altar & Rosary and K of C Council 9991 are having the Annual Fall Festival and Ham Dinner.

Date: Sept. 21

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Francis Church Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; 12 and under, \$5

Features: Lots of great raffles. In appreciation of our Priest and Religious they will eat for free.

Contact: 483-3772

ROSARY RALLY

Malone - Annual Rosary Rally to be held.

Date: Oct. 12

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Contact: Elaine McGivney at 518-529-6133 or pmcgiven@twcny.rr.com

JEFFERSON

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting will be held.

Date: Sept. 23

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Speaker: Rev. Cheryl Gmitter

Theme: "Finding Peace through the Storm"

LIFERIGHT AUCTION

Watertown - Liferight will be having a silent/live auction and luncheon.

Date: Sept. 28

Time: Viewing starts at 11 a.m.; Auction at noon; Luncheon follows

Place: Italian American Club

Features: Mel Busler will be the auctioneer. A variety of quilted items, crafts and paintings stay's at local hotels, security alarm system and , home furnishing items, autographed books by local artists, themed baskets, gift certificates.

Contact: Lunch reservations can be obtained by mailing a \$10 check payable to Liferight to Francine Hanlon, 139 Coleman Ave, Watertown, NY 13601

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Sept. 26

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. Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers

REVELATION COURSE BEGINS

Evans Mills - An 11 week course on the Book of Revelations to be presented by Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: Oct. 2 (Wednesdays) to Dec. 18

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: \$25

Features: "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" will consist of DVD lectures by Jeff Cavins, home study, and discussion. Participants will consider the questions - What is the message of St. John's Revelation? How does it fit with the plan of Scripture? Can its disturbing images be a source of inspiration. Students from outside the parish welcome.

Contact: For registration and inquiries is 767-1065.



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Seasons...

From the Director's Desk

Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,

Diocesan Mission Director

Our Summer weather in the North Country has blessed us with a variety of weather patterns for which I thank God. I enjoyed the many warm days sometimes with high humidity. I always knew that in a short time the weather would change with a gentle breeze or a thunderstorm bringing rain to cool us down.

Summer for us in the Ogdensburg Diocese...

Winter for people in the Southern Hemisphere

Our hot summers with cool relief in sight always remind me of people in developing countries. Summer for people in the Southern Hemisphere usually means hot and humid days and nights with no relief in sight through what we use so freely in the summer months, namely fans and air conditioners. When the excessive heat bothers you, challenge yourself not to turn on your car air conditioner or your house air conditioner for ten minutes. You will feel what people in Peru and other developing countries feel during the summer months with no relief for long periods of time.



At this time, it is Winter for people in the Southern Hemisphere. I think of the people I met in Mollendo, Peru in early June who were experiencing cool air hoping the sun would shine some warmth upon them. The days that the cloud covered the sun were very cold by our standards and demanded that we all wear layers. Peruvians knew that on June 21st, when our summer begins, that their cold winter would be upon them. I think of them now suffering the cold even with layers of clothing, sleeping in their homes with no central heating only to wake up to wash and do laundry in cold water.

As you read this, may we be grateful for the conveniences we have and pray for those enduring the hardship of a cold winter in the Southern Hemisphere. God bless you.

www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Altona — Dwight J. Smart, 48; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2013 at Holy Angel's Church; burial in Holy Angel's Cemetery.

Brownville — Elizabeth A. Evans Monaco, 95; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Brushton — Louis "Louie" A. LaRock, 86; Funeral Services St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Champlain — Daniel Arthur Castine, 70; Funeral Services Sept. 11, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Coopersville — Richard Joseph Fosher, 70; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ellenburg — Agnes D. (Miller) Seguin, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 11, 2013 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Hogansburg — Arthur "Art" J. Bova, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2013 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery, Akwesasne.

Keeseville — Walter E. "Walt" LaMountain, 79; Memorial Services Sept. 7, 2013 at St. John's Church.

Malone — Janet L. (Gratton) LaFave, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone — Marian G. (Richards) LaRock, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2013 at the Bruso-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, North Bangor.

Massena — Kenneth J. Layo, Jr., 66; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Carolyn M. "Auntie" (Greco) Morin, 84; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville — Clarence J. Curry, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's

Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Plattsburgh — Susan C. (Church) Judkins, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2013 at St. John's Church.

Plattsburgh — Stephen J. Lombard, 62; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rouses Point.

Potsdam — Joseph "Joey" Lewis Michael Rotella, 24; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2013 at the Garner Funeral Service; burial in Garfield Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Kathlene E. Foley Goodrich, 51; Memorial Services Sept. 11, 2013 at Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

Saranac Lake — Vincent Elias Pelletieri, 91; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Richard P. Boushie, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown — Gloria M. (Ayers) Gallagher, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Dorothy M. (Buckman) Morgia, 94; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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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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JEFFERSON

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown meets third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

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

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

PARKINSON'S WALK

Sackets Harbor - North Country Coalition for Parkinson's & Movement Disorders will hold their second annual Parkinson's Walk to raise funds for local Parkinson's outreach efforts

Date: Sept. 21

Time: Registration at 9 a.m.; Walk starts at 10 a.m.

Place: Starts at the Sackets Harbor Visitor Center

Features: Walk the 1.5 mile route or the 3 mile route. For more information go to: www.northcountyparkinsons.org.

LEWIS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Lyons Falls - The South Lewis Knights of Columbus will be having an all you can eat Pancake brunch.

Date: Sept. 22

Time: 8 a.m. to noon

Place: St. John's Church

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

ST. LAWRENCE

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Norwood - The Norwood K of C will be having a take out Cabbage Roll Sale.

Date: Sept. 21

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

Place: St. Andrew's Church

LASAGNA DINNER

Heuvelton - St. Raphael's Church is holding its annual Lasagna Dinner.

Date: Sept. 25

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Heuvelton School Cafeteria

Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens (over 65), 46; Children 6-12, \$5; under 6, Free. Features: Take-out orders please call 344-2383 on Sept. 25 from Noon to 3 p.m. Proceeds will be used for charitable purposes.

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

Brasher Falls - The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Gun and Knife Show.

Date: Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct.

6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: \$3; under 12 free must be accompanied by an adult.

Features: Many dealers will be present with hunting, fishing, archery and sporting items. Dealers wishing to reserve tables can contact Phil Davis at 315-389-4627. Concessions stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m. Public invited to buy, trade, or sell.

HARVEST DINNER

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame will be having a harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 20

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5; Under 5, free (eat in only)

Features: Roast Turkey with the trimmings, dessert included, craft-tables, 50/50 raffle and take-outs available.

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

Ogdensburg - The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Noon

Features: Free hot lunch

Contact: Club Rooms at 393-7990 after 4 p.m. or on Wednesdays after 10:30 a.m.

HEALING MASS

Raymondville - St. Raymond's Church will be having a Healing Mass.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Features: Fathers Jack Downs and Andrew Amyot and Msgr. John Murphy will celebrate Mass followed by the opportunity to be prayed for individually by a prayer team. We will begin with an introduction by Fr. Jack Downs about Understanding the Healing Ministry, followed by brief testimony, Mass, and Sacramental Anointing. All are welcome

RUMMAGE SALE

Norfolk - A rummage sale is to be held to benefit the Altar Rosary Society.

Date: Sept 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon

Place: Church of the Visitation

Features: Baby items, Household goods, tools, dishes, books, puzzles, clothing for me, woman, and children and more.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr.

Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

Time: 12:30 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

FOR THE LIFERIGHT SILENT AUCTION



Fawn Sutherland and Hope Marston are holding a quilt Ms. Sutherland made for the Sept. 28 Liferight silent/live auction. The auction begins at 11 a.m. at the Italian American Club in Watertown. Ms. Marston is donating a signed book which she authored and a husky dog. Lunch is available by mailing a check for \$10, payable to Liferight at 139 Coleman Avenue, Watertown, N.Y. 13601.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIOCESAN YEAR OF FAITH MASS

Lake Placid - A solemn Mass marking the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization will be held

Date: Sept. 29

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Olympic Center

Features: Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will preside with Bishop LaValley and priests of the diocese concelebrating. Bishop LaValley will be the homilist. Nearly 2000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg are expected.

Contact: Bus transportation from communities throughout diocese will be available; see page 13 of this week's *NCC* for contact information.

FALL RETREAT FOR ADULTS

Saranac Lake - A second session has been added for a fall retreat to be held at Guggenheim Lodge.

Date: Sept. 20-21

Schedule: Sept. 20-21 begins 6 p.m. with dinner; OR Sept. 21-22 begins at 7:30 p.m. with dessert

Cost: \$75 Sept. 20-21; \$70 Sept. 21-22

Speaker: Paul Gibaldi, wilderness guide for 25 years, nature photographer and two nature photography books published and Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSI,

spiritual director and adult faith educator.

Features: There will be time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the spiritual wisdom. Gibaldi Will lead a hike up nearby Mount Baker on Saturday. Registrations will be taken (limit 10) through Sept. 19. Hiking clothes and shoes/boots are recommended.

Contact: Sr. Bethany srbeth@cit-tele.com or 315-212-6592.

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 NY, 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

BEST OF IRELAND

The Best of Ireland Tour lead by Fr. Andrew Amyot is scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 9th 2013 has a few openings.

Contact: For more information, contact Fr. Amyot at (315) 384-2064 or email: fraamyot2@twcny.rr.com

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 Sept. 21.

Passports or enhanced licenses needed
Contact: Connie Randall at 315-265-2762 or Lois McCasland at 315-265-9469

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