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PHOTO BY ZACK LEADER
Bishop LaValley is shown during the annual diocesan scouting Mass Oct. 18 at St. Alphonsus Church in Tupper Lake. In this issue, published during the Nov. 1-8 Vocation Awareness Week, the *North Country Catholic* offers support for the vocation of the priesthood with its annual "We Appreciate Our Priests" issue.

The 'vigor of a priest's life'

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As the Synod on the family concludes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- While not specifically mentioning the controversial proposal of a path toward full reconciliation and Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried, members of the Synod of Bishops on the family handed Pope Francis a report emphasizing an obligation to recognize that not all Catholics in such a situation bear the same amount of blame.

The 94-paragraph report approved Oct. 24, the last working day of the three-week synod, highlighted the role of pastors in helping couples understand church teaching, grow in faith and take responsibility for sharing the Gospel.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you, thank you, Fathers!

The *North Country Catholic's* annual "We Appreciate Our Priests" issue is always a joy to publish.

This editor welcomed the happy challenge of finding space for all the advertisements expressing thanks to beloved priests of the North Country.

We never want our Fathers to think that we take them for granted, especially as their decreasing numbers bring ever increasing responsibilities for men who (gulp!) aren't getting any younger.

While all priests around the world deserve recognition and

respect, I think that *our* priests have to be among the best.

This not-so-humble opinion of mine was fortified last week as I looked around the room at the annual Catholic Charities Caritas dinner.

In her director's remarks, Sister Donna Franklin reflected on the needs of the people in the North Country, noting that the counties comprising the

Diocese of Ogdensburg are among the poorest in New York State.

In the audience were priests

who had traveled as many as six hours that day to show support for the work of Catholic Charities, an agency that responds to the pain of so many people in our region.

Back in their parishes, our priests work day after day, year after year, to minister to their parishioners, without the resources that wealthier dioceses enjoy.

And, of course, the priests who came to the dinner in Ogdensburg were just like all the rest who serve in parishes across northern New York.

They *accompany* their people - offering comfort in times of sorrow, encouragement in moments of joy and sacramen-

tal support at every turn.

When Pope Francis calls on the world's priests to stay close to the marginalized and to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep" people in the North Country know exactly what he's talking about.

(And, not just because priests in this rural area may actually bump into a bovine!)

Following the lead of a bishop who is always out among the people, the priests step out of their rectories and into the lives - and hearts - of their parishioners.

Thank you to every single priest of this diocese of ours.

Catholics of the North Country are blessed indeed!



Mary Lou
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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

'I know how blessed I am to be a priest'

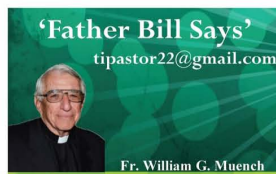
Today, I begin by adding my appreciation to Bishop LaValley and all of my brother priests here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg for this Priest's Appreciation Issue.

I have been blessed to have served so many years side by side with these priests. I know only too well how dedicated they all are; I know well how you, the people of this diocese, appreciate the dedication of the priests of our diocese.

These priests truly serve in the Spirit of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I know how blessed I am to be called to be a priest of the Lord, Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus chose me and has worked through me in my ministry. I owe so much to the action of the Lord in my life and priesthood. When I am appreciated by people, I know they are recognizing God's great gifts to me.

I am certain you are aware of what priesthood means to me and all priests. We have been given the eternal privilege of celebrating the sacraments of our Catholic Church. In this way, God chose us to bring the presence and love of Jesus to all God's people.



'Father Bill Says'
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Fr. William G. Muench

God has given us innumerable opportunities to flood this world with the love and peace of the Lord. God choose us to make certain that people realize the great unconditional love of the Lord for all people. God proves that great love by sending Jesus to our world to live among us, to show us the way, and also to suffer and die for us - and to lead us to new life through his Resurrection.

As a priest, I thank God for the unique opportunity of celebrating the Blessed Eucharist in each and every Mass. This is the very heart of my ministry - and the Eucharist constantly gives me a power, the power of the Lord that brings strength and love to my ministry. In addition, I have grown to recognize the opportunities of bringing the message of the Lord, Jesus, through preaching the Word of God.

I have learned so much about

preaching from my days in Wadhams Hall in Monsignor Bailey's speaking class and my opportunities to observe many great preachers in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Let me share with you a rather challenging bit of advice that I learned about preaching. I was attending a conference as a young priest at a conference on preaching. That day I heard several talks about how badly priests preach from speakers that were priests themselves. Then there was a talk by Catherine Doherty, the founder of Madonna House, that put a very challenging slant on the question of preaching and gave to me a new confidence.

She said this, speaking as a lay person: "What do we hunger for? Explanations of the theological or doctrinal matters or the Catechism? NO. We hunger to be taught, to be led and to be healed by the Word of God by love. Teach us how to love. Teach us true knowledge, teach us how to pray. Do not satisfy just our intellects. Teach us not only about God but how to know God Himself."

That day I learned so much more from Catherine Doherty. It certainly meant so much to

me and gave me the hope to be a good priest and preacher. This is something else she has written: "Don't be afraid. Don't seek your identity. You have it. You are a man touched by God, and we the laity know it. We love you, even if some are hostile to you because they think that certain of you have let us down. But don't be afraid. You have been touched by God, and so it is not you who speaks, but he. Let us hear his voice and, because you allowed him to speak through you, we shall know him."

I have been truly fortunate in my priesthood. Deeply dedicated priests were my guides from the time I was in the seminary. And they challenged me to bring the Lord's Spirit and power into my ministry.

I was carefully formed by good pastors and also found friendship and support from numerous families in the parishes I served. I have been so blessed by the many good lay people who have encouraged me who have appreciated me. There has also been the challenge and guidance given to me from my heroes; the saints who have shown me the way - like Catherine Doherty.

FOLLOW ME

'Let us pray for our priests every day'

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

October 21, 2015, was the date Marty McFly traveled to a futuristic Hill Valley in the 1989 film, "Back to the Future II," and was shocked by a newflash that the Chicago Cubs had won the 2015 World Series.

All season, baseball websites and sports writers penned stories about the prediction. When it turned out that the 2015 Cubs were a good team, many folks wanted to believe that "Back to the Future II" got it right.

Well, as it turns out, this wasn't to be the year that the Cubbies broke the curse of 107 title-less years. The movie's prediction proved false. Instead, those "Ya Gotta Believe" Mets are in the World Series.

My belief in what's going to happen in the future isn't based on a popular movie or on the skill levels of athletes.

This Vocations Awareness

Week, November 1-8, 2015, I see so many faith-filled parishioners, consecrated religious, deacons, seminarians, and priests doing their part in creating a culture of vocations here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Mine aren't rose-colored glasses, but they are hopeful because the lens through which we look into the future is Christ-led and Christ-fed. As I look to the future of faith life in the North Country, I envision a culture of vocations where we recognize, more and more, that each of us is called to be holy and we respond to that call through different walks of life, same journey for all, just different ways of following Jesus.

In this week's issue of the *North Country Catholic*, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude to those whose walk of life is experienced as a priest.

Pope Benedict XVI, during the *Year for Priests*, spoke of three fundamental priorities, pillars upon which a

priest's life rests: the Eucharist and the Sacraments, the proclamation of the Word, and pastoral charity.

We know that the priest doesn't just perform a "job" during working hours, and then is free and lives only for himself, but that he is a passionate man of Christ who carries in himself the fire of Christ's love.

The vigor of a priest's life, the brightness of the flame, is fueled by his personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Priests (and bishops) never stop being disciples of Jesus, never stop following Him. Sometimes we proceed quickly, at other times our step is uncertain, we stumble and we fall, but we, too, believe in and need God's infinite mercy.

As our Envisioning Process continues to unfold and we strive to create a culture of vocations, I am inspired by our priests whose pastoral ministry reveals an intimate relationship with Jesus and deep love for His Church.

We thank God for these men whose celebration of the Sacraments, Proclamation of God's Word, and pastoral leadership help us all grow closer to Jesus and one another.

Pope Francis wrote: "Vo-

ocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

Let us pray for our priests every day as we beg the Lord for more laborers in His vineyard.

Thank you Padre Adrian for giving your life so that we may be closer to God.

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great things
for us!

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those gifts responsibly,

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FOR YOUR
PRAYERFUL PRESENCE, DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP.**

WE APPRECIATE OUR PRIESTS

Knights honor former pastor

By Michelle Beagle
Staff writer

HOUSEVILLE - Bishop Terry LaValley traveled to St. Hedwig's Parish Aug. 9 to celebrate Mass and recognize the name change of the South Lewis Houseville Knights of Columbus to the Rev. Paschal Rys OFM Conv. Council #7794.

South Lewis Houseville K of C now named the Rev. Paschal Rys, OFM Conv. Council #7794

In 1979, Conventual Franciscan Father Paschal Rys moved from Alabama to fulfill the need of parish pastor at St. Hedwig's in Houseville. It was during his time at St. Hedwig's that the concept of forming a Knights of Columbus Council to serve the southern parishes of Lewis County became a reality.

Father Paschal took it upon himself to outreach to the men of the local parishes and discuss forming a local council that would engage members in community projects, deepen members spirituality and provide an excellent insurance program to its members.

The priest truly believed in the worth of the Knights of Columbus and encouraged the men of the parish to join. The council was formed in 1981 with the charter dated April 24, 1981.

The following men are listed on the charter; Rev. P. Rys, T. Bielecki, W. Cavanaugh, R.U. Czerwinski, J.J. Domagala, J. F. Duppert, W. T. Finanagan, R. F. Gordon, M.H. Higby, R.R. Higby, S. F. Hutchins, N.R. Hutt, B.J. Jarecki, A.A. Karelus, M.J. Keane, D.N. Kraeger, J.E. Kurilowicz, D.F. Moltz, W.H. O'Brien, J.P. O'Rourke, J.W. Russell, R.G. Stoffel, G.M. Stoffle, C.J. Sullivan, M.A. Sullivan, M.J. Sullivan, R.A. Sul-



PHOTO BY MICHELLE BEAGLE

The Knights of Columbus of St. Hedwig's Parish in Houseville renamed their council to honor their former pastor, Conventual Franciscan Father Paschal Rys. Bishop LaValley presided at an Aug. 9 Mass at which the name change was made official. Shown, front from left are Bill Marmon, John Hastwell, Royal Kraeger and Larry Beltowski. In back, are Watertown Knights Jim Wessner, Jim Fraser, John Gorgia and Bill Boulio. Loretta Lepkowski, painted the picture of Father Paschal which the Knights are displaying.

livan, A. Swiernik, M.P. Szalach, H.T. Tarasek, and B.S. Young.

To save parishioners money, monthly meetings were held in the basement of the rectory where Father Paschal had made repairs to facilitate the meetings and enhance members comfort. By this step they were able to save heat in the church proper during the cold winter months. Father also purchased six sets of regalia including the capes, swords and feather chapeaus for the members use.

Dynamic priest

Father Paschal Rys was a very dynamic and engaging individual who truly followed the charisma of the Franciscan Friars.

During the 1950's, '60s and '70s he was involved in the Civil Rights movement in Alabama where he was serving as a priest to a Black Catholic parish. He walked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the March to Selma. Father Paschal stood with Robert

Kennedy at the entrance of the University of Alabama as federal troops enforced the university's integration.

One time he reiterated a story where the Ku Klux Klan had burned a huge cross in the front garden of his mission church in Alabama.

He worked tirelessly for equal rights of citizens and helped with the integration of the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. One of his favorite phrases was, "We shall overcome."

Gifted artist

At one time as Father Paschal was attending college he worked as a window-decorator for Macy's Department Store. He was a very talented artist.

To visit St. Hedwig's at Christmas or Easter one could be assured of beautiful decorations Father Paschal provide enhancing the celebration.

At Easter, he would decorate the side altar artfully making it look like a tomb and placing lilies around it.

One could truly sense the Holy Spirit while sitting in front of the altar.

Father Paschal loved people and people loved him. He wanted all to live in unity in God's love and help each other. He was a multifaceted individual and his charisma drew people to him.

He was also known as mystic. One time when he was hospitalized for his heart condition he was experiencing a particular rough patch. He felt he may not make it out of the hospital. However, in the middle of the night he called for the nurse and asked for a piece of paper and a pencil. What transpired was a beautiful sketch of Jesus. Later when he returned to the altar he would bring copies of the sketch back to give to his parishioners. He would later say that he felt Jesus' presence and that he needed to place on paper the image he saw.

When Father Paschal died on March 4, 2013 he passed while praying the rosary as his Franciscan brothers sang Salve Regina.

K of C honors

It is no wonder that the Knights of Columbus South Lewis Chapter would want to rename their council in his honor.

The resolution letter for a name change was dated February 9, 2014 and on August 30, 2014 the letter was received from the Bishop that the Knights could move forward on their request.

To rename a council is no easy task. It is a very lengthy and time consuming process. First, the individual has to be deceased. Royal Kraeger a Knight started pursuing the process after Father Paschal's death.

One has to come up with a resolution to present to their council. The council then discusses the proposition and it has to be accepted by its members. Then every member of the council has to be informed by written letter the date and time to have a vote on the proposition. Minutes are kept and approved.

Because he was a priest, the diocese has to grant permission before it is passed up the chain of command. As Father Paschal was on loan to the diocese from the Order of Franciscan Minor whose Provincial headquarters is in Ellicott City, Maryland permission also had to be obtained from the Provincial Minister.

After all these approvals were obtained then the request is forwarded to the State chapter of the Knights of Columbus, onto the Supreme Knight, and then finally to the Board of Directors for approval.

A day of celebration

For the Aug. 9 Mass, Bishop LaValley was joined at the altar by Msgr. Paul Whitmore, Father Christopher Carrara, Franciscan Father James McCurry, provincial minister, and Deacon Ronald Pomerville.

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Bishop LaValley accepts Pabka bread from Macie Szalach and Brianna Finn during the Aug. 9 Mass at St. Hedwig's Church in Houseville. The presentation of flowers, Pabka bread and salt is a Polish custom as a greeting of affection and hospitality.

Knights

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Courtney Ebersol served as altar girl and gifts were delivered to Bishop LaValley with the presentation of flowers by Megan Klossner and Megan Ebersol. Pabka bread and salt were presented to the Bishop by Brianna Finn and Macie Szalach. The presenting of flowers, Pabka

bread and salt is a Polish custom as a greeting of affection and hospitality. The music for the liturgy was provided by Fausta Post and Tom Kalamas.

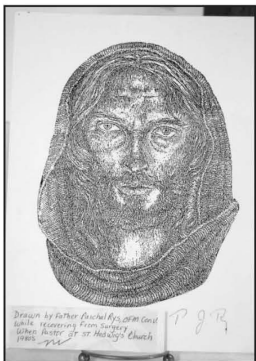
A dinner in the church hall, served by the ladies of St. Hedwig's Sodality, followed the Mass.

Deacon James Chaufy, the Grand Knight, presented John Domagala, 3rd Degree Knight with an Honoree Life Membership. Mr. Domagala has been a member of the Knights since its inception in 1981.

He told the North Country Catholic that being a Knight gave him "a sense of belonging and brotherhood. It is a positive fellowship that helps deepen the spiritual life, he said.

Father McCurry of Ellicott City, Maryland spoke of his remembrances of Father Paschal and his many achievements.

Also during the program, Bishop LaValley blessed the kitchen that had just recently remodeled and also named in honor of Father Paschal Rys.



Father Rys, a gifted artist, sketched this portrait of Jesus while he was hospitalized with a serious illness. After his recovery he explained that he felt Jesus' presence during his sickness and needed to place the image he saw on paper.

All Priests who serve at the parishes of the Mountains and Lakes,
Thank You!
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We are abundantly blessed & deeply grateful for Bishop Terry R. LaValley and to the priests of the diocese for their faithful service to the people of God.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, Watertown



Father Garry Giroux

We thank you for administering the sacraments to us, for teaching us the gospels and bringing us closer to Jesus. For comforting us in sickness and consoling us in bereavement. For guidance and compassion in family difficulties and for the maintenance of our churches.

The people of St. Patrick's, Brasher Falls & St. Lawrence, North Lawrence



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The Seton community extends sincere gratitude to our pastors, Bishop LaValley, Fr. Caman, Msgr. Duprey, Fr. Reamer, and Fr. Seymour for their priestly ministry and their unwavering support of Catholic education.

Thank you Monsignor Robert Aucoin and Father Joseph Christy, M.S.C. for sharing your vocation with us and for us.



St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's Watertown, NY

WE APPRECIATE OUR PRIESTS

Simple acts of love

By Amanda Conklin
Staff writer

One of my best friends is a priest. Not many 28 year olds in our secular culture can say that. I've known Father Scott Belina for 10 years and it has been a joy to watch him grow as a person, say yes to God in his vocation as a priest, and now flourish in parish life.

I've been blessed to have Father Scott administer my grandfather his last rites as he spent his last few moments on earth, and also been blessed to have him baptize my first born child only a few months later.

Father Scott has a special place in our family, even earning a spot on the VIP list for my mom's famous strawberry jam each summer.

I recently was privileged to see him "in action", performing his priestly duties on a trip to Philadelphia to see Pope Francis. Many think that the life of a priest is boring, cushy even. This is far from the truth. Although Father Scott did get a special seat in the priest section for the Francis Festival while in Philadelphia, these perks of the job are much deserved.

On Sunday as we sat and waited in front of City Hall for Mass to begin on one of the big screens around Philly, a small group of fundamentalist Christian protesters filtered into our area. They had huge megaphone speakers and large signs that said things like "The Pope is the Antichrist" and "Call no man 'Father;.'"

We were trying to ignore them but as I stood next to Father Scott, one of the protesters noticed his collar and identified him as a Catholic priest. He began to target him, calling him terrible things in front of this large crowd of thousands. My adrenaline was pumping and my instinct to protect a friend kicked in. I started to get angry. All eyes were on him, students stood waiting to see what would happen.



The author and her friend Father Scott Belina are shown on the streets of Philadelphia Sept. 26, waiting for Pope Francis.

Instead of getting angry, turning his back on them, or ignoring them, Father Scott simply held the man's eye contact lovingly and blessed the group of protesters. In that moment I saw Christ's love shining so clearly through my friend. One of the most beautiful things about this tense encounter was the opportunity to show Christ's love that came out of it.

Standing next to Father Scott, and unbeknownst to us was a man who was not Catholic. He remarked how the acts of the protesters were "not love" and affirmed Father Scott. This man was able to witness the love of a priest in a simple act.

It is not easy being a priest. Many things are as-

sumed of you simply because you are a priest. It takes a lot of love and self sacrifice to live the vocation of the priesthood.

There was a second time where Father Scott's dedication to his vocation was demonstrated on this trip. As we were on our way back home to the North Country on a bus with 41 college students, we made a brief rest stop in Allentown. Exhausted after walking over 4 miles with all our belongings on our backs, we dragged ourselves into the rest area for a quick bathroom break and to stretch our legs.

While headed back to the bus, someone stopped Father Scott and Father Bryan Stitt and told them that an elderly woman had just fallen off another tour bus and was bleeding and hurt badly. Without hesitation, Father Scott leapt into action to anoint the woman. We realized that even though he had just walked so far, was sweaty, tired, and hungry, Father Scott was carrying his oils with him and beautifully performed his duties as a priest.

Father Scott also works hard to support his friends' vocations. He affirms my vocation as a wife and mom, always remembering to send my husband and me a card on our wedding anniversary.

Every once in a while you find what I like to call a "soul friend." A soul friend is someone you connect with on more than a shallow level. It is someone who "gets it" and wants to help you journey closer to God, because ultimately they'd like you to be there partying in heaven with them.

St. Francis DeSales said: "there is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." How blessed am I to call many priests close friends, including Father Scott Belina.

Let us all pray for strength for the priests in our lives and pray for more young faithful men to follow the call to the radical love that is the Catholic priesthood.

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*A sincere thank you for
the many years of care
and concern for my
husband and me.*

Mrs. Frances
Rushford Polletta

*Happy Birthday on
November 10*

*Father Lawrence Colter,
Pastor Emeritus
St. Patrick's Parish in
Collen, NY*

*It is with deep appreciation that we recognize
our pastor and friend Fr. Art Labaff at
St. Mary's in Clayton and St. John's of LaFargeville.
We thank you for your kindness and dedicated service,
not only to us, but to all the people of our
Diocese through the years.*

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Saviour of St. Patrick's Church

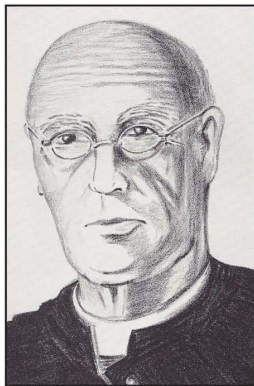
By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN - "Hi Father. Welcome to your new parish. Did anyone mention we are \$16,000 in debt and our creditors are about to fore-close?"

That fictional dialogue welcoming Msgr. Tobias Glenn, D.F. to his new assignment in 1880 might have given any new pastor concern. But Father Glenn seemed ready for the task according to parish historian Kathleen Evans in a 1956 publication; and so began the incredible 27 year journey of Tobias Glenn as pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Watertown.

"Father Glenn proved that besides being a profound theologian, he possessed rare financial abilities and bankruptcy was avoided," Mrs. Evans wrote. "In five years, besides meeting ordinary church expenditures and interest charges, the entire debt was removed."

That was no small accomplishment in 1880. The success earned Father Glenn the label "Saviour of St. Patrick's



A sketch of Msgr. Tobias Glenn, pastor of St. Patrick's Church for 27 years beginning in 1880

Church."

Father Glenn was a civic minded pastor as well. There is a story published in the 1931 Diamond Jubilee history of the parish that credits the priest with saving a bank.

"The press of the nation reported the incident of his preventing a serious disaster in 1893 when there was a big run on the Jefferson County Savings Bank due to the

spreading of a false rumor of the bank's condition."

According to the commentary Father Glenn pushed his way through a crowd of depositors frantic to withdraw their funds and "guaranteed the payment of every cent to every depositor" and called on his parishioners and others to support his pledge. "The run was stopped."

Father Glenn is credited with establishing the first parochial school in the City of Watertown in 1885 and in 1896 founded St. Patrick's Orphanage.

His legacy to the parish and the community is best remembered through the cemetery he established in 1888 and where his body is located in the Town of Watertown.

At the time St. Patrick's Cemetery was established the parish jointly operated Calvary Cemetery on the City's eastern outskirts with St. Mary's Church (now Our Lady of the Sacred Heart). However the 1939 Souvenir History of the parish notes "trying difficulties" between

the parishes about the operation. That prompted Fr. Glenn to purchase forty-four acres of "ideal land" in Watertown Center across from Brookside Cemetery.

Bishop Edgar Wadhams consecrated the grounds later that year (1888) and the cemetery, now called St. Patrick's Glenwood Cemetery and Mausoleum, was established. Over the years additional acreage has been purchased. There are 18,000 bodies buried at Glenwood now.

Very Reverend Tobias Glenn died on June 1, 1907. He is buried in the "Priest Circle" with 17 other priests of the Diocese around an Altar at the cemetery that bears his name. Mass is celebrated on that Altar each Memorial Day.

Kathleen Evans wrote, "Father Glenn was a noble and dedicated priest. His most outstanding characteristic was his charity. Many of the less fortunate in the parish were recipients of his devotion to the poor, unaware of their benefactor."

An invitation

The *North Country Catholic* continues a series of stories about outstanding parishioners in the diocese from years gone by.

The series is inspired by Bishop LaValley's call for "Living Stones" in our parishes, people whose service outside their church reflects "what happens inside the sacred walls." The subjects are men and women who in effect were "stones" within their parishes.

We hope to make this fully representative of our parishes, but we can't do it without your help. Are you aware of somebody who was very active at promoting the faith in your parish years ago and who equally set a good example by his or her service to the community? Perhaps it was somebody in your family, possibly a parent or grandparent.

You are invited to research and write about your nominee. If writing is not your thing, tells us about your nominee, providing whatever material you may have, and we will take care of the rest. Good photos of the nominee are welcomed, of course.

Submissions may be emailed to mkilian@rcdony.org, or mailed to The North Country Catholic, Post Office Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Fr. Mark Reilly

*A wonderful
example...*



...of God's love at work

Thank you for teaching, guiding,

inspiring and uplifting...

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BISHOP'S FUND 2015.... UNITED AS ONE FAMILY

Bishop's Fund supports vocations and the education of seminarians

By Fr. Bryan Stitt
Diocesan vocation director

Recently when travelling through Troy, NY I visited the campus of my alma mater. As a freshman engineering student, we simply used to call the college R.P.I. Since then, someone in marketing decided that a better way of speaking of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute would be to call it "Rensselaer." To emphasize this new handle the slogan on the banner at the entrance to campus reads: "One Word Changes Everything." How right they are.

One word does change everything. But we as faithful Catholics know that that "word" is much more significant than the name of a college. That word that really does change everything is The Word: Jesus, the Word who became flesh.

When one meets Him, everything changes. Just ask Peter and Paul. Ask Mary Magdalene. Ask Augustine, Francis, or whoever your patron saint is. When one meets the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, everything changes.

These days, the Vocations office is continually trying to help these encounters with the Word happen.

Through the first priority of Mutually Shared Vision of

the Diocese, we're trying to "Create a Culture of Vocations." The "We are Called" Plan is being rolled out this fall, and we're all looking forward to the INSPIRE: Called to Love Summit in Lake Placid next fall.

We're also making sure that our seminarians have the best possible formation. We want them to grow spiritually, intellectually, pastorally, and humanly to be ever more like Jesus Christ.

As I looked back to my days at R.P.I., I can't overemphasize how different I am since I really met the Word made flesh and how much seminary formed me into the man and priest I am today. But it started with an encounter. It started with a Word.

Thank you for likewise welcoming Him into your own life and sharing Him with others. Our culture so deeply needs the change of that one Word. When we encounter the Word and follow Him, that's living out our vocations. So thank you too for the witness you give in living out your respective vocations.

But of course, besides your witness, we also need your financial support to make our programs happen. Everything from the seminarians' tuition costs, book stipends, and travel expenses to the binders of the "We are Called" Plan to the Olympic arena rental for the INSPIRE Summit, it all costs. We purchase books, holy cards, posters, and pamphlets in order to help people discover their vocations. Of course, there are many generous supporters of vocations from the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society (D.O.V.S.), but we just

can't do it without the Bishop's Fund Appeal. So thank you for your generosity as well.

Donations can be mailed to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, New York 13669. To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2014 Bishop's Fund video, please visit the Appeal website at www.rcdonny.org/development.

To learn more about the Vocations Office go to www.myvocation.net.

To Report Abuse

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12923; e-mail: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-
483-3261; or Father James Seymour,
the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-
393-2920, ext. 1340

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. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440
Upcoming sessions;
Nov. 9- 6 p.m., Holy Name School, AuSable Forks

Bishop's Schedule

Nov. 4 - 11 a.m., Development Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Nov. 5 - 11 a.m., Council of Priests Meeting at St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls

Nov. 6 - 8:30 a.m., St. Mary's Opening School Mass at St. Mary's Church followed by visit to St. Mary's School in Canton
7 p.m., Canon Law Class for Deacon Aspirants at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Nov. 7 - 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 8 - 11 a.m., Mass at the Youth Leadership Weekend at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Nov. 9 - 11 a.m., Catholic Charities Corporation Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg
7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 10 - 1 p.m., Catholic Charities Board Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Nov. 11 - 9:30 a.m., Recently ordained Priests Gathering at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

Rest in Peace

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

Nov. 4 - Msgr. Benjamin Harrison Staie, 1970
Nov. 5 - Rev. Bernard Wyzykowski, 1969; Rev. John Michael Wyzykowski, 1969
Nov. 7 - Rev. Dennis Nolan, 1911; Rev. William Ouellette, O.M.I., 1936; Msgr. William, H. Brennan, 1986
Nov. 8 - Rev. Patrick McGilligan, 1828
Nov. 10 - Msgr. Francis M. Kenny, 1954; Msgr. Raphael A. Hoffman, 1968

Environmental Stewardship

What are YOU going to do?

As we celebrate the gift of the priests in our Diocese this week and their untiring efforts to serve the needs of God's people, there is much evidence that they are responding to the Holy Father's challenges in his recent encyclical "Laudato Si."

In this document, Pope Francis challenges us all to extend our care for our brothers and sisters to include all of creation. Like St. Francis of Assisi, he reminds us that every aspect of creation has the capacity to reflect the image of God.

The more we appreciate the beauty of God revealed in the mystery of Creation, the more we will be willing to make the sacrifices needed to heal our "common home."

How our priests express their care for our "common home" varies greatly. Many of them invite young people to explore the beauties of the earth on hikes, etc., while others enjoy gardening, and others simply enjoy these wonders from their cars or in their parishes.

Some pastors have initiated energy audits of their church and rectory in an effort to reduce the loss of heat and to explore the possibilities of using renewable energy which cuts carbon emissions that further damage our common home.

One way that Bishop LaValley (at the Bishop's residence), Father Paul Beyette (at his Loon Lake residence), and Father Alan Shnob (St. Augustine's parish buildings, Peru) have expressed their concerns is by installing solar panels to provide electricity for their needs.

Other priests are hosting workshops and study seminars on this timely document of "Laudato Si." These are but a few examples of how they reverence, protect and care for the crying needs of our planet and its people.

In his talk in St. Patrick's Cathedral Pope Francis's in St. Patrick's Church he referred to Pope Leo XIII's question to St. Katherine Drexel's when she expressed her concern for the needs of the people in her time.

He asked her, "What are you going to do?"

As we express our gratitude to our priests for all that they are doing for us, their question to us might be: What are YOU going to do?

Fr. Dan Chapin,
Thank you for all you
do for our parish.



St. Francis Solanus Church,
Harrisville

'We are Called' to create a culture of vocations

By Father Bryan Stitt
Diocesan Vocation Director

Through the month of October, four training sessions were held to roll out the "We Are Called" plan through the parishes of our Diocese. St. Joseph Sister Mary Gregory Munger, coordinator of the plan, along with members of her committee travelled to Watertown, Tupper Lake, Norfolk, and Plattsburgh to meet with representatives of every parish. Prayers were prayed, resources were presented, ideas were shared, and contact information was collected.

During the training Sr. Gregory informed us that Merriam Webster's 2014 "Word of the Year" was "Culture." Why was this their selection? Because "culture" is so often used and misunderstood, so important to us all, and so complicated to form.

It's true. No one person (not a Vocations Director, not a Bishop, not even a Pope) can create a whole culture. It's just too big, too personal, and too complicated.

So how does the "We are Called" plan help respond to the Mutually Shared Vision's first Priority: "Create a Culture of Vocations"?

It does so by realizing three things that Merriam Webster has known for a while:

- 1.) Culture necessarily involves a large group of people, society, or group.
- 2.) Culture involves shared beliefs, customs, and values.
- 3.) Culture develops the



From the dome of Santa Maria Maddalena de' Pazzi in Florence, Italy. This image was chosen for the cover of the "We are Called" Plan in order to emphasize the beauty of the Universal Call to Holiness as we see it lived out by the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

intellectual and moral faculties especially by education.

So first we need a large group of people. There are almost 100,000 Catholics in the North Country. Maybe that's a small number compared to those excited about the World Series or the new Star Wars movie, but it's still a significant number.

100K people doing anything with focus surely brings a force to be reckoned with, and it's certainly sufficient for developing a culture in Northern New York. Secondly we need to share good values and beliefs.

Let's see...2000 years of Christian faith, the Bible, the Catechism, the witness of countless saints. Values and

education. This is where it gets tricky. A lot of people feel uneducated (and sadly they often are) about how to live out and explain their faith. They don't really appreciate the significance of the Sacraments, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the moral teachings of the Church or the nuances of the prayer life.

Even less do they understand the lives of priests and religious or how to articulate lifelong commitments to married life and parenting.

The "We are Called" plan has begun offering good resources to people in the parishes to help with these things.

Some parishes will want to implement the traveling crucifix program in which families can take turns praying for vocations in their home with the parish vocations crucifix.

In many other parishes, holy hours will continue to be prayed for vocations.

And hopefully in many others, Parish Vocation Committees will be formed to do these things and many others.

We Are Called committee

Members of the We Are Called Committee:

Sr. Mary Gregory Munger, S.S.J.,
Coordinator
Michele Bombard
Sr. Bernadette Collins, S.S.J.
Deacon Dennis Monty
Sr. Maria Angelica Rebello, S.C.C.
Catherine Russell
Fr. Bryan Stitt

Of course, we're not going to stop with just the four training sessions being completed. Some parishes still haven't had representatives trained. (N.B. Sr. Gregory and her committee members are happy to go to parishes directly to do further training sessions.)

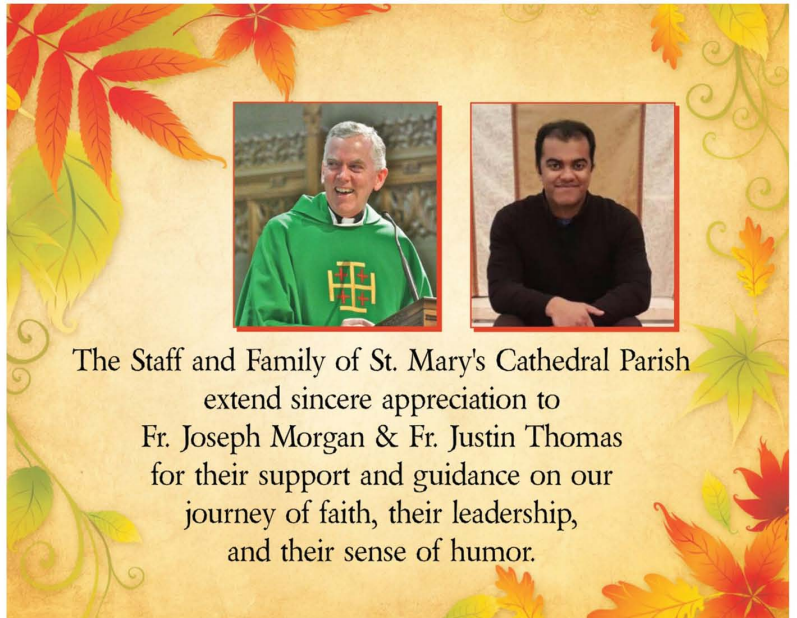
As for those parishes that have had representatives trained, we want to follow-up with them increasing their numbers and continuing to make news and resources available.

As with all good cultures, we hope this one will grow to touch the lives of all involved.

beliefs?

To the degree that they are accepted and lived out, I think we can say "Check."

Finally, Merriam Webster says culture develops the intellectual and moral faculties of the people through



The Staff and Family of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish extend sincere appreciation to Fr. Joseph Morgan & Fr. Justin Thomas for their support and guidance on our journey of faith, their leadership, and their sense of humor.

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*Fr. John (Mickey) Demo,
we appreciate everything you
do for all of us. Thank you and
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Father Robinson,
you are a great inspiration and a
wonderful reflection of Gods love to us.
We are grateful for all that you do for
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Your friends,
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celebration of the
Sacraments,
Proclamation of
God's Word, and
pastoral leadership
help us all grow
closer to Jesus and
one another.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

This word mercy changes everything

*It changes the world. A little mercy makes
the world less cold and more loving.
This mercy of God, this merciful Father
who is so patient with us that even if our
sins were scarlet, God's love would make
them white as snow. This mercy is so beautiful!*

*Our God is the loving Father who always pardons,
who has that heart of mercy for us all. Who walks
with us all ready to bestow upon us his life and love.'*

Pope Francis
at his first audience in
St Peter's Square, the Vatican
Wednesday, March 17th, 2013

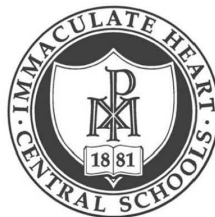
In thanksgiving for our beloved pastor, **Father Jim Shurtleff**,
priest of God's Mercy for fifty years...

In thanksgiving for our beloved, **Father Richard Sturtz**,
priest of God's Mercy for almost sixty years...

In thanksgiving for our beloved, **Father Justin Thomas**,
priest who has carried God's Mercy to us from the
far off land of India...

May our God who began that good work in you
so long ago and so very far away
bring that Mercy to completion.

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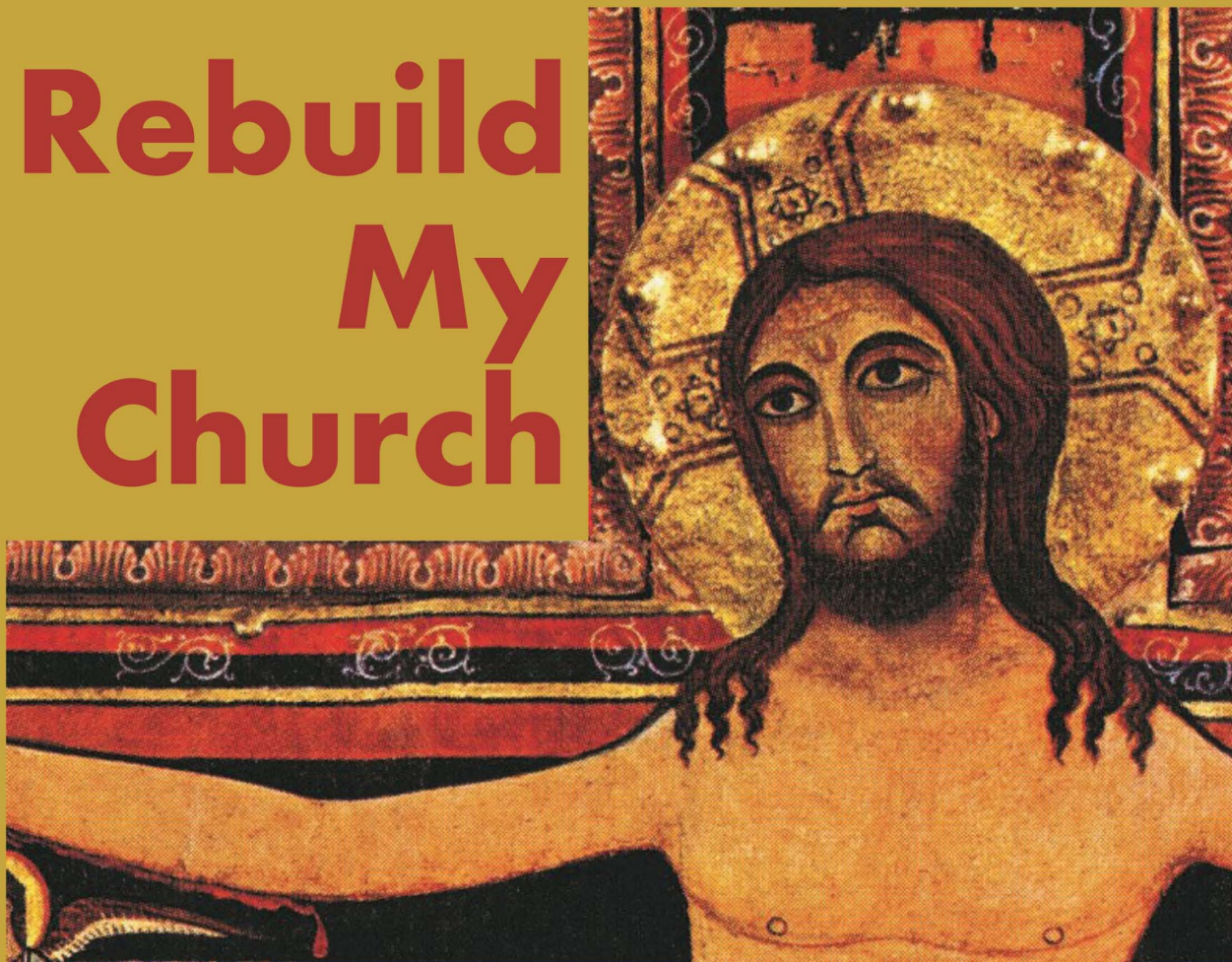


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you do for our
Parish,
our families,
and our
community.
Thank you.*

*The Women of Grace of
Immaculate Conception
and St. Andrews*

Rebuild My Church



Detail of the San Damiano Cross in Assisi

Dear Fathers,

Since St. Francis of Assisi heard those inspired words, the Gospel has been spread, the Sacraments have been celebrated, and the God's Children have been served.

Thank you for being like St. Francis and his namesake, our Holy Father, for responding to the Lord's call in your life, and for inspiring others to do so.


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From,

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Churches

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Happy partial retirement! We thank
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From,

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Report urges 'accompaniment' tailored to family situations

Synod of Bishops on the family concludes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- While not specifically mentioning the controversial proposal of a path toward full reconciliation and Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried, members of the Synod of Bishops on the family handed Pope Francis a report emphasizing an obligation to recognize that not all Catholics in such a situation bear the same amount of blame.

The 94-paragraph report approved Oct. 24, the last working day of the three-week synod, highlighted the role of pastors in helping couples understand church teaching, grow in faith and take responsibility for sharing the Gospel. It also em-

phasized how "pastoral accompaniment" involves discerning, on a case-by-case basis, the moral culpability of people not fully living up to the Catholic ideal.

Bishops and other full members of the synod voted separately on each paragraph and the Vatican published those votes. The paragraph dealing specifically with leading divorced and remarried Catholics on a path of discernment passed with only one vote beyond the necessary two-thirds.

Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna told reporters Oct. 24 that the key word in the document's discussion of min-

istry to divorced and civilly remarried people is "discernment." I invite you all to remember there is no black or white, no simple yes or no." The situation of each couple "must be discerned," which is what was called for by St. John Paul II in his 1981 exhortation on the family, he said.

The cardinal told Vatican Insider, a news site, that although St. John Paul called for discernment in those cases, "he didn't mention all that comes after discernment." The synod's final report, he said, proposes priests help divorced and remarried couples undergoing conversion and repentance

so that they recognize whether or not they are worthy to receive the Eucharist. Such an examination of conscience, he said, is required of every Catholic each time they prepare to approach the altar.

As Pope Francis said at the beginning of the synod, church doctrine on the meaning of marriage as a lifelong bond between one man and one woman open to having children was not up for debate. The final report strongly affirmed that teaching as God's plan for human-

ity, as a blessing for the church and a benefit to society.

While insisting on God's love for homosexual persons and the obligation to respect their dignity, the report also insisted same-sex unions could not be recognized as marriages and denounced as "totally unacceptable" governments or international organizations making recognition of "marriage" between persons of the same sex "a condition for financial assistance."

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The Parishioners of
Sacred Heart in
Edwards appreciate all
that you do for our
people and our parish.

Thank you, Fr. George Maroun, Retired Pastor &
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All at Augustinian Academy



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Thank you to all
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St. Mary's Family.



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you are a true
inspiration to us.

Love,
Chris & Deacon Jim



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Thank you for all you do for all of us.



The members of your four parishes.
St. Mary's Church, Constableville
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**Fr. Michael Gaffney
&**

Fr. William Muench,

**We are so blessed to have your
ministry among us.**



**The Roman Catholic Community of
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St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor.**



Synod

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The report also spoke specifically of: the changing role of women in families, the church and society; single people and their contributions to the family and the church; the heroic witness of parents who love and care for children with disabilities; the family as a sanctuary protecting the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death; and the particular strain on family life caused by poverty and by migration.

Marriage as sacrament

The Catholic Church recognizes a "natural" value in marriage corresponding to the good of the husband and wife, their unity, fidelity and desire for children. But the sacrament of marriage adds another dimension, the report said. "The irrevocable fidelity of God to his covenant is the foundation of the indissolubility of marriage. The complete and profound love of the spouses is not based only on their human capabilities: God sustains this covenant with the strength of his Spirit."

Humans subject to failure

But human beings are subject to sin and failure, which is why synod members recommend the need for "accompaniment" by family members, pastors and other couples. "Being close to the family as a traveling companion means, for the church, assuming wisely differentiated attitudes: sometimes it is necessary to stay by their side and listen in silence; other times it must indicate the path to follow; and

at still other times, it is opportune to follow, support and encourage."

A draft of the report was presented to synod members Oct. 22, and 51 bishops spoke the next morning about changes they would like to see in the final draft. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters that several bishops mentioned specifically a need to improve the text's references to "the relationship between conscience and the moral law."

The text refers to conscience in sections dealing with procreation and with marital situations the church considers irregular, particularly the situation of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics.

First, though, synod members promised greater efforts to be with couples in crisis and praised divorced Catholics who, "even in difficult situations, do not undertake a new union, remaining faithful to the sacramental bond." Such Catholics, they noted, can and should "find in the Eucharist the nourishment that sustains them."

Those who have remarried without an annulment of their sacramental marriage must be welcomed and included in the parish community in every way possible, the report said. "They are baptized, they are brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit gives them gifts and charisms for the good of all."

Quoting St. John Paul

Quoting from St. John Paul's exhortation to the family, the report insists that pastors, "for the sake of

truth," are called to careful discernment when assisting and counseling people who divorced and remarried. They must distinguish, for instance, between those who "have been unjustly abandoned, and those who through their own grave fault have destroyed a canonically valid marriage," in the words of St. John Paul.

Path of discernment

Priests must "accompany interested people on the path of discernment in accordance with the teaching of the church and the guidance of the bishop," the report said.

While the report makes no explicit mention of absolution and the return to Communion, it seems to leave some possibility for such a solution by quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church's affirmation that "imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or even nullified" because of different conditions. Just as the degree of guilt will differ, the report said, "also the consequences of the acts are not necessarily the same in all cases."

From Humanae Vitae

In several places the text praises the teaching of "Humanae Vitae," the document of Blessed Paul VI on married love and the transmission of life. "Conjugal love between a man and a woman and the transmission of life are ordered one to the other," the report said.

"Responsible parenthood presupposes the formation of the conscience, which is 'the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, whose voice echoes in his depths,'" said the report, quoting from the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. "The more spouses try to listen to God and his commandments in their consciences, the freer their decision will be" from external pressures, the report said.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Cardinal: Apostolic exhortation on the family could come soon

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said an apostolic exhortation on the family following the recently concluded Synod of Bishops could be released soon. "I imagine that it won't take long because usually these things should be done in a relatively short time, otherwise it loses its strength a bit, its impact," Cardinal Parolin told Vatican Radio Oct. 28. "I think if the pope decides to do it, he will do it relatively quickly." The postsynodal apostolic exhortation follows a request made by the synod fathers in their final report. "We humbly ask the Holy Father to evaluate the opportunity of offering a document on the family, so that in it, the domestic church may ever more shine Christ, the light of the world," the Oct. 24 report stated.

Religious freedom said to merit 'seat at the table'

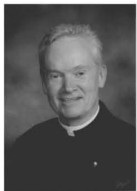
WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In many nations around the world, "religious freedom flourishes," but in too many other countries, "people face daunting, alarming and growing challenges because of their faith," a State Department official said at a Capitol Hill hearing Oct. 27. Rabbi David Saperstein, the State Department's ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom, made the comments in testimony before a House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations. Also testifying was Robert George, who is chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, or USCIRF. The bipartisan body was created in 1998 through the International Religious Freedom Act. U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, who is the subcommittee's chairman and called the hearing, played a key role in the law's passage 17 years ago. In his testimony, Rabbi Saperstein remarked that the law "has had a significant impact on the way religious freedom is viewed not only in the United States but around the world" but "alarming" challenges remain.

Countries have moral obligation to help refugees, says U.N. leader

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- When Antonio Guterres, former prime minister of Portugal, became the 10th U.N. high commissioner for refugees in 2005, the world was a different place. Back then, he said, his agency -- charged with protecting and resettling the world's refugees -- was helping about 1 million people return to their homes each year, while the annual number of global refugees was decreasing. There was even speculation, he said, about the need for the agency. "Now, unfortunately, things have changed quite dramatically," he told participants at an Immigration Law and Policy Conference Oct. 29 at the Georgetown University Law Center. He illustrated the shift with a list of numbers including the overall figure that there were nearly 60 million refugees worldwide in 2014. But what is even more dramatic, he said, is the "staggering escalation of displacement by conflict in the past few years." In 2011, 14,000 people were forced to flee their homes each day. This figure rose to 23,000 in 2012, 32,000 in 2013 and 42,500 in 2014. The numbers are astounding enough, but as Guterres added, the conflicts these people are fleeing are not ending so they have no homes to go back to.

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'Chaplains must assist military traumatized by war'

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - As more members of the armed forces endure both physical and emotional scars from conflicts raging around the world, Pope Francis called on military chaplains to tend to their wounds with the healing balm of the sacraments.

"At this time, in which we are living a 'third world war fought in pieces,' you are called to nourish the spiritual and ethical dimensions of members of the military and their families, which will help them to face the difficulties and the often lacerating questions inherent in this unique service to their homeland and to humanity," the

pope said Oct. 27.

Military chaplains and some heads of military dioceses - including Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the United States - were in Rome for a course on chaplains and international humanitarian law, which was sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

War disfigures the bond between nations, the pope said, leaving "an indelible mark" in soldiers and anyone who witnesses the atrocities of conflict.

Members of the military and their families "require

specific pastoral care, a solicitude that will make them feel the maternal closeness of the church," he said.

"The role of the military chaplain is to accompany and support them in their journey, being for all of them a consoling and fraternal presence," he said. "You can pour on the wounds of these persons the balm of the word of God, which relieves pain and infuses hope; and you can offer them the grace of the Eucharist and of reconciliation, which nourishes and regenerates the afflicted soul."

Regarding the conference's emphasis on humanitarian

law, the pope stressed that the law needs to be further developed to address "the new reality of war," which uses deadlier instruments to "inflict atrocious and useless suffering on combatants and particularly grave damage to the natural and cultural environment."

Most of all, though, Pope Francis said, Christians are called to work toward ending war and to building bridges that unite rather than walls that separate.

An essential task for chaplains is to pray, the pope said. "Without prayer one cannot do all that humanity, the church and God ask of

you at this time. Ask your chaplains, ask yourselves: 'How much time during the day do I dedicate to prayer?' The answer will do everyone good."



Fr. Chris
Looby,
You are an
outstanding
Good
Shepherd!!

Deacon Bernie Slate

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Thanks for being our
Pastor.



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and loving service to
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Your hard work and dedication
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From your Staff and all your
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Fr. Leo Wiley and Msgr. Paul Whitmore.*

*63 Baptisms, 29 1st Communions,
31 Confirmations, 14 Marriages,
over 80 Anointing's of the Sick,
60 Funerals and over 500 masses
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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

God will not be outdone in generosity

Many times in our lives we decide to be really generous and give an expensive gift to someone – maybe a son or daughter, or to a special grandchild.

When we wait for sign of gratitude, like a thank-you note. When it doesn't come, we're disappointed and hurt.

When we give to God, God, in turn, is even more generous than we are—



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

—every time.

Take this Sunday's Scriptures. In the first reading from the first Book of Kings. God directs Elijah, who is on the run from the wicked King Ahab, to go and live with a poor pagan woman. He finds her out picking up sticks so she can make a fire. Elijah is hungry, and asks the woman to please make him a little cake. He soon finds out that the

woman has nothing in the house except a small bit of flour and oil. It's going to be the last meal for herself and her son before they die!

Nevertheless, out of this little bit she has, she feeds Elijah first. He tells her that, as a reward, her oil and flour will last until the rains come again (which turns out to be a whole year!).

God will not be outdone in generosity! Mark's Gospel narrates a really moving story about Jesus in the Temple, observing those who are putting in collection money.

He's really impressed with

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 1 Kings 17:10-16
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

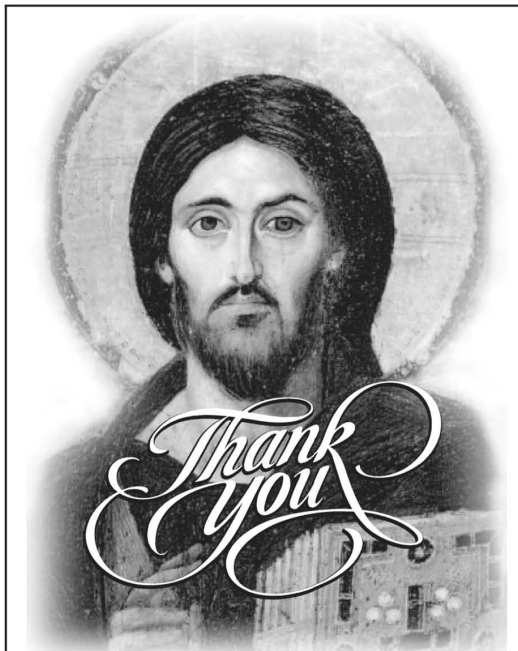
a poor widow who puts in two copper coins, all she has to live on. In her humility, she probably hoped that no one would see this, since there were many rich people around her putting in large sums. Far be it from Jesus to discourage the wealthy

from making big donations! He's merely pointing out how more admirable is sacrificial giving than just giving from what one has left over!

Jesus had a soft spot in his heart for widows. They were the most vulnerable people in the society of his time, for there was no "social security" of any kind, and no husband to protect and provide for them.

He has just finished a scorching condemnation of the religious authorities for their insensitivity to the plight of these widows. Instead of helping them, they were taking away what little they had through unbearable temple taxes.

When we make a sacrificial gift to God's Church, we can be very sure that God will reward us double through the special grace and care that He shows us in return.



Grateful for your spiritual guidance and compassionate support, the parishioners of the *Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond (Norfolk and Raymondville), and St. Andrew's Parish (Norwood)*

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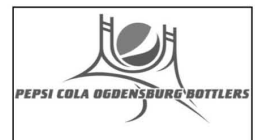
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"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
 — 1 Peter 2:4-6



Frs. Don Manfred, Mark Reilly, Joe Elliott and Tojo Chacko
 ... thank you for choosing to be Living Stones and for the countless ways you inspire all of us at **Trinity Catholic School** daily. We are blessed to have you!





Msr. Paul Whitmore,
 Thanks for being you
 and bringing us
 together.



Love Deacon Jim and
 Christine Chaufy

Father Chris Looby,
 Thank you for being
 a good friend.
 The Reape Family



AT THE MOVIES

BRIDGE OF SPIES

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Few incidents in the long history of the Cold War were as rich in personal drama as an exchange of prisoners that took place on a Berlin bridge early on the morning of Feb. 10, 1962.

The subjects of the tense swap were a duo of high-profile captives from either side of the Iron Curtain: KGB agent Rudolf Abel and downed U.S. spy plane pilot Gary Francis Powers.

The events that led up to this rare face-to-face engagement between the forces of East and West are skillfully chronicled in director Steven Spielberg's outstanding thriller "Bridge of Spies" (Disney). As his film shows, the hard-won bargain underlying the trade was, in large part, the work of a seemingly unlikely broker, New York corporate lawyer James B. Donovan (Tom Hanks).

A specialist in insurance cases, with limited experience in the criminal field, Donovan is surprised to learn, as the movie opens in 1957, that the American Bar Association has chosen him to represent Abel (Mark Rylance) following the Brooklyn-based operative's arrest by the FBI. It's obviously a thankless task, but at the urging of his senior partner, Thomas Watters (Alan Alda), Donovan reluctantly accepts.

Despite the strong bias of the presiding jurist, Judge Mortimer Byers (Dakin Matthews), and the fears of retaliation expressed by his

devoted wife, Mary (Amy Ryan) -- concerns that turn out to be well-grounded -- Donovan gives the case his all. In fact his doggedness far exceeds the strictly pro-forma defense Watters and the ABA had expected him to provide.

When Abel is nonetheless convicted, Donovan appeals all the way to the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, as scenes interspersed with Donovan's legal maneuverings show us, the CIA is busy developing the U2 surveillance plane to photograph Soviet military installations, and training Air Force officers like Powers (Austin Stowell) to pilot the cutting-edge craft.

Thus the stage is set for Donovan's transition from advocate to negotiator. At the behest of famed CIA director Allen Dulles (Peter McRobbie), Donovan agrees to serve as the government's unofficial representative in a secretive effort to reach a deal for Powers' release.

Screenwriters Matt Charman and Ethan and Joel Coen add suspense to their fact-based story by focusing on the fate of American graduate student Frederic Pryor (Will Rogers). A rather naive youth caught on the wrong side of the newly built Berlin Wall, and conve-

niently accused of spying by the East Germans, Pryor is anything but a priority as far as the real cloak-and-dagger folks backing Donovan are concerned.

Still, savvy gamesman Donovan is determined to spring Pryor as well as Powers -- even if he has to risk walking away with neither of them to accomplish it.

The script maintains a balanced outlook on the ideological struggle, neither sugarcoating American behavior nor ignoring the brutality of the Communists. Together with the thoroughgoing, understated decency of its main character, this just portrayal of the past makes Spielberg's predictably well-crafted retrospective a valuable viewing experience.

In fact, the lessons it conveys, and the ethics it upholds may lead many parents to regard "Bridge of Spies" as acceptable fare for their older teens.

The film contains a few uses of profanity, a couple of rough terms and occasional crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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Tom Hanks stars in a scene from the movie "Bridge of Spies."

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ADIRONDACK

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Tupper Lake — Mercy Care for the Adirondacks and the Tupper Lake Aging in Place Task Force invite people of all ages to join them for a complimentary luncheon and presentation by "Friends of Rachel," a Tupper Lake Central School Student Organization working to motivate and equip students to start and sustain acts of kindness.

Date: Nov. 4

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: The Wild Center, free admission
Features: Enjoy the museum exhibits, the Student Presentation, good food and conversation with friends and family.

Contact: Sheila Schneck, Mercy Care Office Manager, at sschneck@adkmercy.org or 518-523-5583.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Placid — St. Agnes Elementary School to have a Christmas Bazaar.

Date: Dec. 2

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Toys, trees, wreaths, baked goods, poinsettias, gifts, crafts, raffles and silent auction items. Vendor Space Available.

Contact: Kathleen Murphy at info@stagneslp.org or at 518-523-3771.

CLINTON

TURKEY NIGHT

Mooers — Msgr. A. M. Gilbert Council #6136 Knights of Columbus is holding a turkey night.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Mooers Fire Station
Features: Cash prizes, baskets, hams, turkeys, lottery board, more. Shopping spree (capped at a specific dollar amount). Snacks, door prizes, table of values.

Contact: Michael J. Willette, michaeljwillette@hotmail.com, 518-236-5531

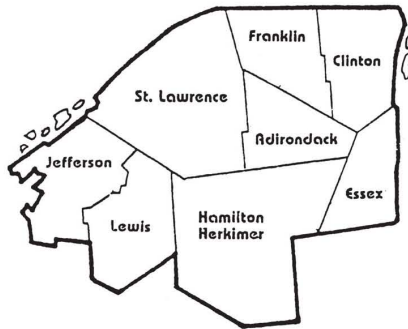
LAY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Plattsburgh — The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to an informational meeting about our Lay Associate Program.

Date: Nov. 15

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Convent
Features: Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality of the Sisters of St. Joseph, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women.



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.

Contact: Call Sr. Helen Herman at 518-561-8252 or Sister Bethany Fitzgerald 315-212-6592.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Rouses Point — 19th Annual St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Show to be held.

Date: Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Patrick's Church Hall

Features: Proceeds to benefit Annual Children's Christmas Party. Bake Sale will also be held

Contact: stpats@twcny.rr.com or 297-7361

HARVEST DINNER

Morrisonville — The RCC of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's will have their annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 8

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$5; 5 and under, Free

Features: Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, with Bake Shoppe, Silent Auction and a Big Raffle with a \$1,000 1st prize. Additional seating in new parish Hall—\

PAINT AND SIP

Chazy — The Sacred Heart Ladies will be sponsoring a Paint and Sip Party.

Date: Nov. 18

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Cost: \$30 per person

Features: Includes all supplies, snacks and "sipping". Reserve your spot now.

Contact: 846-7650 or 570-7747

CRAFT FESTIVAL

Chazy — Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring a Fabulous Fall Craft Festival.

Date: Nov. 21

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Features: Over 25 vendors from NY and VT. Hot lunches, raffle, baked goods.

Contact: Sharon Nephew at 493-2914 or Noreen Barcomb at 570-7747

HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville — The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. will have Living Waters Healing Ministry.

Date: Dec. 3

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

BLESSSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville — There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Ellenburg Center — Our Lady of the

Adirondacks House of Prayer to hold First Saturday Devotion.

Date: Nov. 7

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Features: Mass, rosary

Contact: RSVP for lunch to olaplayer-house@gmail.com or 518-594-3253

FRANKLIN

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton — St. Mary's will be having a breakfast buffet.

Date: Nov. 8

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; 5 and under, free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$25

Features: Take-outs available. Call 518-529-6580. Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee.

SATURDAY DEVOTION

St. Regis Falls — First Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour to be held the first Saturday of each month.

Time: after 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass

Place: St. Ann's Church

Contact: 518-856-9656

JEFFERSON

IHC'S GOT TALENT

Watertown — Immaculate Heart Central's Variety Show is set

Date: Nov. 6 & 7

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: IHC High School Auditorium

Cost: \$5

Features: Singers, dancers, musicians, comedy acts, serious drama, and more to impress the crowds.

MUSICAL MISSION

Watertown — An interfaith musical celebration of God's love.

Date: Nov. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Church of the Holy Family

Features: Musicians, singers, worship bands. Refreshments, Free-will offering to benefit Watertown Urban Mission.

Contact: Rectory, 315-782-2468

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills — Spaghetti & Meatball dinner to be held to benefit Indian River Knights of Columbus Council 7471.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Contact: 629-4678

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE

Clayton — A bus trip sponsored by St.

Mary's, with pilgrims from St. Cyril and Cape Vincent parishes will be taken to St. Marianne Cope Shrine and Museum in Syracuse.

Date: Nov. 18

Cost: \$40

Features: Guided tour of the museum, have some time in the gift shop, visit the Church of the Assumption, and attend a Mass. A stop for lunch, not covered in the cost, will be made in Syracuse.
Contact: Call 686-3398 or stop in the rectory for further information or to sign up for this trip.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown — The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.

Date: Nov. 19

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, \$.75 each

Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown — Liferight of Watertown meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 870 Arsenal Street.

Features: The office has a variety of pro-life videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed.
Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Watertown — Holy Hour for vocations

Date: Mon.-Fri.

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Place: Holy Family Church

Contact: 315-782-2468

LEWIS

LEWIS HOLY HOUR

Lowville — All are invited to a holy hour.

Date: Nov. 5 & 19

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Chapel

Features: Adoration prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Lowville — Pizza and Prayer to be held every Monday.

Schedule: 5:30 p.m. to 6:15, pizza and social time; Bible Study 6:15 to 6:45; Pick up at 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: Open to high school students. Most P&P will be Bible studies. The first Monday of the month will be Eucharistic adoration in the chapel

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Priest appreciation

By Sister Mary Ellen Brett
Diocesan mission director

I would like to take this opportunity to also acknowledge our Priests. Especially at this time of World Mission Sunday, know that you remain in my prayers. I am most grateful for our Priests and Pastors encouraging the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among their parishioners. Thank you for being a home missionary and helping in your own way. Your hard work and good deeds do not go unnoticed by the Mission Office. Your time, effort and willingness to promote Mission Awareness year round assist the Mission Office in responding to the command of Jesus, "Go and teach all nations."

Without the assistance of our devoted priests in our parishes, so many things would not happen. The parish priest is the way the Mission World conveys to you our needs for prayers and sacrifices. So many of our local priests have experienced life in the Mission Lands "first hand" so they better than anyone are in positions to convey to you the ongoing need.

Our appreciation for priests is not just at the local level either. We are so eternally grateful for those finding their vocation in the Mission Lands. It is possible that someday, they will spend time in their career here in our Diocese, lending a hand and spreading the Word of God.

Some of our local priests have had lengthy careers in our Diocese. We are so grateful and realize that every day may be a challenge, but we see it as a challenge that you embrace with a smile and love in your hearts.

Our Diocese is blessed! Thank you again to our dedicated Priests for their tireless endeavors to spread the Word. That's indeed very "good news"! I ask you to keep both our local priests and those in the Mission Lands in your prayers and remember them with sacrifices.



Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
<http://www.rcdony.org/mission-office.html>

OBITUARIES

Altona — Thomas J. Matton, 56; Funeral Services Oct. 28, 2015 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

Ausable Forks — Helen Shirley (Bettors) Rino, 79; Funeral Services Oct. 27, 2015 at Thwaits-Zaumetzer Funeral Home; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Cadyville — Helen Theresa (Buckley) Callanan, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 31, 2015 at St. James Church.

Fort Covington — Eileen Wanda (Dineen) Herne, 60; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2015 at St. Mary's of the Fort Church.

Keene — Patricia LeBeay Galeski, 89; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2015 at St. Brendan's Church; burial in Norton Cemetery.

Madrid — Lodine J. (Rooke) Pike, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2015 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Waddington.

Malone — Teresa Mae Fisher, 82; Funeral Nov. 3, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

Massena — Dora (Deshais) Catanzarite, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 31, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Shirley R. Stone Caza, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 26, 2015 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Maria Jermano, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

North Bangor — Charles John Wilcox Jr., 79; Funeral Services Oct. 28, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Patricia J. (Hanna) Townley, 64; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2015 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in

Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru — Larry J. Garrow, 68; Funeral Services Oct. 28, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Plattsburgh — Dale L. Beaudet, 62; Funeral Services Nov. 1, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Todd R. Bishop, 31; Funeral Services Oct. 31, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — George E. Dubuque, 52; Funeral Services Oct. 31, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's

Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Helen R. Peter, 92; Funeral Services at St. Peter's Church.

Star Lake — Yvonne J. (Harris) Caton, 74; Funeral Services Oct. 31, 2015 at St. Hubert's Church.

Watertown — Francis G. "Frenchy" Monaco, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 28, 2015 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

West Chazy — Michael T. Collins, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Plattsburgh.



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AT THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CARITAS DINNER



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Two Ogdensburg couples were honored at the 2015 Catholic Charities Caritas dinner held Oct. 28 at the Grand View in Ogdensburg. At left, Bishop LaValley is shown with the Caritas Award winners, Jane and John Pinkerton. At right are Presidential Award recipients, Timothy (TJ) and Jeannine McLellan. Both awards are given to

individuals, couples or groups who champion the building of compassionate and caring communities. "Understanding that charity implies justice challenges government officials, human service workers and business men and women to serve their community," said Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, who enumerated the ways these couples offer such service.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
Lowville – Middle School Youth Group to meet.
Date: Nov. 18 and third Wednesday of each month
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: St. Peter's Church

ST. LAWRENCE

CRAFT SHOW
Brasher Falls – The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its annual craft show.
Date: Nov. 14
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: K of C Hall
Cost: Adults, \$1; Students, \$.50; under 5, Free
Features: Many dealers will be present

with all kinds of crafts. Luncheon and refreshments will be available. Plenty of free parking is available.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE
Star Lake – St. Hubert's Church to have a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale.
Date: Nov. 7
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; coffee and donuts 9 a.m. to 11; lunch 11 a.m. to 1
Features: Hundreds of handcrafted items, gift baskets, live wreaths, and a Children's Shoppe.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT
Potsdam – Discerning men are invited to come together & consider the call the Roman Catholic Priesthood.
Dates: Nov. 8 & 22; Dec. 6 & 13; Jan. 17 & 31; Feb. 14 & 28; March 13; April 3 & 17
Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Rectory
Features: Reflection and vespers. No reservation necessary, just come along.
Contact: Your Catholic Campus Minister or Father Howard Venette, pastor @stmaryspatrick.net, 315-265-9680; Father Douglas Lucia, frdougl@twcny.rr.com or Father Bryan Stitt, bstitt@rcdony.org

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING
Ogdensburg – Youth Ministry Training weekend to be held.
Date: Nov. 6- 8
Place: Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg
Features: There is still room in the Youth Ministry Training Weekend for anyone interested in becoming involved in Youth Ministry in the diocese.
Contact: Vicky Lalonde 315-393-2920 ext. 1411. You can register at www.rc-dony.org/ymtraining

Father Shurtleff,
Thank you for all you do for
Notre Dame Parish.
Deacon Mark & Vicky Lalonde

Father Scott,
Thank you for all
you do.
You're awesome.
Cecile Filion