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Pope: abandoning elderly is a sin

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Seeing the elderly only as a burden "is ugly. It's a sin," Pope Francis said at his weekly general audience.

"We must reawaken our collective sense of gratitude, appreciation and hospitality, helping the elderly know they are a living part of their communities" and sources of wisdom for the younger gen-

erations, the 78-year-old pope said March 4 at his weekly general audience.

Continuing a series of audience talks about the family, Pope Francis said he would dedicate two talks to the elderly, looking at how they are treated in modern societies and at their vocation within the family.

"An elderly person is not

an alien," he said. "The elderly person is us. Soon, or many years from now -- inevitably anyway -- we will be old, even if we don't think about it.

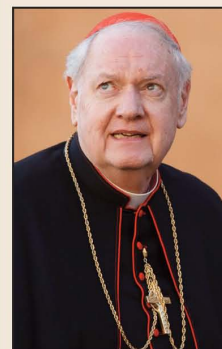
"If we do not learn to treat the elderly well," the pope said, "we won't be treated well either" when the time comes.

In a talk punctuated with

references to his own family life, his grandmother and his experience visiting homes for the elderly in Buenos Aires, Pope Francis said even Christians are being influenced by cultures so focused on production and profit, that the biblical exhortations to respect the aged and draw upon their wisdom are being ignored.

REST IN PEACE, CARDINAL EGAN

A 'true friend of the Diocese of Ogdensburg'



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Upon learning of the death of Cardinal Edward Egan March 5, Bishop Terry R. LaValley issued a message of condolences from the Diocese of Ogdensburg. "It is with profound sadness that we have learned of the unexpected death of Edward Cardinal Egan," Bishop LaValley said. "Cardinal Egan was a true friend of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He enjoyed his visits to the North Country and cared very much for the welfare of this local Church. I recall with special fondness his presence at my Ordination and Installation as the Fourteenth Bishop of Ogdensburg." See page 11 for the full statement as well as an obituary for the cardinal.

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College students on Lenten retreat

College students from across the diocese gathered at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg Feb. 20-22 for a Lenten retreat.

Amanda Miner, director of campus ministry in Canton said, said, "The retreat was meant to be a time of rest and refueling for the students during Lent. Retreats like these give students the tools to live their faith on secular college campuses."

Bishop LaValley celebrated Mass and six priests of the diocese were on hand to assist at different points during the Weekend.

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Catholics in the North Country invited to 'Help Jesus in Disguise,' Peter's Pence appeal also set

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AT THE RITE OF ELECTION



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with catechumens and candidates from St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh at the conclusion of the Rite of Election held March 1 at St. Mary's Cathedral. In front, from left are Evan Davis, a candidate; Bishop LaValley and Vicki and Mike Moore, candidates. In back are, Jordan Stewart, candidate; Msgr Dennis J. Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's; and Scott Tinker, a catechumen. More photos from the ceremony are on page 5.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Christ-led, Christ-fed, hope-filled

Four times a year, members of the diocesan staff gather at Wadhams Hall with Bishop LaValley to talk about the work of each of our offices.

While there's always an opportunity to tout one's horn about a particular accomplishment, the real purpose is to make sure we're all working *together* to build up the Body of Christ in the North Country.

This is especially true this year as our efforts are laser-focused on the priorities

and goals of our diocesan vision. In advance of our most recent meeting March 5, department heads were given a very specific task: explain how your activities and work are responding to each diocesan priority and goal.



Mary Lou Killian

I'm sure the bishop was gratified to hear all the answers!

It's been almost a year since Bishop LaValley proclaimed the "Christ-led, Christ-fed, hope-filled" diocesan vision at the 2014 Chrism Mass.

As we look ahead to this year's Chrism Mass (March 26 at St. Mary's Cathedral), Catholics in the diocese can take heart that significant strides have been made in accomplishing the priorities he listed. Every diocesan department has taken responsibility in some way for "creating a culture of vocations," "strengthening faith formation in family life" and "building parishes with living stones."

Catholics across the diocese can also take heart that progress has been made in meeting the goals attached to these priorities.

Youth ministers have been identified, long range parish planning has begun and you're probably starting to hear invitations to volunteer for the *Find Your Home in Christ* census. The ground work for longer range goals is also well underway.

I, for one, am curious to hear how Bishop LaValley will keep the momentum going with his homily at this year's Chrism Mass. I would imagine that everyone who filled the pews last year, we'll want to be informed and inspired this year too.

See you on March 26!

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

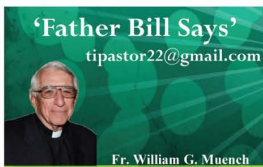
Lent: a time to discover the mercy of God

Our Church sends us an invitation for Lent to discover the mercy of God. God's mercy is great – Jesus teaches this to us in many ways throughout the Gospels.

Soon, on a Lenten Sunday, the Gospel reading will be Jesus' wonderful and familiar parable that we call the Parable of the Prodigal Son. I am certain that you remember the story. A man has two sons and the younger son asks for his share of his inheritance now. He then goes off, squanders the money and faces poverty. He then decides to return to his father's place and work as one of the servants. The surprise of the story – and there are usually surprises in Jesus' parable – is that the father sees him coming and, rather than becoming angry, races out to meet him and welcome him back with a celebration.

The father becomes an image of God the Father, demonstrating the wonderful mercy towards his son. Jesus seems to indicate that God's mercy is so great that he will always welcome us even if we stray.

There is a second part to the story. The older son hears the celebration and becomes annoyed and angry and refuses to take part. The Father – again



an image of God the Father – goes out to calm him. This is another powerful demonstration of God's great mercy in this wonderful parable.

During Lent, our Church wants to lead us to a deeper recognition of the great mercy of our God. I would like to share another image of this mercy through the writings of Catherine Doherty. "It came to me that Lent is a sort of a sea of God's mercy. In my imagination, it was warm and quiet and inviting for us to swim in. If we did, we would be not only refreshed but cleansed, for God mercy cleanses as nothing else does. ("Seasons of Mercy" by Catherine Doherty)

Lent is an invitation to a time of conversion. We can be better than we are. There are some changes we must make and Lent is the perfect time for that task.

Lent, that special time of prayer and acts of mortification, is about doing something so that we come to Easter as a

new person.

Using Catherine's image, I must dive into the sea of God's mercy becoming immersed in God's love and forgiveness. When I recognize God's mercy, I will truly become that new person and become a merciful person myself.

Catherine Doherty adds this: "There by that sea I stand and think. If I seek mercy, I have to dish out mercy. I have to be merciful to others. What does it mean to be merciful to others? It means to open my own heart, like a little sea, for people to swim in." ("Seasons of Mercy" by Catherine Doherty)

In the Gospel reading from Luke on a recent Lenten day, Jesus challenges us all: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Then Jesus in this same reading goes on to show us the way. "Stop judging and you will not be judged," Jesus said. "Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Can you imagine if Lent could do that for you and me? By sending time in Lenten prayer and doing something to draw closer to the Lord I could be truly changed so that I would stop being such a judgmental person. What a differ-

ent person I would be, free from being such a narrow, nasty judgmental person.

Can you imagine if Lent could change me from being so condemning? Can you imagine if Lent could form me into a forgiving and caring person? Now that would be a very successful Lent. I would truly become that merciful person like my God.

In his recent book, entitled "Mercy" – Cardinal Walter Kasper writes about Pope John XXIII – "His spiritual diary contains many profound reflection concerning God's mercy. For him, mercy is the beautiful name and the most beautiful way to address God."

Cardinal Kasper quotes Pope John's opening talk for the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962. He said this to the gathered Bishops from all over the world: "the point of this Council is not only to repeat the traditional teaching of the Church. The Church's teaching is well-known and stands firm. The Church has opposed the errors of every age. Frequently she has condemned them with the greatest severity. Nowadays, however, the spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than of severity."

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Diocesan public advocacy efforts

As many of you know, the Bishops of New York State, in collaboration with the New York State Catholic Conference, are restructuring our Catholic public policy/advocacy efforts. (See story below)

For several years, many of our parishioners have faithfully attended the annual Catholics at the Capital Day in Albany. This year that event did not take



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

place. Instead, education and advocacy efforts will focus within the local dioceses.

The Bishops have set the legislative priorities for 2015. The identified issues can be found on the New York Catholic Conference website: (www.nyscatholic.org).

I encourage you to visit this website. Besides learning about the important issues, you will, also, find the icon for the Catholic Action Network.

This is an online advocacy opportunity.

I encourage you to raise your voice in support of the issues on the Bishops' legislative agenda. If you haven't already, sign up to the action network.

Join thousands of Catholics from around the State in working for public policies that respect the sanctity and dignity of human life, support families and work for the common good.

Father Kevin O'Brien, Moderator of the Curia, is heading an organizing team that

will determine how to best coordinate our Diocesan efforts of education and advocacy in the public policy arena.

We will keep everyone informed about the team's progress through parish announcements, communication from the Diocesan Departments, the social media and the *North Country Catholic*.

As followers of Christ, we are called to create compassionate and just communi-

ties on the local, national and international levels. With faithfulness to the teachings of the Catholic Church, we raise our informed voices in the public forum.

Thank you for your advocacy efforts in the past.

We look forward to continuing our dialogue with legislators and being the Living Stones that make our parishes vibrant families of faith that witness to what we say we believe.

Bishops of NYS to take multi-pronged approach to public policy initiatives

ALBANY - In recognition of the changing nature of public policy advocacy and communication, and in an effort to use the Church's resources in these areas most effectively, the Bishops of New York State have determined that the *Catholics at the Capitol* lobby day in Albany will not be held this year and is not likely to be held in subsequent years.

Instead a multi-pronged approach to advocacy with the state legislature will be developed, some of which will be implemented in the 2015 session.

"This new approach is expected to include a more segmented, targeted approach to advocacy, so that we have the right people in Albany, advocating for the right issues at the right time," said Richard E. Barnes, executive director of the New York State Catholic Conference.

He noted for example, in February both the New York State Council of Catholic Charities Directors and the Catholic School Superintendents held advocacy events at

the Capitol and regionally.

These events brought leadership from numerous Catholic Charities agencies and schools offices across the state to lobby on human services and education funding issues as the state budget is being negotiated.

In place of *Catholics at the Capitol Day* in Albany

"In recent years, in this era of on-time state budgets, the March Catholics at the Capitol event would often occur after a budget framework had already been agreed upon, leaving our voice in regard to funding largely muted," Barnes said.

Similarly, life and family issues typically come to a head at the end of session in June. So the Conference will be prepared to work independently and with its partners and allies to arrange advocacy days on an ad hoc basis in order to maximize impact, as was done successfully in 2013 when Gov. Cuomo proposed his abortion expan-

sion bill.

In addition to advocacy events at the Capitol throughout the year, the new approach will include advocacy initiatives in the local dioceses and a continued emphasis on building the Conference's already-robust Catholic Action Network and social media presence.

"The Catholic Conference has been holding the Catholics at the Capitol day (formerly known as the Public Policy Forum) since the mid-1980s, with a largely unchanged format and focus," Barnes said. "The Bishops strongly believe that the Church must recognize the changing times, and continue to evolve so best to meet the needs of poor and vulnerable New Yorkers through advocacy in the public square."

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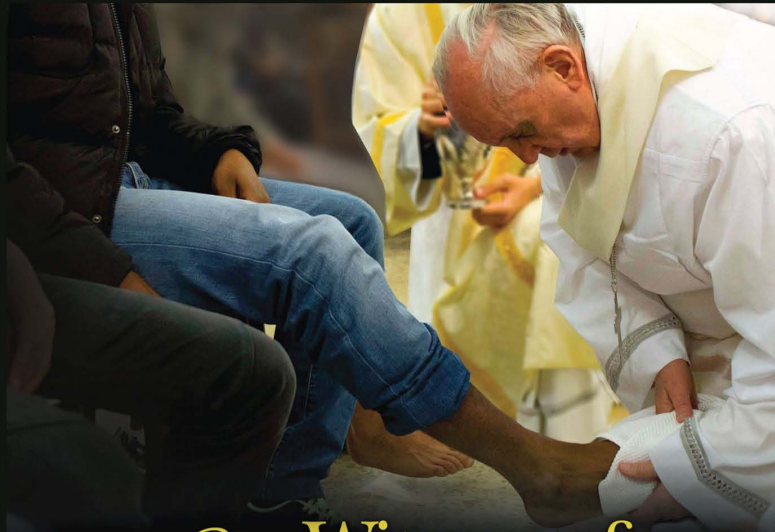
**Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
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for the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ on Thursday, March 26th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York.

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**COLLECTION WEEKEND:
MARCH 14 & 15**



PHOTO BY KEVIN MASTELLON

Bishop Terry R. LaValley spoke about immigration in a Feb. 25 speech to the Italian American Civic Association in Watertown.

Bishop cites local group as model

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN -- Bishop Terry R. LaValley turned to the Watertown New York Italian community to promote peaceful coexistence and a non-judgmental approach to immigration in a speech February 25 at the Italian American Civic Association.

"You have much to teach our communities, our country indeed our world when it comes to integrating people from one culture to another while allowing it to maintain its proud heritage," the bishop told the audience.

Noting the roadblocks to acceptance Italian, Polish, French and Irish immigrants in particular had when coming to the United States at the turn of the last century Bishop LaValley said it was "these societal and governmental attitudes that led to the establishment of many Catholic schools and Catholic hospitals."

"In some parts of our world today," the bishop continued, "we have more than roadblocks but the outright heinous murdering of innocent people by ruthless savages who refuse to allow any integration of peoples whose

faith is different from their own manufactured so-called religions.. And closer to home," he continued, "the whole current question of immigrant status relates to tolerance on another level."

Bishop LaValley was invited by the Association to speak at one of the events marking the IACA's 75th anniversary in the Watertown community.

The Association's club rooms are located only a few hundred feet from St. Anthony's Church in Watertown, a parish which boasts its strong Italian heritage and membership.

"Your strong Catholic faith," Bishop LaValley said, "which is an identifying feature of your proud Italian heritage is witnessed through hard work and support of your faith family; strengthening families, supporting your community, celebrating your faith and embracing your Italian heritage."

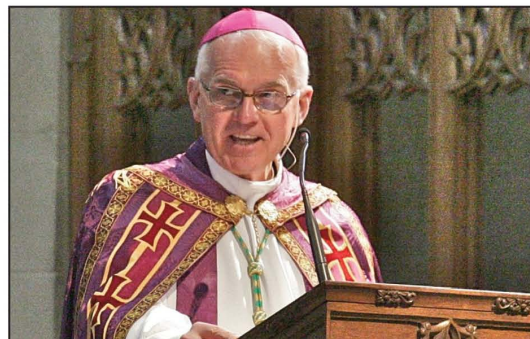
"What a gift," he said. "It almost makes your Bishop an Italian wanna-be."

Bishop LaValley also spoke of the importance of civic organizations and lamented the trend away from associations dedicated to community involvement.

MARCH 1 AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

AT THE RITE OF ELECTION

And Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates



"Thank you for coming to our St. Mary's Cathedral this afternoon to be counted among the elect," Bishop LaValley in his homily for the March 1 Rite of Election. "Your presence this day brings such joy to all of us."



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE
Alex Pinkerton signs the Book of the Elect as her sponsor John Pinkerton looks on. Alex will receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation - at the Easter Vigil at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.



Bishop LaValley took time to speak with each of the catechumens, candidates and their sponsors during the Rite.



Deacon Patrick Donahue of the diocesan Department of Faith Formation invites RCIA directors from across the diocese to introduce the catechumens.



Anita Soltero, director of religious education at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh, reads from the scriptures during the ceremony.

Catholic Charities accepting CCHD applications

OGDENSBURG - Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development local grant process for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The criteria to be used for submitting a proposal is:

1. Project must be aimed at alleviating the causes of poverty.
2. Project must be a new initiative or an enhancement of an established project.
3. Sponsoring group must be a non-profit, 501c3 organization.
4. Project must have the potential to be funded after the CCHD funds have been expended.
5. Projects must be consis-

tent with the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. (Applicants do not have to be Catholic.)

This year two grants for \$4,000 each are available. Applications can be requested from Catholic Charities by mail, phone or e-mail.

If you have any questions or to receive an application, please write to: Catholic Charities, 6866 State Hgwy. 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, or call: (315)393-2255; or e-mail your request and mailing address to: ccdirect@wad-hams.edu

Grant applications are due by May 20. Grants will be awarded by the end of June.

Bishop's Schedule

March 11 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

March 12 – 11 a.m., Council of Priests Meeting at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay

March 13 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 14 – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 15 – 10:30 a.m., Mass at Church of the Holy Angels in Altona

March 17 – 2 p.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Spratt Conf. Room in Ogdensburg

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming programs:
March 20 - 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point

Rest in Peace

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

March 11 – Msgr. Edmund Charles M. J. DePauw, 1911

March 12 – Rev. Joseph L. Sticklemyer, 1984

March 13 – Rev. James Keveny, 1880; Rev. Ferdinand J. Ouelette, 1929; Rev. Joseph A. Bachand, 1950

March 14 – Msgr. Maurice John Bellamy, 1958; Msgr. Edgar A. Gallagher, 1961; Rev. John Quinn, M.S.C., 1962; Rev. Joseph E. Turcotte, O.M.I., 1980; Rev. Edward C. Rivette, 1981; Rev. Timothy J. Soucy, 2009

March 15 – Rev. Charles J. McMorrow, 1898; Rev. Howard G. Goiser, 1984

March 16 – Rev. William A. MacDermott, 1913; Msgr. Noel V. Zimmerman, 1994

March 17 – Rev. Michael Froc, O.M.I., 1905; Rev. Francis X. Parisian, 1955

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483-3261; or Father James Seymour,
the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-
393-2920, ext. 1340

Environmental Stewardship

Beyond the Supermarket: You are what you eat

By Yvona Fast

Diocesan Faith and Ecology Group

In the Bible, Jesus multiplied loaves and fishes. Today, our food choices are limitless. We can eat out or cook in. We can get 'take out' or buy pre-prepared, fully cooked TV dinners that we just heat in the microwave. Our foods come from around the world – from China, from Mexico, from California.

But how do my food choices affect the environment?

Eating in instead of out and planning my meals saves money, reduces waste and conserves energy. Whole, fresh, unaltered foods have more flavor and nutrients than their processed, packaged cousins, which are stripped of natural vitamins and contain added chemicals. I buy in bulk to reduce packaging, and store food in reusable containers rather than disposables.

I can choose local, seasonal, sustainably produced foods. Foods that are locally grown support the local economy and decrease the amount of fuel required for transport. Today, 20 percent of America's petroleum output goes toward transporting food around the country. The average supermarket food item traveled 1,500 miles from source to table. Buying locally produced food reduces my carbon footprint, produces less greenhouse gas and helps stop global warming. Do I really need apples from New Zealand when perfectly good apples grow in the Champlain Valley? Locally grown food is fresher and tastes better because it is picked ripe, rather than expected to ripen during shipment.

I have learned to be aware of how my food choices affect the environment. You are what you eat – so make natural, wholesome, healthy food choices.


Author of the award-winning cookbook Garden Gourmet: Fresh & Fabulous Meals from your Garden, CSA or Farmers' Market, Yvona Fast lives in Lake Clear and has two passions: cooking and writing. She can be reached at www.wordsaremyworld.com.

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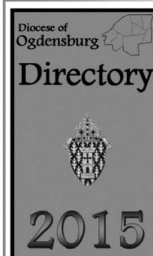
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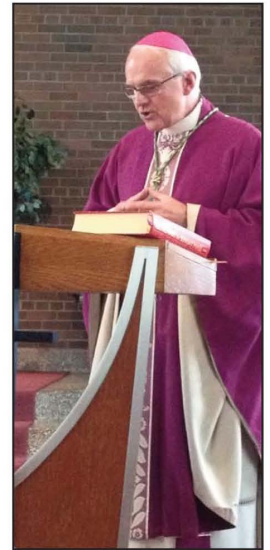
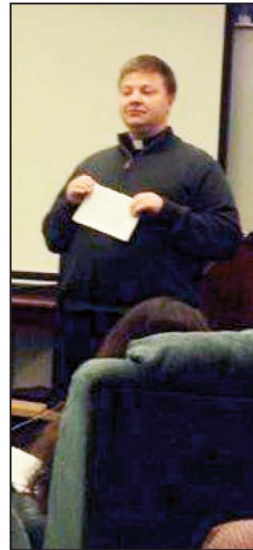
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College students from St. Lawrence University in Canton, Clarkson University in Potsdam, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Canton, SUNY Plattsburgh and Jefferson Community College in Watertown gathered at Wadhams Hall



in Ogdensburg Feb. 20-22 for a campus ministry Lenten retreat. The group is shown at left in Wadhams chapel. Father Thomas Higman, parochial vicar of St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, middle, led one of the workshops and Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated Mass on Saturday evening.

Collegians on retreat

By Amanda Miner
Staff writer

OGDENSBURG — Chamil Perera, a student at Clarkson University in Potsdam, was one of 20 college students from campuses across the North Country who gathered at Wadhams Hall Feb. 20-22 for a Lenten retreat.

He told the *North Country Catholic* that the theme of the retreat, "I will give you a new heart" (Ezekiel 26:36.) captured his experience perfectly.

"Indeed I felt Jesus touching my heart and renewing my spirit to engage with Him with more prayer and to serve Him by sharing His love with my brothers and sisters in college," he said.

"It was a wonderful experience to see my friends again from the fall retreat 2014 and get to know new faces from St. Lawrence and SUNY Canton," Chamil said.

Students also came to Wadhams Hall from SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Plattsburgh and Jefferson Community Col-

lege in Watertown.

As the weekend opened with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession, the students were able to spend time with many diocesan priests, including Fathers Thomas Higman, Scott Belina, Bryan Stitt, Mark Reilly, Douglas Lucia and Msgr. Robert Aucoin.

Saturday's schedule included workshops on Courage and the Saints, How to Improve Your Prayer Life, and New Age Trends & The Occult.

Kristen Skovan, SUNY Potsdam, said that she particularly enjoyed the workshop presented by Father Higman who broke down the meaning of fortitude and presented St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Gianna Molla as examples of moral courage.

The priest then shared some very modern examples of courage to help the students relate. Students read letters from James Foley and Kayla Mueller, who were recently captured and killed by ISIS. They worked in small groups to find examples of

fortitude in their words.

Ms. Skovan said, "I found the talks on this retreat inspiring. My faith was strengthened through discussions on courage and vulnerability.

My favorite part of the retreat was getting to experience being closer to God with people my age who I could relate to

"However," she said, "my heart changed the most through fellowship with the other students, who inspired me to be courageously vulnerable."

The retreat was meant to be a time of rest and refueling for the students during Lent. Retreats like these give students the tools to live their faith on secular college campuses.

Nikki Zeitzmann, SUNY Canton, said, "I go on the retreats for more spiritual guidance through my busy college schedule. I have a

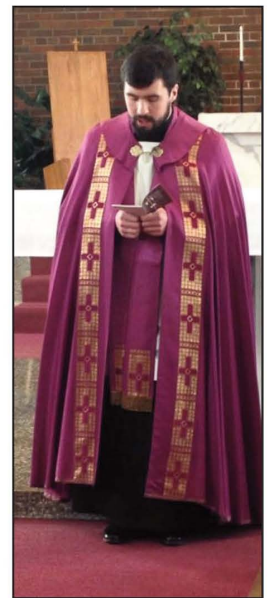
good relationship with God but it can always be improved.

"My favorite part of the retreat was getting to experience being closer to God with people my age who I could relate to," she said. "So many times we get wrapped up in our own world, sometimes it's nice to step aside for a weekend and give a thank you back to Him."

The students were each assigned a saint to "adopt" during Lent. They also received holy water after confession to bring back to their dorms and, after learning about spiritual warfare, they each were given Miraculous Medals on chains.

Bishop Terry LaValley celebrated Mass on Saturday evening of the retreat and then spent some time with the students during dinner.

Other highlights included Stations of the Cross led by Father Belina, a talk on confession by Father Stitt, a discussion about adoration led by Msgr. Aucoin and a viewing of the movie "The Giver," followed by discussion.



father Scott Belina, parochial vicar at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, was one of six diocesan priests who assisted at the retreat. He led the Stations of the Cross for the college students.

YOUNG ESSAYISTS HONORED



Grand Knight William Stowell of the Knight of Columbus Council 7364 of Adams and Father Martin Cline, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, are shown as they present awards to Matthew Sullivan, Michelle Kellar, and Abigail Hulbert for their winning essays. This past fall the council held a Catholic essay contest which was open to all Catholic Students in public and parochial schools in grades eight through 12. The theme of the essay this year was "The Importance Of Religious Freedom." Stowell said that "the contest opened the doors of young minds, enabling them to be creative, thoughtful and able to defend their Catholic beliefs." The council awarded Matthew Sullivan first place in the ninth grade level, Abigail Hulbert, first place in the eighth grade level and Michelle Kellar, second place in the eighth grade level. The first place winning essays will be sent on to compete at the state level.

YOUNG PRIESTS WELCOMED



The Program for the Ongoing Formation of Newly-Ordained Priests recently resumed its activities with a presentation by Bishop LaValley March 4. Pictured at the Bishop's residence, from left, are Fathers Tojo Chacko, Scott Belina, Justin Thomas, Howard Venette (director), Thomas Higman, and Bishop LaValley.

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Funeral held for Sr. Rosalie Tapley

LAKE PLACID— A Mass of Christian Burial for Mercy Sister Mary Rosalie Tapley, age 82, was held March 4 at in the Reiss Memorial Chapel in Uihlein Living Center.

She died March 1 at Mercy Center, Dallas, Pennsylvania, where she had been a resident since 2008. Burial will be in the spring at St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Tupper Lake.

Sister Rosalie was born June 22, 1932 in Watertown, the daughter of Francis and Rosalie (Welch) Tapley. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Tarrytown, New York, Feb. 1, 1951 and after profession she became a Certified Practical Nurse and received a BS in Nursing at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry in 1971.

Her nursing career took her to Sanatorium Gabriels, The Sisters Infirmary, St. Francis Hospital in Port Jarvis, Mercy Hospital Watertown and Upstate Medical Center and Loretto Geriatric Center both in the Syracuse area.

In 1977 she relocated to St. Margaret Convent, Lake Placid, and for a time was a nurse at Uihlein Mercy Center.

Sister Rosalie is survived by her brother Paul and his wife Leilani, a niece and nephew and a sister-in law Mary Tapley. She was predeceased by her parents and one brother Robert.

Online condolences may be shared at www.mbclarkfuneralhome.com

‘SOUP’ER SERVICE



While some people may have been disappointed about how this year's Super Bowl played out, Trinity Catholic students are proud to say they donated over 2000 cans and boxes of non-perishable foods to the local Massena food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul. The TCS "Soup'er Bowl" is a way students give back every year to their community and learn the value of charity and service to others. Pictured here are kindergarten teacher Loralee Marsh, Anthony Bolia, Liam Drake, Caroline Cromie and SVDP representatives, Phil Ashley and Deacon Tom Proulx.

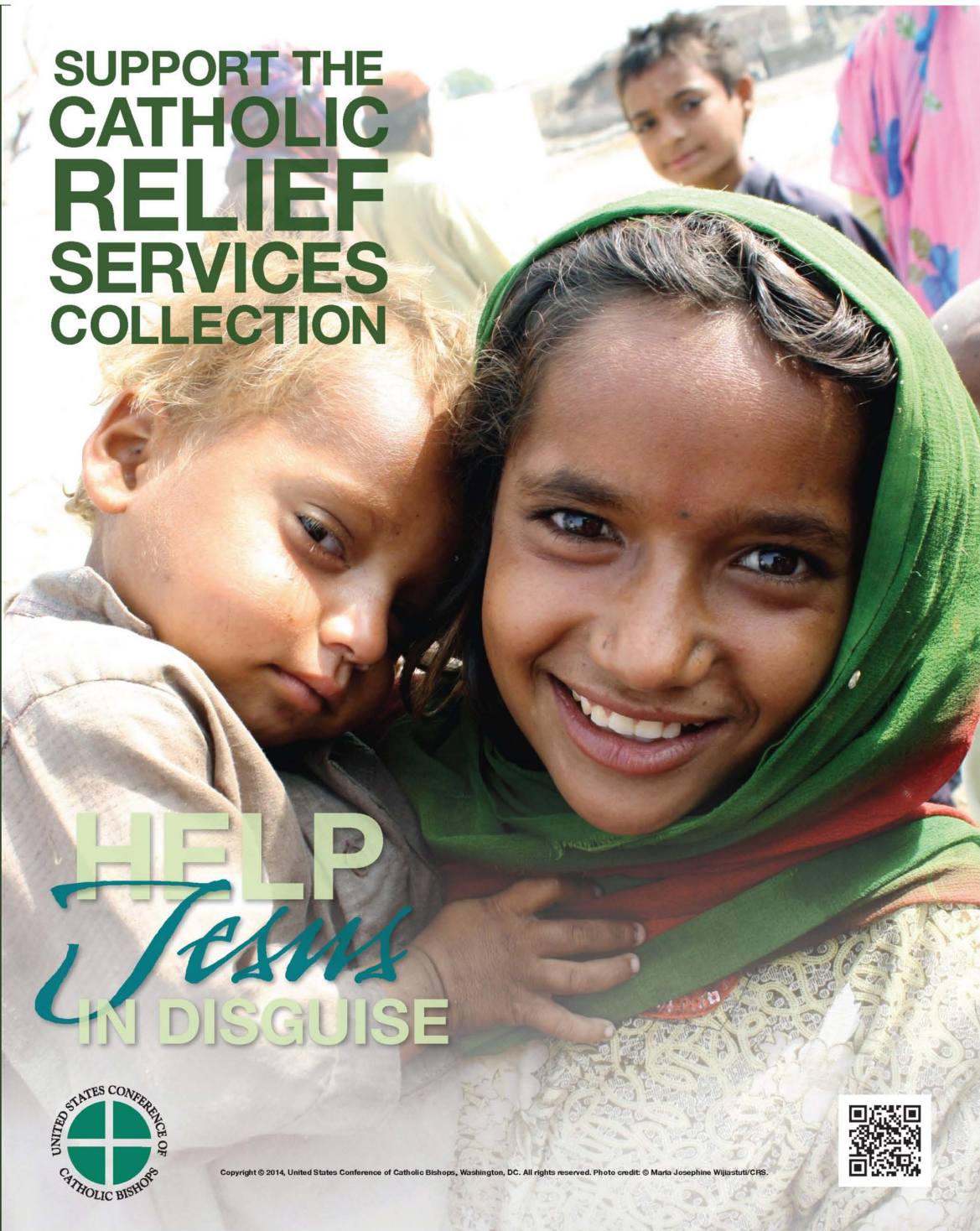
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People of faith urged to make home 'the way you want the world to look'

In pursuit of religious liberty

By Nate Madden
Catholic News Service

FORT WASHINGTON, MD. (CNS) — The discussion on religious liberty is not the purview of a single denomination or faith tradition, but one that affects every U.S. citizen, said speakers on a panel looking at the issue.

And one key to thwarting state encroachments upon free exercise of religion is religious exercise itself, said panelist Tony Perkins, who is president and CEO of the Family Research Council.

"You make your home the way you want the world to look," he said Feb. 28. "People say, 'They won't allow prayer in school anymore,' then pray with your kids at home. They don't allow the Ten Commandments in the courthouse anymore, but where are they in your home? That's where it begins, but it shouldn't be restricted to that."

The panel discussion took place during the Conservative Political Action Conference, held at a convention center in a Maryland suburb of Washington.

Moderated by syndicated

columnist Cal Thomas, the panel also included radio talk show host Dana Loesch and U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas.

The discussion covered topics from religious expression in schools and the workplace, economic disenfranchisement of those who espouse church teaching in the public square and nonreligious implications for threats to religious liberty in the United States.

Thomas cited the examples of a couple of bakers, a photographer and a florist who were sued, and in a couple of cases had to close their businesses, because they refused for religious reasons to provide their services to same-sex couples planning their wedding.

He also mentioned the federal mandate that most religious employers provide contraceptives even if they object to such coverage on moral grounds and what he described as "legions of Christian students" in public schools not allowed to invoke Christ's name in speeches because they were told that it "violated the Constitution."

"Had they used the name as a curse word, that same

First Amendment presumably would have protected their right to do so," he added.

'They won't allow prayer in school anymore,' then pray with your kids at home. They don't allow the Ten Commandments in the courthouse anymore, but where are they in your house?'

Tony Perkins, president and CEO of the Family Research Council

"I'm not sure if religious liberty even exists anymore," said Loesch, who recalled that as child, she and her elementary school classmates had to have signed permission slips to sing Christmas carols in a school play.

Loesch also stressed the responsibility of "living by example" that she said people of faith have.

"The biggest threat to religion (in the United States) is apathy," she explained. "We as people of faith need to lead better by example, and to be more active in the community. Christians have always led in this regard ... but

I feel that over the past 10 to 15 years there's been a great deal of apathy in the church."

Perkins agreed, saying Americans "have lost religious freedom in this country because we have refused to exercise our religious freedom."

Americans who are people of faith have failed to follow the mantra that "if you see something, say something," and that silence has led to a loss of religious freedom.

He cited a recent Rasmussen poll in which that 82 percent of the respondents said they believe that Americans should not have to "quarantine their faith within the four walls of a church."

Noting the much-anticipated oral arguments in four same-sex marriage cases the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear, Perkins said the same poll also showed that 61 percent of Americans believe that the court should not "impose same-sex marriage on the entire nation."

"If the court does try to impose this on the whole nation, it won't solve the issue," said Perkins. "Rather, I think it will lure us into one of the most tumultuous cultural times this nation has ever seen."

Loesch argued that "it's time to make Christians a protected class."

"You have group A who is offended if you worship Jesus, you've got group B who is offended if you want to hand out a Bible, and a mentality that says you have a right to get litigious if you get offended," she said.

"It is not fair and it is not equal that, in order to accommodate someone else, that you must be deprived of a right," she said.

Thomas asked her, "If you are living a life that would be pleasing to (God), shouldn't you expect to be persecuted?" Loesch responded, "I think so and I think it's a badge of honor."

Perkins urged both believers and nonbelievers to coalesce on the issue.

"Whether you're religious or nonreligious, religious freedom is the freedom upon which all other freedoms hinge," he said, "and the future of our country is only as bright as our religious freedom is."

Added Loesch, "You don't have to be a Christian to be affected by a loss of religious liberty ... because if one freedom can be taken away, all of them can be taken away."

Papal response to God's 'exaggerated' pardon

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When the Bible says, "though your sins be like scarlet" God will make them "white as snow," it exaggerates, just like God exaggerates in his willingness to forgive people, Pope Francis said.

"The Lord forgives generously," the pope said March 3 during his early morning Mass. God never says, "I will forgive you just this much, then we'll see about the rest."

No. The Lord always forgives everything."

"The Lord exaggerates. But it is the truth," the pope said at the Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

The Lenten call to conversion is a call to seek God's forgiveness and demonstrate sincerity by acts of charity and works of justice, Pope Francis said.

"How can I convert?" one could ask, he said. The prophet Isaiah responded by telling people, "Learn to do good."

"The dirt on your heart isn't washed away like a stain" on clothes, like "going into the drycleaners and coming out clean," the pope said.

As the day's first reading, Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, makes clear, the stains of sin are removed "by doing, by taking a different path, another road instead of that of evil."

"And how do I do good? It's easy," he said. Isaiah sums it up as, "Make justice your aim: Redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow."

Adding "the abandoned elderly" and children without access to school to the list, Pope Francis said that when one goes out to heal the "wounds of humanity where there is so much pain," then "you will cleanse your heart."

Turning to the day's Gospel reading, Matthew 23:1-12, the pope said Jesus warned his disciples -- and he warns people today -- about the hypocrisy of "saying the right things, but doing the opposite."

"All of us are clever," he said, and have the ability to

find a way to "seem more virtuous than we are: It's the path of hypocrisy."

Hypocrites, he said, "pretend to convert," but their hearts do not belong to God. "They belong to the father of all lies, Satan. This is fake holiness. Jesus prefers sinners to those people a thousand times over."

Repentant sinners may be sinners, he said, but at least they are honest about it.

With Simon Peter they say, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," Pope Francis said.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Notre Dame's Father Hesburgh laid to rest with grand memorial

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) -- Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh frequently told friends and colleagues that his greatest ambition was to be a humble servant to God. When those same friends and colleagues joined thousands of admirers from across the U.S. at the University of Notre Dame to pay tribute to the longest-serving president of the nation's most recognized Catholic school during two days of funeral and memorial services ending March 4, they recalled a man whose impact on the world was as great as that of a world leader. A former U.S. president, a former U.S. secretary of state, politicians, cardinals, bishops and clergy joined Notre Dame officials, students and faculty in campus-wide tributes, processions and liturgical services as the world-renowned priest was laid to rest. Before Father Ted, as he was affectionately called, died Feb. 26 at the age of 97, he requested a simple funeral that would be characteristic for priests in his religious community, said Dennis K. Brown, spokesman for Notre Dame. The Congregation of Holy Cross kept the services in line with what is customary for other priests, but Father Hesburgh's world stature was much larger than most clergy and interest in paying last respects has been enormous, Brown said.

Four national Catholic publications call for ending the death penalty

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Four nationally circulated Catholic publications called for abolishing the death penalty in the United States in a jointly published editorial. America, National Catholic Register, National Catholic Reporter and Our Sunday Visitor urged their readers, the U.S. Catholic community and people of faith to "stand with us and say, 'Capital punishment must end,'" the editorial stated. The editorial was published online March 5 by each publication and was to appear in the printed versions of each journal in the coming weeks. Dennis Coday, editor of National Catholic Reporter, said the effort evolved after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed in January to hear arguments in an Oklahoma death penalty case. The case, *Glossip v. Gross*, involves the use of a lethal-injection protocol widely used across the country that resulted in three botched executions in 2014. The Supreme Court is expected to decide the constitutionality of lethal-injection executions in Oklahoma by the end of its term in June. "Our hope is that (the court) will hasten the end of the death penalty in the United States," the editorial said.

Pope plans to canonize St. Therese's parents during family synod

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis is expected to canonize Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, during the world Synod of Bishops on the family in October. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, leading a conference Feb. 27 on the role of saints in the life of the church, announced that "thanks be to God, in October two spouses, parents of Saint Therese of Lisieux, will be canonized." Blessed Louis and Marie Zélie Guerin Martin were married in 1858. The couple had nine children, but four of them died in infancy. The five who survived -- including St. Therese -- all entered religious life. Zélie Martin died of cancer in 1877, at the age of 45; her husband died when he was 70 in 1894. The couple was beatified in 2008. They are believed to be the first parents of a saint to be beatified, highlighting the important role parents play in their children's human and spiritual upbringing.

Cardinal Edward M. Egan, retired archbishop of New York, dies at age 82

NEW YORK (CNS) - Cardinal Edward M. Egan, who retired as archbishop of New York in 2009, died March 5. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was 82.

After collapsing at his residence that afternoon, he was taken to NYU Langone Medical Center, where doctors pronounced him dead at 2:20 p.m.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York told Catholics of the archdiocese he was saddened to tell them "our beloved" Cardinal Egan "has gone home to the Lord."

"Join me, please, in thanking God for his life, especially his generous and faithful priesthood. Pray as well that the powerful mercy of Jesus, in which our cardinal had such trust, has ushered him into heaven," said Cardinal Dolan, who succeeded Cardinal Egan.

"My sympathy to his natural family, who will grieve for their uncle, and to you, his spiritual family here in the Archdiocese of New York," he added.

In a telegram to Cardinal Dolan, Pope Francis offered his heartfelt condolences.

"I join you in commending the late cardinal's noble soul to God, the father of mercies," the pope said, "with gratitude for his years of episcopal ministry among Christ's flock in Bridgeport (Connecticut) and New York, his distinguished service to the Apostolic See, and his expert contribution to the revision of the church's law in the years following the Second Vatican Council."

A former auxiliary bishop of New York, then-Bishop Egan was named to head the Diocese of Bridgeport in 1988 and was appointed as archbishop of New York in 2000. He was named a cardinal in 2001.

In retirement, Cardinal Egan assisted in the works of the New York Archdiocese.

For the Vatican, he served on the Council of Cardinals for the Study of the Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See for five years and participated in the 2005 conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI.

With his death, the College of Cardinals now has 226 members, 125 of whom are under 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

At the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Egan was a current member of the Committee on Migration and a consultant to the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, as well as a member of the board of bishops for the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Edward Michael Egan, the son of Thomas J. and Genevieve Costello Egan, was born April 2, 1932, in Oak Park, Illinois.

He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois; a licentiate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome; and a doctorate *summa cum laude* in canon law, also from the Gregorian.

He was ordained a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese Dec. 15, 1957, at the North American College, in a ceremony that also included J. Francis Stafford, another future cardinal. After further studies in Rome, he returned to Chicago in 1958 to serve as parochial vicar of Holy Name Cathedral Parish, assistant chancellor and secretary to Cardinal Albert G. Meyer.

Back in Rome for doctoral studies from 1960 to 1964, he also served as assistant vice rector of the North American College. Again in Chicago from 1965 to 1972, he was secretary to Cardinal John P. Cody, archdiocesan vice chancellor and co-chancellor for ecumenism and so-

From Bishop LaValley

It is with profound sadness that we have learned of the unexpected death of Edward Cardinal Egan. Cardinal Egan was a true friend of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He enjoyed his visits to the North Country and cared very much for the welfare of this local Church. I recall with special fondness his presence at my Ordination and Installation as the Fourteenth Bishop of Ogdensburg. His Eminence was a supportive and caring presence in my own life and in the life of the Catholic Church in New York State and the Church universal. To His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, to Cardinal Egan's family, and to the Auxiliary Bishops, Priests, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of New York, I extend my deepest sympathy and that of the Faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and assure them of our prayers for the repose of his soul and the consolation of those who mourn his loss. May he rest in peace! Amen.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

cial relations.

Named an auditor of the Roman Rota, the Vatican tribunal primarily responsible for hearing requests for marriage annulments, in November 1972, then-Father Egan also was a professor of civil and criminal procedure at the Studio Rotale and of canon law at the Gregorian; commissioner of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments; a consultant to the Vatican Congregation for Clergy.

Appointed an auxiliary bishop in New York April 1, 1985, he was transferred to Bridgeport Nov. 5, 1988, and named archbishop of New York May 11, 2000. He retired in May 2009 at age 77; canon law requires bishops to turn their resignation into the pope at age 75.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Ides of March: what should we worry about?

"Beware the Ides of March" prayer to surrender to the they warned Julius Caesar centuries ago.

It was the day of his death!

What should we be warned about on this Fourth Sunday?

Today marks the half-way point in our Lenten journey.

What have we done so far this Lent to allow the Lord to change and renew us?

If we have really conformed our hearts and our

prayer to surrender to the Lord's action in our lives, then the spirit of the liturgy today (Rejoice!) means something.

Centuries ago, catechumens to be baptized on Easter, were showered with roses on this day (so the celebrant at Mass wears rose vestments).

In the first reading today, we hear about the sinful laxity of the people in regards to temple worship and obser-

vance of the Law.

Princes, priests and people had all ridiculed the prophets' message of reform, so God is furious! He sends them in exile in Babylon for seventy years!

In today's responsorial psalm, they sit by the Euphrates river, longing for a "kuphar" (a boat) to carry them home to Jerusalem. "May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not..." they cry.

The Gospel from Luke today is a dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus.

We wonder about the ser-



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

READINGS

Second Chronicles 36:14-16

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

The serpent is evil and reminds them of their sins, so as they gaze, they humbly repent and are saved.

So too Jesus, when He is lifted high on the cross, carries in His own person, the sins of all humanity.

As Jesus says in that Gospel, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life..."

By gazing on Jesus on the Cross, we see what our evil has done, and we repent and are saved.

pent on the pole that Jesus refers to.

Why could the same serpent that fatally bit so many of them also be a means of healing when they look at it?

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OUR READERS WRITE

Healing the Grandparents

Grandparents are often directly impacted by an abortion loss, but rarely given consideration when we look at the complicated grief after abortion.

• They may have convinced their son or daughter that this was the best course of action and/or threatened rejection and abandonment if their daughter continued with the pregnancy.

• They may have tried but were unable to prevent the death of their grandchild (a traumatic loss) or only learned of the abortion after the event.

Grandparents need to hear a confirmation that they suffered the loss of a grandchild and, depending on their role in the event, may have some unresolved feelings of grief, guilt, and anger from

this loss.

Family secrets and these unspoken and powerful emotions can wreak havoc on family life.

If the abortion of their grandchild(ren) was experienced as a traumatic loss they may suffer depression, anxiety, sleep disturbance, addiction and other common symptoms of trauma.

While this is an event in the past, sometimes the distant past, it can be very much impacting their lives, their health and family relationships in the present as well as their relationship with God and the church.

In the Shockwaves Campaign grandparents of aborted children will learn about healing programs like Rachel's Vineyard where they are welcome to come and grieve and heal of this loss, as a family if possible, and resolve the conflicts that still exist in their relationships with their daughter or son who had the abortion. for more information:

<http://silentnomoreawareness.org/shockwaves/march/index.aspx>

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AT THE MOVIES

THE LAZARUS EFFECT

By Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

There's not much new explained about the hazards of tampering with nature in the second-rate horror exercise "The Lazarus Effect" (Relativity).

There's also little that's frightening.

Assisted by plucky videographer Eva (Sarah Bolger), four intrepid young medical researchers -- Frank (Mark Duplass), his fiancée, Zoe (Olivia Wilde), Clay (Evan Peters) and Niko (Donald Glover) -- have been developing a treatment to restore neural functions in coma patients. Their "Lazarus formula" combines serum injections with electrical shocks.

As the film opens, the quartet have already gotten carried away with the implications of their work, and are busily attempting to jolt life into dead animals.

They score a twofer by restoring a dog to the land of the living while also curing his cataracts. No one, in the manner of Colin Clive's Henry Frankenstein, announces, "It's alive!" Instead, Clay reflects, "This might work!"

The pooch isn't overjoyed with his jumper-cable "resurrection." The resulting overload of brain chemicals gets every single synapse clicking along so well that hallucinations -- and, inconveniently, telekinesis -- result.

Even attributed to a canine Carrie, this remains the most boring power in all of horror filmdom, since making lab equipment fly around will never rise above a cheap special effect.

How much longer until these overgrown Doogie Howsers try to revive a person? Not long.

Opportunity knocks when Zoe is accidentally electrocuted during the attempt to

revive another dog. Frank quickly rigs her up to the equipment, only to be startled when she bolts back into action.

Like the dog before her, Zoe 2.0 isn't quite right, and is soon chasing her pals around the lab while dealing with the childhood trauma of having started a fatal fire. The fright factor consists of Zoe popping out of the shadows when she's not reading minds or skittering down hallways.

Before her revivification, Zoe is revealed to be nominally Catholic. This means she reflects on her mortal soul after Frank teases her, "Two glasses of wine and the inner Catholic girl comes out."

As limned by director David Gelb and screenwriters Luke Dawson and Jeremy Slater, Zoe's bargain-basement theological exposition has little enough to do with the actual faith. She regards hell,



CNS PHOTO/RELATIVITY MEDIA

Sarah Bolger and Olivia Wilde star in a scene from the movie "The Lazarus Effect."

for instance, as a personal creation in which one keeps repeating a painful moment from life.

For better or worse, though, such musings zoom past before the movie gets down to the genuine business at hand -- to wit, an unconvincing portrayal of mayhem and death.

The film contains frequent action violence, some sexual banter and fleeting profanity and crude lan-

guage.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



ALSO PLAYING



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Vince Vaughn stars in a scene from the movie "Unfinished Business." 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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Margot Robbie and Will Smith star in a scene from the movie "Focus." The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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Plattsburgh – A retreat day to be held.
Date: March 14
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Place: 77 Brinkerhoff St. (former Regina Maria Retreat House)
Presenter: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ
Cost: Suggested donation, \$25
Features: "Lenten Journey" will focus on deepening our friendship with the Lord by exploring different ways of praying.
Contact: call: 315-212-6592 or email: sr-bethssj@gmail.com by March 11.

FASHION SHOW

Chazy – Join us for our "Spring into Fashion" Fashion Show.
Date: March 15
Time: 1 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Cost: \$5
Features: Fashions and accessories by Christopher and Banks and C.J. Banks. Refreshments and door prize, as well as discount coupons for attendees.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Champlain – St. Mary's Parish will be having a pancake breakfast.
Date: March 22
Time: 8 a.m. to Noon
Place: Champlain K of C hall
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$\$; under 5, Free

SCHOOL OF HEALING

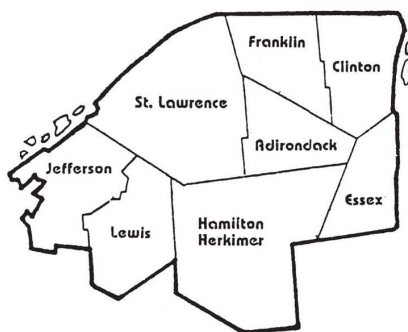
Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will have a special prayer training class.
Date: April 9-12
Cost: \$35 non-refundable fee due March 22
Features: Introduction to the Foundations of Healing, History of Healing in the Church, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and practical experience prayer ministry Rooms available for overnight guests. Commuters welcomed.
Contact: olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594.3253

FISH FRY

Chazy – Sacred Heart Parish to have their annual all you can eat fish fry.
Date: March 13
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30
Place: Parish Center
Cost: Take-outs and Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$5

ST. PADDY'S DAY DINNER

Peru – St. Augustine's parish to have St. Paddy's Day dinner.



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Date: March 14
Time: 3 p.m. to 6
Place: Parish center
Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 4-12, \$4; 3 and under, Free
Menu: Traditional Corned beef or Ham, cabbage and "all the trimmings", various desserts, beverages (adult fare entitles those 21+ to a small "adult" beverage of either Guinness or Bailey's)
Features: Take-outs available. Traditional Irish music by Elisabeth Churchill and George Schnob. Irish dancers, 50/50 Raffle and Green Basket Raffle (1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00). The income generated from this event will be used to further the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Saint Monica #2598 of St. Augustine's Parish mission of charity

WEEKDAY LENTEN ADORATION

Plattsburgh – This year St. Peter's Church will offer Lenten weekday adoration.
Schedule: Mon. and Tues. after 7 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.
Place: St. Frere Andre's Chapel
Features: Adoration will end with Benediction at 7 p.m. on Tues. of Holy Week.
Contact: To sign up for one hour a week of adoration, call the rectory at 563-1692 or stop in the Chapel anytime during adoration hours.

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Elizabethtown – St. Elizabeth's will hold its annual St. Patrick's day dinner.
Date: March 15
Time: 2 p.m. to 6
Place: St. Elizabeth's parish hall
Cost: Adults, \$11; Children under 12, \$\$
Features: Take-outs will be available after 1:30 p.m. Tickets for a cash raffle and other items will be available. A dinner of Corned Beef/ Ham, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, homemade bread

FRANKLIN

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Bombay – St. Joseph's Church will be holding the annual St. Joseph's Day Mass and meatless cover dish dinner to follow.
Date: March 19
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Features: bring a meatless dish to share to the St. Joseph Table Dinner.

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

Fort Covington – St. Mary's will be having a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner.
Date: March 22
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children under 12, \$5
Features: Take-outs available

DEVOTION AND HOLY HOUR

St. Regis Falls – First Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour to be held.
Date: First Saturday of each month.

Time: immediately following the 4:30 anticipated Mass.
Place: St. Ann's Church
Contact: 518-856-9656

JEFFERSON

LENTEN RETREAT

Adams – "Back to Basics" Lenten Retreat to be held.
Date: March 23-26
Time: 6:30 p.m. (Mass at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.)
Place: St. Cecilia's Church
Speaker: Fr. Martin Cline, pastor of St. Cecilia/Queen of Heaven
Schedule: Mon, Evening Prayers with Renewal of Baptismal Promises. REFLECTION: "Baptism for Me Today"; Tues, Eucharistic Adoration. REFLECTION: "My Confirmation All These Years Later"; Wed, Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders, Prayer for Renewal and Increase of Vocations. REFLECTION: "Ones Vocation"; Thurs, Prayer with Stations of the Cross. REFLECTION: "What Does it Mean To Be Catholic?"

DAY OF RETREAT

Watertown – A day of retreat has been planned.
Date: March 29
Time: 11 a.m. to 4:30
Place: SSJ Motherhouse
Features: The retreat day – "Lenten Journey" will focus on deepening our friendship with the Lord by exploring different ways of praying. Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, will be the presenter.
Cost: Suggested offering - \$25.
Contact: To register, call: 315-212-6592 or email: srbethssj@gmail.com. by March 25

ABOUT THE CAMINO

Sackets Harbor – Father Kevin O' Brien will give a presentation about his September 2014 pilgrimage walk on the Camino de Santiago.
Date: March 21
Time: 10:30-1:30, lunch included
Place: St. Andrew Catholic Church Parish Center, corner of East Main @ Woolsey
Contact: Anne Thomas 315-646-3687.

IHC OPEN HOUSES

Watertown – Immaculate Heart Central School to hold open houses for new and prospective families.
Primary/intermediate schools: March 24 at 6 p.m., Primary School; April 22 at 6 p.m., Intermediate School; May 19 at 6 p.m., Primary School; July 15 at 6 p.m., Intermediate School Aug. 17 at 6 p.m., Intermediate School.

Jr./Sr. high school: March 25 at 6 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m., May 20 at 6 p.m., July 15 at 6 p.m., Aug. 16 at 6 p.m.,

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – The Sisters of St. Joseph will be having their monthly bereavement meeting.
Date: March 23
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center
Features: Rev. Toby Schilling, Chaplain at Samaritan Medical Center to speak on topic "So You're Angry"

IHC REGISTRATION

Watertown – Registration for new and returning students in grades 1-6 set
Date: March 17 at IHC Primary and March 18 at IHC Intermediate
Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Contact: If new to the area please call (315) 788-7011 for an appointment

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.
Date: March 26
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7
Place: St. Anthony's Msgr. Sechi Hall
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$7.5 each
Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

HOLY HOURS

Adams/Henderson – Holy Hours set
Schedule: March 4 at St. Cecilia, 6:30 p.m.; March 16 at St. Cecilia 5 p.m. (followed by pot luck)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Watertown – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.
Schedule: Beginning Good Friday at 3 p.m. the Divine Mercy novena will begin Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 12 at 3 p.m., there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & a procession. Bring images to be blessed
Contact: For more info on Mercy Sunday, call Judy at 315-783-7349 or visit www.thedivinemercy.org

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown, a pro-life educational organization, meets the first Wednesday of the Month.
Time: 1 p.m.
Place: 312 Sherman St.
Contact: Phone 315-788-8480



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National Prayer and Penny Week

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

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) teaches our children the importance of prayer and sacrifice. This year, the Missionary Childhood Association celebrates National Prayer and Penny Week from March 8-15, 2015.

The Missionary Childhood Association's Lenten prayer and sacrifice program

This program serves as MCA's Lenten prayer and sacrifice program for Grades K-8. National Prayer and Penny Week Program continues to honor the legacy of Venerable Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

We have asked the Catholic Schools of the Diocese to participate this year in National Prayer and Penny Week. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks this of the Youth in our world, to continue to care for the poor and be sensitive to the needs of the Mission Lands.

National Prayer and Penny Week is a wonderful way to teach the concept of prayer and sacrifice together.

During National Prayer Week, MCA invited students to remember children in the missions, especially those who are waiting to hear the "Good News" proclaimed as we pray together as a mission family here at home:

God our Father,

You are love; you have created the whole world. Help us to see all of God's children as gifts. Jesus, our Lord, You teach us that all life is sacred. Strengthen us to witness every day to Your love with our words, actions and sacrifices. Holy Spirit, giver of Life, as missionary disciples you invite us to share the Good News, cooperating with you and one another to walk with our brothers and sisters who live in poverty, loneliness, and despair. In a special way we ask You to bless all the missionaries sharing Your love in mission countries. We send this prayer across the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Thank you to our students in the MCA program for all they do. God Bless!

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks – Harriet E. (Lawrence) Blaise, 77; Funeral Services March 2, 2015 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Carthage – Dorothy M. (Burke) Bloss, 89; Funeral Services March 2, 2015 at the Lundy Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Inc.; burial in Riverside Cemetery, Copenhagen.

Carthage – Paul R. Storms, 59; Funeral Services March 7, 2015 at St. James Church.

Chasm Falls – Frances (Paquin) Dampier, 87; Funeral Services March 6, 2015 at St. Helens Church.

Chateaugay – Theresa A. (Barcomb) Lobb, 91; Funeral Services March 5, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Burke Center Cemetery.

Chazy – Lucien Joseph Dionne, 101; Funeral Services March 3, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Dannemora – Laura C. (Gonyea) Buck, 96; Funeral Services March 7, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Elizabethtown – Claudia N. (Reed) Hildebrandt, 86; Funeral Services March 2, 2015 at St. Elizabeth's Church; burial in Lewis Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Catherin Ann "Kitty" (Rumble) Mashaw, 72; Funeral Services March 7, 2015 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Harrisville – Stephen Douglas Chartrand, 62; Funeral Services March 3, 2015 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Houseville – Theodore J. "Teddy" Bielecki, 75; Funeral Services March 2, 2015 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in Lowville Rural



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Cemetery, Lowville

Lyon Mountain – Dr. Frances M. Penalis, 85; Funeral Services March 5, 2015 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Madrid – Elwin L. Lindley, 83; Funeral Services March 2, 2015 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in St. John the Baptist Cemetery.

Malone – Frank E. Lawrence 66; Funeral Services Feb. 28, 2015 at the Brusco-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in Burke Center Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Martha (Needle) Monnet, 94; Funeral Services at St. Mary's Cathedral Chapel; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg – Shirley M. (Cody) Nichols, 88; Funeral Services March 6, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Mary E. (Stubbs) Pirie, 86; Funeral Services March 7, 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Port Henry – Robert J. "Red" Brooks, 94; Funeral Services March 5, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church.

Port Henry – William A. Gray III, 68; Funeral Services Feb. 28, 2015 at St.

Patrick's Church.

Potsdam – Michael David Rose, 55; Funeral Services March 6, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Philip M. "Brown Bear" Duprey, 71; Funeral Services March 5, 2015 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Schroon Lake – Donald Joseph Sharlan; Funeral Services Feb. 9, 2015 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Ticonderoga – Katherine Jean (Nadeau) Charboneau, 84; Funeral Services at St. Mary's Church Feb. 28, 2015; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown – David H. Feistel, 58; Funeral Services March 2, 2015 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown – John R. "Jack" Keenan, 95; Funeral Services March 7, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church.

Watertown – Virginia M. (Abbott) Osborn, 68; Funeral Services March 4, 2015 at Holy Family Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Willsboro – Lyman P. Mero, 79; Funeral Services March 5, 2015 at St. Phillips of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Willsboro

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BISHOP JOINS THE ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FAMILY IN CANTON



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with the students, faculty and parish staff of St. Mary's School in Canton dur-

ing his recent school visit. Pictured on left is Father Douglas Lucia, pastor. Flanking the bishop at right are Pamela Neal, principal; and Deacon James Snell.

Around

LEWIS

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LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Lenten Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: March 19

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: Dedicated to the action of Pro-Life initiatives, Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, the Rosary for Life, and the Benediction.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Houseville – The Feast of The Divine

Mercy will be celebrated.

Date: April 12

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Schedule: A Divine Mercy movie, The Pope of Mercy, will be shown in the church hall at 2 p.m. Reconciliation will begin at 2:30. At 3 p.m. The Divine Mercy Celebration will include: The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, homily and Benediction.

Features: Rev. John Mikalajunas, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church of Utica, will be the Guest Celebrant. A cover dish reception will follow in the church hall.

Contact: 348-6260.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Harrisville – St. Patrick's Day dinner to be held.

Date: March 21

Time: 4 p.m. to 6

Place: St. Francis Solanus Church

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

under 5, Free

Features: Baked Ham, take-outs after 4, "Fraser Family and Friends" will be there to entertain with Irish music!

ST. LAWRENCE

ACIES CEREMONY

Ogdensburg – The Annual Acies Ceremony for Legion of Mary members, auxiliary members and interested parishioners, will be held.

Date: March 22

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Features: Father Scott Belina will lead the Exposition and Benediction, deliver the homily. The ceremony consists of an individual Consecration and a Collective Consecration to Mary. Active members will renew their Consecration to Mary.

APPRECIATION DINNER

Ogdensburg – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 will be holding an Appreciation Dinner and Dance.

Date: March 14

Time: Cash bar for Cocktails at 5 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Dance, 7 p.m. to 11

Features: "A Sure Cure for Cabin Fever" All members and their guest are invited for a Free Turkey Dinner. Live music with the Charlton Brothers Band.

RUMMAGE SALE

Canton – St. Mary's School will be having a rummage sale.

Schedule: March 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 21 from 8 a.m. to 11

FISH & SHRIMP FRY

Gouverneur – Fish and shrimp fry to be held every Friday during lent.

Date: Feb. 20 – April 3

Place: St. James School

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:15

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

Contact: Take-outs and deliver available, phone 287-0130 for faster service

FRIDAY FISH DINNER

Star Lake – St. Hubert's will hold fish dinners every Friday during lent.

Date: Starting Feb. 20

Time: 5 p.m.

Cost: Dinners, \$10; kids under 10, \$5

Features: Deep fried or Oven baked fish. Take-outs available

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CHRISM MASS

Ogdensburg – All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to the Chrism Mass

Date: March 26

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Bishop Terry R. LaValley Will led Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

LENTEN RENEWAL

Syracuse – Lenten retreat set

Date: March 24

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Christ the King Retreat House & Conference Center

Cost: \$20 or what you can afford
Features: Sister Laura Bufano, who serves in pastoral planning for the Diocese of Syracuse, will lead this presentation. Lenten evening of renewal will use poetry, scripture, song and stories as companions and guides through our own spiritual geography.

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