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## How families are weakened:

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Families are weakened and destroyed by war, "the mother of all forms of poverty," as well as by economics and policies that worship money and power, Pope Francis said.

"It's almost a miracle" that, even in poverty and crisis, the family can keep on going, safeguarding its bonds and staying intact, he said at his

weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 3.

Leaders who consider family ties and affection as something peripheral to the quality of life "don't understand a thing," he said. "Instead, we should kneel before these families, who are a true school of humanity, who are saving society

from barbarity."

Continuing a series of talks about the family, the pope began a new chapter addressing the various social conditions and problems that put today's families to the test.

The pope began by focusing on the hardship of poverty, which is further aggravated by war. "War is al-

ways something terrible," he said, as it is "a great predator of lives, of souls and the most sacred and dearest of attachments."

But despite such difficulties, there still are many poor families who are able to live "with dignity, seeking to live their daily life" and placing their trust in God, the pope said.

## FIRST COMMUNION

'This is the Body of Christ'



Among the hundreds of children across the diocese who made their First Communion this spring were Jasmine Jessmer receiving the Eucharist from Father F. James Shurtleff at Notre Dame in Ogdensburg, above; and Amelia Germain, shown below with Father Sony Pulicidal of St. Ann, Wells.



## Celebrating Corpus Christi

Bishop Terry R. LaValley took part in the Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Norwood June 7 after Mass at St. Andrew's Church. His homily for the Mass is printed on page 3

By tradition, on the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) Catholics take part in a procession through the streets of a neighborhood near their parish following Mass and pray and sing. The Eucharist is placed in a monstrance and is held aloft by a member of the clergy during the procession.

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## From Bruce to Caitlyn

Transgenderism and the Theology of the Body: What does church offer as teaching in charity?

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## FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES



PHOTO BY JESSE SOWIE

Deacon Keith Strohm of Chicago, a representative of the Catherine of Siena Institute and author of *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*, led a Forming Intentional Disciples workshop May 30 in Potsdam. More than 250 Catholics from around the North Country and neighboring dioceses took part. The workshop focused on the need to awaken the personal faith of the laity so they become more capable of putting their gifts and talents to use in the parish. Full story, page 4.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Timely lessons on becoming disciples

Throughout all the many years I've been working for the *North Country Catholic*, getting out of the office and meeting the "folks" has always been my favorite part of the job.

Ironically, as putting the paper together has become more computerized, I have less time to do it!

In the good old days, I worked beside a couple of very talented composing room staffers who did all the cutting and pasting necessary to prepare the pages for print.

Today, it's just me and my computer!

While I enjoy the process of pagination (your new word for the day?), there's no question that it's a time-consuming part of my week.

I guess that's why I found my

recent outing to Potsdam so enjoyable.

After getting the paper "to bed" a few hours early on May 30, I headed over to the SUNY student union where a couple hundred friends were taking part in the Forming Intentional Disciples workshop.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

Arriving just as the group broke for lunch meant I had time to move from table to table for a bit of conversation.

What a joy it was to hear the enthusiastic reaction to the words

of speaker Deacon Keith Strohm who came to share the wisdom of the Forming Intentional Disciples movement.

Deacon Strohm is a teacher for the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs co-founded by Sherry Weddell

who authored the popular book "Forming Intentional Disciples."

The institute is dedicated to "equipping parishes for the evangelization and formation of lay Catholics for the sake of their mission in the world."

In her book, Ms Weddell writes that "these are times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church" and noted that "the evangelizers must first be evangelized."

"Catholics in the pews must make a conscience effort to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him," she wrote.

Pope Francis also shared advice for prospective disciples during a May 29 address at the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization's plenary session.

The new evangelization is learning to really experience

God's mercy and salvation so they can be shared with others, especially those most in need, Pope Francis said.

"In fact, how the church is educating people in the faith needs to go beyond classroom instruction and actually show them places where Christ is truly present and active in the world today," he said.

"It is the encounter with him that sparks the desire to know him better and therefore to follow him in order to become his disciples," Pope Francis said.

These messages are certainly timely ones for many of the participants at the Potsdam workshop will be commissioned as lay ministers for their parishes at the end of the month.

After two years of study in the diocesan Formation for Ministry program, they know that their education on evangelization has only just begun!

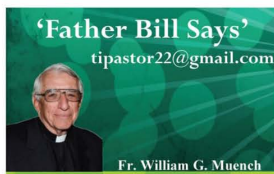
## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Question to consider: Why go to Mass?

Recently, I stumbled upon an old rerun of the TV show, "Everybody Loves Raymond." This particular show touched on the question of attending Sunday Mass; I was a bit surprised and intrigued by the choice of subject. Raymond doesn't go to Mass on Sunday. His wife and children do, his parents do, even his brother attends Mass – but not Raymond.

I suspect that several married couples had interesting conversations, if they happened to watch this particular show. The show does bring up, what I would consider, an important question. While I realize that the writers were also seeking laughs, it does bring up serious questions.

In this show, Raymond's father tries to convince him to attend Mass. He tries to make Raymond feel guilty, but he really doesn't convince him. Later in the show Raymond mentions this conversation with his wife, Debra, and asks her why she goes to Mass.



The writers did make her response calm and rather good, from my point of view. Debra tells Raymond that she goes in gratitude to God for her family. She also adds that she also turns to God to seek God's help as she deals with her husband and children.

Raymond is touched and decides that he will go to Mass with them on Sunday.

If Raymond turned to ask you, just why you go to Mass, how would you answer?

Each Sunday, each time you decided to attend Mass, why are you there? How do you explain to others why, we, Catholics, attend Mass each week? What would you say to

convince Raymond?

I suggest that the Church gives us good reasons right in the prayers we say at Mass. Let me mention one. At the Offertory the priest invites the people to pray after receiving the bread and wine and bringing them to the altar. He says this: "My friends, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father."

The people respond to this invitation and, in doing so, they remember why they are here at Mass. The liturgy tells us to pray this: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church."

Each time, we say this prayer, we announce the real purposes that we come to Mass.

At each Mass, priest and people unite with Our Lord and Savior to offer the sacrifice of the Blessed Eucharist, the gift of Jesus that we may remem-

ber and celebrate God's great love for us. This Eucharist is our way of praising and glorifying our God "for our good and the good of his Holy Church."

This transforms each one of us that we can take the Lord into our lives and into our world to make it a better place.

Let me also share another descriptive prayer: the Opening Prayer for the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.

This prayer also tells us why we attend Mass – "O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, our God, forever and ever. Amen."

FOLLOW ME

# The Feast of Corpus Christi

Bishop LaValley's homily for the Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession at St. Andrew's Church, Norwood, June 7

This afternoon, here at St. Andrew's Church, on this, the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Church relives the mystery of Holy Thursday, only this time we relive it in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. You remember that there is also a Eucharistic Procession on Holy Thursday, when the Church repeats the departure of Jesus from the Upper Room (the scene of the Last Supper) to the crucifixion site.

In the Holy Thursday Procession, the Church accompanies Jesus to the Mount of Olives: it is the desire of the Church in prayer to keep watch with Jesus, not to abandon Him on the night of betrayal, on the night of the indifference of many people. It is the desire to accompany and to stay awake with Jesus in the midst of the agony.

This day, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, we again enter a procession, but this time in the joy of the Resurrection. The Lord is risen and leads us. In the Resurrection stories, there is a common and essential feature: the angels say: the Lord "goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him" (Mt. 28:7). In Israel, Galilee was considered to be the doorway to the pagan world. And in reality, precisely on the mountain in Galilee, the disciples see Jesus, who tells them: "Go...and make disciples of all the nations" (Mt. 28:29). My sisters and brothers, Jesus goes before us next to the Father, rises to the heights of God and invites us to follow Him.

In his commentary of the Feast of Corpus Christi, (from *Heart of the Christian Life, Benedict XVI, 2010*) Pope Benedict XVI tells us that the true purpose of our journey in life is communion with God. We can be elevated to the dwelling places marked out for us only by going "toward Galilee," traveling on the pathways of the world, taking the Gospel to all nations, carrying the gift

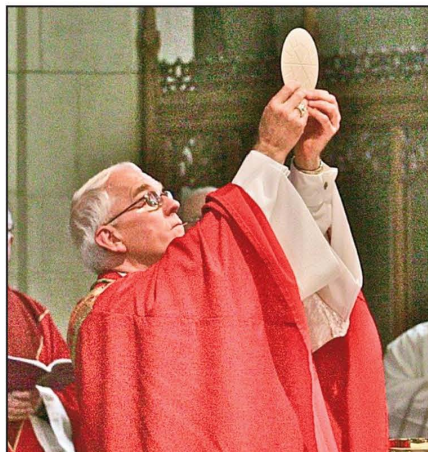


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Bishop LaValley, shown during the Consecration at the Confirmation Mass on Pentecost Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, shares reflections on the Eucharistic in his homily for the Corpus Christi Mass in Norwood June 7.

of His love to the women and men of all times. The Holy Thursday Procession accompanies Jesus in His solitude toward the way of the Cross. Today's Corpus Christi Procession responds instead in a symbolic way to the mandate of the Risen Christ: *I go before you to Galilee. Go to the extreme ends of the world, take the Gospel to the world.*

The strength of the Sacrament of the Eucharist goes above and beyond the walls of our Churches. In this Sacrament, the Lord is always journeying to meet the world. This "going out to the world" is symbolically expressed in our Eucharistic Procession into the streets of Norwood this afternoon. In fact, if you think about it, our door-to-door parish visitations as part of our

diocesan-wide census project is another procession of sorts from the parish church into the streets of our North Country.

This afternoon, we bring Christ, present under the sign of bread, onto the streets of your village here in Norwood. We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to His goodness. May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for Him and with Him! May our everyday lives be penetrated by His Presence.

With this movement, let us place under Jesus' eyes and into His Sacred Heart, the sufferings of the sick, the loneliness of young people and the elderly, the discouragement of the unemployed, let us bring our temptations and our wounds—indeed our entire lives as well as the lives of all who call Norwood, Norfolk, Raymondville, indeed, all the of the North Country "home." The procession represents a great blessing for all who are here: Christ is, in Person, the divine blessing for the world. May the ray of His blessing extend to us all!

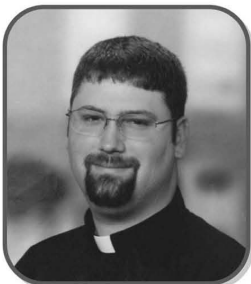
Every year, on May 31st, the Church celebrates the Second Joyful Mystery, the Feast of the Visitation. When she entered Elizabeth's house, Mary's greeting was overflowing with grace: John leapt in his mother's womb. In a certain way, we can say that Mary's journey was the first Eucharistic procession in history. Mary, living tabernacle of God made flesh, is the Ark of the Covenant in whom the Lord visited and redeemed his people. Jesus' presence filled her with the Holy Spirit.

May the visit of the Eucharistic Christ on the streets here, be a source of renewed vigor and deepened faith. Let us pray to our holy Mother, so that she may help us to open our entire being to Christ's presence; so that she may help us to follow Him faithfully, day after day, on the streets of our life. Mary offered her own flesh, her own blood to Jesus and became a living tent of the Word, allowing herself to be penetrated by His Presence in body and spirit. May we do likewise. May God be praised...forever may God be praised!

## CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!!

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Deacon Keith Strohm addressed the participants - who included Bishop LaValley - at the May 30 Forming Intentional Disciples workshop in Potsdam.



Marika Donders, diocesan director of New Evangelization, introduces the speaker at the conference she organized.



Participants came from throughout the diocese and from as far away as Albany, Syracuse, Ottawa, Montreal and Alexandria-Cornwall to learn about forming intentional disciples.

# 'Intentional Disciples'

*More than 250 gather in Potsdam May 30 for day long workshop on Forming Intentional Disciples*

By Kristina Dean  
Staff writer

POTSDAM - Calling himself a "raging extrovert" Deacon Keith Strohm used his sense of humor in sharing methods of evangelizing with approximately 250 people at the Forming Intentional Disciples Conference May 30.

Organized by Marika Donders, diocesan director of the Office of New Evangelization; and Deacon Patrick Donahue, coordinator of the diocesan Formation for Ministry Program, the event was held at SUNY Potsdam's Barrington Student Union Center.

Participants came from throughout the diocese and from as far away as Albany, Syracuse, Ottawa, Montreal and Alexandria-Cornwall.

Deacon Strohm is the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation from Queen of the Rosary Parish in Chicago, and a contributing author of "Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples."

"The best thing we can do is to form a relationship with

people, love them and then be open to them," he said. "This is what the Lord has asked of the church.

"The door opens and God moves through you," he said. "You are not on your own. He is giving us gifts and the grace to get it done. He loves you, has called you and has gifted you."

## Crisis of discipleship

There is no vocation crisis in the church, Deacon Strohm said, but there is a crisis of discipleship.

"Christ is still calling to people," he said. "Disciples long to hear the voice of the good shepherd. People long to hear the voice of Christ. But it's easy for the voice to be drowned out.

"We deal at the parish level with the symptoms of the crisis," he said, "and we haven't done a really good job at calling our own."

Most parishes have only a small percentage of people living as intentional disciples, Deacon Strohm said, and joked that years ago his own parish was "The Church

of the Living Dead."

"We are called to care for those suffering and reach out to them with the love of Jesus Christ and to be an agent of redemption by cooperating with grace to transform whomever we encounter," he said. "Most Catholics don't have that identity. Many see themselves as a recipients of the ordained."

Pastors often have tremendous demands on their time and are unable to reach everyone, he said and Catholics also tend to believe they are unworthy of the priests' time.

## Culture of silence

Many Catholics don't talk about their faith because they don't want to be seen as a "crazy Jesus person" or as someone aspiring to be a saint, Deacon Strohm said.

This contributes to a culture of silence, he said.

People are unable to openly ask questions, haven't seen answered prayers, don't understand the Gospel at a deeper level,

and haven't seen authentic models of discipleship in their parishes, the deacon said.

As a result, 53 percent of adults in the United States have left the faith of their childhood, and 65 percent of Catholic converts leave within the first year.

To combat this, the deacon identified progressive levels of spiritual development prior to becoming an intentional disciple. Most Catechism programs occur for those in the later stages of this spiritual journey, he said, and not at the beginning levels that contain 80-90 percent of people.

"We must meet them where they're at. One size does not fit all," he said.

## Bridges of trust

Deacon Strohm cited the need to build bridges of trust with them and invite discussion.

One suggestion was for churches to hold practical events to draw in the public. The deacon suggested offering oil changes on Mother's

Day, where conversation could take place over refreshments while mothers waited.

He also stressed avoiding reactions such as defensiveness, avoiding, judging or arguing.

"They need us to listen," he said, "and this can happen at weird times. They have to trust that we won't judge them.

"When they begin to ask questions, we need to foster curiosity about the person of Jesus at the center of our faith," he said. "Those who are disdainful of Christ don't know much about Jesus."

Deacon Strohm suggested using Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a time to evangelize.

"Most people don't have silence in their life," he said. "God will do amazing things. Have them encounter Jesus in the silence. Jesus is a much better youth minister than I am."

Do not be too attached to outcomes, he said and reminded listeners that God is in control of conversions.

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# Musicians share their talent with parishes

REDFORD - Nestled on a hill in the backstreets of Redford, stands the Assumption of Mary Church. As the church bells ring you find two local musicians seated on one side



Robert Rubado and Ann Marie Petrushune are ready to lead music for Mass at Assumption of Mary Church in Redford. The musicians have also shared their ministry at in Dannemora and Ellenburg.

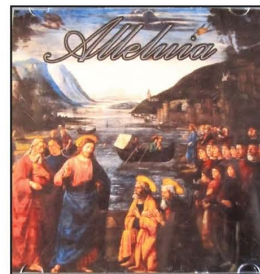
of the altar waiting for Father Mickey Demo to wave, signaling the start of 10:30 Mass.

So begins the processional hymn.....

The two musicians, Robert Rubado and Ann Marie Petrushune, started playing for Mass at Assumption of Mary in October 2014. Their music ministry has taken them from Dannemora (St. Joseph's) where they have sung and played for healing Masses, First Communion, and a funeral to Ellenburg (St. Edmund's) where they help plan and play Saturday evening Mass each weekend, to Redford where they presently play Sunday morning Masses each month.

The musicians bring a strong faith to their music ministry and want to share music worship with the faithful parishioners that surround them each weekend.

As well as being a multi-instrumentalist Robert also writes music. He has written an Alleluia which he sings at Mass each weekend. It's pow-



The cover of a CD recorded by Mr. Rubado and Ms. Petrushune

erful and heartfelt as it echoes through the church. They each bring different perspectives to their music contribution, as well as a unique style, with varying arrangements of the hymns that they enjoy singing with congregation.

They currently have cover CD's available that include music from the Mass, such as the Alleluia, as well as covers of favorite gospel and worship hymns. (Available through Ann at annpetrushune@gmail.com)

## Intentional

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"It is the work of the Holy Spirit in that person's life," he said. "Christ is responsible for the fruit.

"Don't make it about you, and not about God," the deacon said. "Even Jesus lost people. Let God take care of it."

Ms. Donders was pleased with the event.

"One aspect I really enjoyed is that participants used the breaks for discussion and networking, as I had hoped they would," she said. "The talks sparked conversation and made people want to share stories and ideas.

"I hope this continues and that this conference will be a springboard for starting regional and parish-based discussions about how we can reach others in our parishes who are not yet disciples and help them grow," the evangelization director said.



Deacon Patrick Donahue, coordinator of the diocesan Formation for Ministry, program was one of the organizers of the Forming Intentional Disciples workshop.

## AT THE CDA STATE CONVENTION



The diocesan attendees at the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 54th Biennial NYS Convention, held April 22- 26 in Albany, were, standing, from left, Christina Packwood, Regent #2663 Morrisonville; Angel Aquila, Vice Regent #2663 Morrisonville; Emma Lou Smith, NYS Treasurer, Lake Placid; Father Scott Seymour, Immediate Past State Chaplain & Chaplain #2663 Morrisonville; Christina Bigelow, Regent #867 Willsboro; Father Ray Moreau, then Chaplain #867 Willsboro; Christa Covell-Reyell DD, #2598 Peru; Marycay Doolittle, Vice Regent #867 Willsboro; and Linda Manchester, Regent #2598 Peru; seated, Shirley Lareau-Kemp, Vice Regent #2598 Peru; Nancy Clancy, Regent #592 Dannemora; and Anna Lucia DD, NYS National Projects Chair, Vice Regent #592. The theme for the convention was "Follow Me ... As Women Of Faith."

## OUR READERS WRITE

## Keeping abortions hidden

Being involved in an abortion is not something folks relish talking about. Although abortion is legal, our human consciences tell us to keep it hidden, don't talk about it. And so we bury the deed from just about everyone, most especially ourselves.

Why? Because it hurts too much, we try to escape the pain, guilt, anger, shame and worthlessness through: alcohol, drugs, promiscuity, broken relationships, eating disorders, depression and suicidal ideation.

Contrary to what abortion clinics say, abortion is a big deal. There are 2 victims of abortion: 1) the dead baby and 2) the hurting mother.

St Pope John Paul the Great in his

1995 encyclical, "The Gospel of Life" speaks to these moms:

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance."

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June 8 – 12 - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Meeting in St. Louis, MO

June 13 – 4 p.m., Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh (50th Anniversary of Sr. Louella Pellitier, SCSL)

June 14 – 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Constable

June 15 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

June 16 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

June 17 – 12:30 p.m., Mass at the Watertown Correctional Facility

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June 10 – Rev. Augustus Gaudet, O.M.I., 1895; Rev. Alfred J. Boulter, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M.Conv., 1979

June 11 – Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993

June 12 – Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001; Rev. Francis J. Coryer, 2012

June 14 – Rev. Hermisdas Mayer, 1927; Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O.S.A., 1954; Rev. William J. Deacy, O.S.A., 1960; Rev. Arthur Desrosiers, 1963; Msgr. Walter T. Cleary, 1968

June 15 – Rev. Francis C. A. Cornish, 1960

June 16 – Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007

## 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming session:

June 23 - 9:30 a.m., Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

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## Environmental Stewardship

## Climate change

Recently Pope Francis summoned scientists, government officials and religious leaders he stepped into the heated climate-change debate.

"Climate change is a defining issue of our time," United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon told attendees at the Vatican conference. "It is a moral issue, it is an issue of social justice, human rights and fundamental ethics."

Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said, "Corporations and financial investors must learn to put long-term sustainability over short-term profit and to recognize that the financial bottom line is secondary to and at the service of the common good." The Cardinal stressed the idea of "integral ecology" – the intertwining of economic, ecological and social concerns.

In a Lenten lecture to Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, Cardinal Turkson stated that the timing of Pope Francis' encyclical is significant because "2015 is a critical year for humanity." Later this year, the U.N. General Assembly is expected to agree on a new set of sustainable development goals running until 2030. In December, the Climate Change Conference in Paris will receive the plans and commitments of each government to slow or reduce global warming. These next few months are critical, then, for decision about the international development, human flourishing and care for the common home we call planet Earth. . . A new global solidarity is a key value to direct our search for the common good."

What role do we have to play in protecting and sustaining what Pope Francis has repeatedly called our common home? Cardinal Turkson explained that everyone has a part to play. These actions reach to the fundamental pillars that govern a nation, "life, family, integral education, health, including the spiritual dimension of well-being, and security." Let us pray for wisdom to guide world government leaders in their decision-making, and take action by making changes in our own routines.

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# FACES OF FAITH



Six students belonging to the Junior Legion of Mary in St. Mary's School in Canton collected \$102 from a Mother's Day Raffle they conducted. The funds were donated to the Humane Society of Canton-Potsdam. The students in the photo are Noah Mallette, James Bailey, Faith Christy, Christian Guarino, Nathan Romano and Autumn Ames. In back are Lil Dailey, the coordinator of the Junior Legion of Mary; Bonnie Peryer of the Humane Society; Pamela Neal, principal of St. Mary's and Jessica Slapar from the Humane Society.



Amelia and Jack Germain and Bridget Allen made their First Communion at St. Ann's in Wells May 10, a day of a "three fold blessing" at St. Ann's. In addition to the celebration of First Communion, the parish held a May crowning and presented flowers to all the mothers in the congregation. The first communicants, shown above with banners they created, were the first to receive the Blessed Sacrament and later, surprised the parish by singing "This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made."



Bishop LaValley poses with altar servers Sarah and Zachary Kilburn after the April 30 Confirmation ceremony at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown.



Immaculate Conception Church in Brownville has completed its first Women of Grace Study. Father Mike Gaffney presided at a recent Mass during which the women were presented with completion certificates and pins. Pictured, from left, are Pat Mousaw, Linda Gracey, Anne Couse, Diane Leonard, Nancy Horeth, Linda Pierson, facilitator; Tina Marcellus, Father Gaffney, Kathy O'Connell, Marilyn Hibbard, Paula Rastley, Cheryl Hogan, Joanne Krull, Ricky Murtha, Linda Snyder, Marlene Johnson, co-facilitator; and Melinda Whalen. Not pictured is Barbara Gunn.

# Six new parish nurses are commissioned

**CANTON** - In a Dedication Ceremony held at St. Mary's School May 9, six new parish nurses were commissioned for parish health ministry by Mercy Care for the Adirondacks.

The commissioned nurses are:

- Margaret Caswell, Patricia Furgal, Norma Jean LaPoint and Rebecca Trejos for health ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Canton
- Marcie Sullivan-Marin for health ministry at the Church of the Nazarene in Potsdam
- Susan Parisien for health ministry at the United Methodist Church in Waddington

Two other nurses will complete the program in summer 2015: Marie-Paul (Missy) Heylan for St. Mary's in Potsdam and Barbara Teriele for St. Mary's in Canton.

Family and friends attended to honor the nurses for completing 32 contact hours of training based on the International Parish Nurse Resource Center curriculum.

Parish nurses offer health education and counseling, assistance in obtaining community services, help with understanding diagnoses,



Newly commissioned parish nurses Marcie Sullivan-Marin, Susan Parisien, Rebecca Trejos, Patricia Furgal, Margaret Caswell and Norma Jean LaPoint have completed the training program offered by Mercy Care for the Adirondacks.

medications and diagnostic tests, health screening, spiritual care and much more.

The parish nurse does not do hands-on nursing or duplicate what is available through the public health nurse, but does bring her nursing experience and her faith to the service of others.

Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, prepares parish nurses by offering the "Foundations in Faith Com-

munity Nursing" course in communities across the North Country.

Mercy Care has prepared more than 50 parish nurses for parish health ministry in northern New York since its establishment in 2007.

Mercy Sister Catherine Cummings, Ed.D., R.N. directs Mercy Care's Parish Nurse and Friendship Volunteer Programs. She is qualified as a Parish Nurse Educator.

"These volunteer nurses are so generous to dedicate themselves to practicing holistic health for individuals and the community using their nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care," Sister Catherine said. "The focus of their work is on the intentional care of the spirit, assisting the members of a faith community to maintain and/or regain wholeness in body, mind, and spirit."

Mercy Care assists churches and communities in the recruitment of volunteer parish nurses, provides education and training, networking opportunities, health education materials and program information suitable for use and publication by churches and community organizations, and serves as a resource for parish nurses.

Mercy Care carries out its mission to extend mercy to elders in order to enhance the fullness of their lives through a Friendship Volunteer Program, a Parish Nurse Program, and an Education and Advocacy Program. In addition to its Parish Nurse Volunteers, Mercy Care has over 100 Friendship volunteers assisting elders in the Tri-lakes.

Mercy Care is supported solely with charitable contributions and grants. Mercy Care can be reached at 185 Old Military Road, Lake Placid, NY 12946, by calling Donna Beal, Executive Director, at 523-5580, or by e-mail at [dbeal@adkmercy.org](mailto:dbeal@adkmercy.org)

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## RED HATS FOR PENTECOST



At the request of Father Sony Pulickal, pastor of St. Ann's in Wells, members of the local Red Hat Society attended Mass as a group on Pentecost Sunday, wearing their Red Hats. They processed down the aisle behind the altar servers and posed for a picture after Mass with their pastor. From left are Ellen Magistro, Betty Higgins, Mary Hodes, Father Sony, Dolores Margies, Edna Rew and Paula Margies.





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*Pope Francis honors persecuted Christians during June 4 observance in Rome*

# Celebrating feast of Corpus Christi

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) - The Eucharist is the seal of God's covenant, uniting Christians and giving them the strength to bring God's love to others, even when faith carries a high price, Pope Francis said.

Celebrating the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ with an evening Mass outside Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran June 4, Pope Francis said the church and its members will never cease being in awe of the Eucharist.

**Pope Francis asked the faithful as they walked through the streets of Rome with the Eucharist to remember "our many brothers and sisters who do not have the freedom to express their faith in the Lord Jesus."**

As the sun began to set, the Mass was followed by a traditional Corpus Christi procession from St. John Lateran to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one mile away.

Pope Francis asked the faithful as they walked through the city with the Eucharist to remember "our many brothers and sisters who do not have the freedom to express their faith in the Lord Jesus."

"Let us be united with them; let us sing with them, praise with them, adore with them," he said. "And, in our hearts, let us venerate those brothers and sisters who were asked to sacrifice their lives out of fidelity to Christ.

"May their blood, united to the Lord's, be a pledge of peace and reconciliation for the whole world."

The Eucharist, he said, "sanctifies us, purifies us and unites us in a marvelous communion with God. In that way we learn that the Eucharist is not a prize for the good, but strength for the weak; for sinners it is pardon; it is the viaticum that helps us move forward, to walk."

In the main part of his homily, Pope Francis quoted from one of the texts in the Liturgy of the Hours for the feast day: "Eat this sacred food, so that your bond of unity with Christ may never be broken. Drink this sacred blood, the price he paid for you,

so that you may never lose heart because of your sinfulness."

Division and losing heart are "a danger, a threat," he said, but the gift of Christ's presence in his body and

blood give Christians the strength to resist them.

"We scatter when we are not docile to the Lord's word, when we do not live in brotherhood, when we com-

pete to occupy the best places -- being climbers, you know -- when we do not find the courage to give a witness of charity, when we are unable to offer hope," he said.

But the Eucharist is "the bond of communion" and the constant sign of the love of Christ who died on the cross "so that we would remain united," he said.

"Christ, present among us under the sign of bread and wine, demands that power of love overcome every fracture and, at the same time, become communion with the poor, support for the weak and fraternal concern for those who struggle to bear the weight of daily life and are in danger of losing their faith," Pope Francis said.

Christians lose heart when they lose sight of their dignity as Christians, he said, and instead worship "the idolatries of our time: appearances, consumption and placing the 'I' at the center of everything."

Being competitive, thinking that arrogance is a charming personal quality or that you are never wrong are other symptoms, the pope said. "All of this devalues us, makes us mediocre, tepid, insipid Christians, pagans."

As Christians, he said, we will always be "poor sinners, but the blood of Christ will free us from our sins and restore our dignity."

"Not by our own merits and with sincere humility, we can bring our brothers and sisters the love of our lord and savior," Pope Francis said. "We will be his eyes searching out Zachaeus and Mary Magdalene; we will be his hands that help those sick in body and spirit; we will be his heart that loves those in need of mercy, reconciliation and understanding."

As he did last year, Pope Francis celebrated the Mass and then rode in a car to St. Mary Major to meet the Corpus Christi procession as it arrived and to officiate at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist had been carried on a flatbed truck with two deacons kneeling alongside it. Thousands of Catholics -- members of confraternities, dozens of cardinals and bishops, plus hundreds of sisters and priests -- accompanied the truck, carrying candles as darkness fell.

The truck bore the Vatican license plate "SCV 1," the special plate usually reserved for the pope.



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Pope Francis leads Benediction outside the Basilica of St. Mary Major on the feast of Corpus Christi in Rome June 4.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Encyclical named after St. Francis prayer to be released June 18

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Sii" (Praised Be), a line from St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of Creatures," will be released June 18, the Vatican press office announced. "The date foreseen for the publication of the encyclical of the pope is Thursday, June 18," said the statement released June 4. The head of the Vatican publishing house, Salesian Father Giuseppe Costa, had told reporters in Naples May 30 that publishers from around the world had been asking for the rights to reprint "Laudato Sii" when it is released in mid-June. "Laudato sii" is the introductory phrase to eight verses of St. Francis of Assisi's famous prayer thanking God for the gifts of creation. "Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom you give us light," one of the first lines says.

## Church growth rates highest outside Europe and the Americas

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Results of a study released June 1 by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate said that the highest growth rates in Catholicism are in Africa and Asia. "Overall, the global Catholic population has grown by 57 percent since 1980. However, this growth differs by region, with Europe's Catholic population growing by just 6 percent while the number of Catholics in Africa grew by 238 percent," said the report, "Global Catholicism: Trends & Forecasts." "Differences between these two regions are largely attributable to differences in fertility rates over time. Over the last 50 years, the proportion of the global population who are Catholic has remained remarkably steady at about 17.5 percent. Most demographers anticipate a global population exceeding 10 billion by 2100, up from 7.3 billion now. The 'engine' of population growth is no longer increasing numbers of children - it is extending life expectancies," said the report by CARA, which is based at Georgetown University. "If current trends continue, we can expect the global Catholic population to increase by about 372 million from 2015 to 2050. This would represent 29 percent growth during this period and result in the 2050 Catholic population numbering 1.64 billion."

## Pope Francis lists abortion, unsafe workplaces among 'attacks on life'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Abortion, abandoning migrants at sea, unsafe working conditions, malnutrition, terrorism and euthanasia are all "attacks on life," said Pope Francis. In an audience with members of the Italian Science & Life Association May 30, the pope said "life is a gift" and urged more reflection on how people are treated throughout all stages of life. "The degree of progress of a civilization is measured precisely by its capacity to care for life, especially in its most fragile phases," he told the association, which had gathered its members in Rome the previous day to mark its 10th anniversary. "When we speak of humanity, let us never forget the attacks on the sacredness of human life," he said. "The plague of abortion is an attack on life. Allowing our brothers and sisters to die in boats in the Strait of Sicily is an attack on life. Death at the workplace, because minimum safety conditions are not respected, is an attack on life. Death because of malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence, euthanasia as well, is an attack on life."

# Albany bishop: tax credit education proposal no 'scheme' to benefit rich

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) - Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger of Albany said opponents of a tax credit measure to support parental choice in education is being falsely characterized as a "scheme to benefit the rich."

"Here are the facts: The popular teachers union talking point that the Education Tax Credit is a 'scheme' to benefit the rich is a falsehood," the bishop wrote in an op-ed piece published May 28 in the Times Union newspaper.

"The investment tax credit is available to anyone who makes a donation to public education or to scholarship-making organizations. It is not for millionaires; it is for schoolchildren," he said.

The measure, now called the Parental Choice in Education Act, would provide tax breaks to people or corporations who donate to non-profit education foundations. That can include private schools, public schools, or scholarship-making organizations.

The bill also includes a \$500 tuition tax credit for families making less than \$60,000 a year, and a \$200 tax credit for public school teachers for their out-of-pocket expenses for classroom supplies.

It has the support of the state's Catholic bishops, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, a Long Island Republican.

New York State United Teachers, a federation of more than 1,200 local unions, is leading the opposition to the bill, running ads that claim Cuomo is giving millions of dollars to private schools while saying the state doesn't have money for public schools.

"In the recently enacted state budget, state aid to education increased by \$1.4

billion, bringing it to \$23.5 billion. And this is before federal aid and local property taxes," Bishop Scharfenberger wrote.

"The grand total of education spending in our state is \$58 billion per year, of which religious and independent schools receive about 1 percent. Of that \$58 billion, public school teachers receive about 80 percent of it in salary and benefits," he said.

The bishop said no one argues that teachers in the state should not be well compensated and he added that overall, Cuomo's \$150 million education tax credit proposal is a modest program that allows parents a choice in where they send their children to school.

In January, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said the tax credit measure, supported by a majority in both houses of the state Legislature, "would help working and poor families regardless of where their children attend school."

He said its passage was critical "for the future countless children across this state. Expanding educational opportunities is a clear matter of social justice."

In May, Cuomo stopped in to St. Jude's Catholic Church in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn as part of a church tour to rally support for the Parental Choice in Education Act.

"Your choice in education is everything," Cuomo told the congregation before Mass May 17. "The best thing you can do is get your children an education."

While the state is doing a lot to improve public schools, the governor explained that some people choose to send their children to a religious school.

"We want you to have the ability to choose," he said.

But he also pointed out

that it's not a choice if parents don't have the money to afford a private or religious school.

Cuomo, who attended Catholic grade and high schools and Jesuit-run Fordham University, said he chose to send his three daughters to public schools.

"There is no right or wrong here," he said. "It should be your choice."

Cuomo said he didn't think it was fair that people who choose to send their children to private schools also are taxed for public schools that they do not use.

"We have a very good chance of passing this bill," said Cuomo.

Earlier in the week, Cuomo attended a rally in Hempstead with Cardinal Dolan and numerous parents, students and elected officials to call on the Legislature to pass the bill this session.

Cardinal Dolan told the gathering: "This is not just a Catholic issue -- it is an issue for every parochial, private or nonpublic school that is devoted to the success of their students."

"Our students are our greatest treasure and the Parental Choice in Education Act is all about supporting them no matter where they go to school," Cardinal Dolan said.

"We need the Legislature to stand with us on this issue, just as Governor Cuomo has, in order to ensure that it becomes law and we can support all schools this year," he said.

About 400,000 students, or approximately 15 percent of all students in the state attend nonpublic schools, providing an educational alternative in virtually every corner of the state. There are currently 178 failing public schools in New York State, many of which have been failing for 10 years or more.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# God insures our human effort is fruitful

This Sunday's sudden jump to the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ensures that we will cover all 34 Sundays before the end of the Church Year in November.

The theme of Scripture today is the tension that exists between human, natural growth of the "seed" and God's



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plans for their development.

He intervenes directly when He needs to, as with the House of David.

This line of David began to falter after King David's death. It would have disappeared completely if God had not intervened directly by transplanting a "tender shoot"

to a high mountain (first reading), and there transformed it with astounding results.

Ezekiel's prophecy is seen fulfilled in the boyhood of Jesus as a "Nazorean, a name whose root means "sprig or shoot".

Now we know that the House of David will never fade again.

In the Gospel, through the parable of the mustard seed, we know that, no mat-

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READINGS  
Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34

ter how small and meager our lives and activities seem

to be, God transforms our human effort through His vitality and life into something significant and spiritually fruitful.

St Paul in the second reading, assures us that, if only we walk by faith and not by sight, courageously longing to be away from our bodies, and at home in the Lord, then we will indeed experience a merciful judgment and receive a just recompense for our lives.

## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# From Bruce to Caitlyn... what are we to think?

By Amanda Conklin  
Contributing writer

I am not a perfect human being. This being said, I'd like to admit that I watch the show "Keeping up with the Kardashians." Why? You may ask. I could offer the suggestion that I work with college students, so it is important to stay up on cultural happenings.

However, the main reason I watch is because I am so intrigued by their family dynamic and how, even through all the make-up and designer clothing, they are human, children of God, and they truly care for each other.

One of the Kardashian clan, who is usually the last one highlighted in the media, and was always seemingly the most down to earth, has been pasted all over magazines, television,

social media, and the radio this week.

### Transgenderism and Theology of the Body

Former Olympian, Bruce Jenner (the family's patriarch) has recently shared that he is "transgender" and will be transitioning to a woman named Caitlyn Jenner. In an interview with Diane Sawyer, Bruce claimed that he has always been a woman on the inside and that he struggled with living the lie of Bruce his whole life.

What does the Church offer as teaching in charity to those who struggle with this real condition?

Theology of the Body, presented to us by the loving St. John Paul II, shares the truth that we are not simply a soul encased in a body. We ARE our bodies, what we do

with our body matters. We know that there are neurological differences in men and women, but beyond that, we know that God, in creating us male and female instilled "male-ness" and "female-ness" into our being.

Some may respond to the effect: "It doesn't matter what parts we are born with, what really matters is what gender our soul is and how we feel." Theology of the Body teaches us that we are born with a body/soul union and that our parts aren't simply arbitrary, they point to a deeper reality.

This Theology of the Body can be applied to many different situations where people feel differently than their body reflects. Those with body dimorphism (such as anorexia or bulimia) feel differently than their body reflects and often engage in eating disorders in an attempt to rectify what they see vs. reality. We know that this behavior is disordered and not healthy.

After studying abroad in Italy, a part of my heart "felt" Italian. However, even if I were to get surgery to

look more Italian, learn Italian and change my name to something Italian, it still doesn't make me of Italian descent.

Having drastic surgery (essentially mutilating your God-given parts), taking hormones and changing your name do not address the deeper suffering going on in the persons' mind. And no amount of surgery will make a man a woman. In fact, many studies show those who identify as transgender, and make the "transition", remain depressed, suicidal and often regretting their choice.

We know as Christians that no amount of surgery will lead us to true happiness. True peace and joy can only be attained through Christ.

The Church teaches that while we are individuals and beautiful in our individuality, we are called to community and relationship with one another. The trinity is a relationship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So while many contend that Bruce is "not hurting anyone" by transitioning, and simply "doing

what makes him happy", he is actually affecting his family, friends and society as a whole.

In the Diane Sawyer special, it was evident how deeply hurt some of his children were. Some even commented how they felt like their father was dying.

I do not contest that Bruce Jenner's struggle is real. It has to be a tremendous cross to bear. However, we are all given crosses to bear in life and suffering can be beautiful when united with Christ's suffering on the Cross. Bruce showed courage when, for the sake of his family, he suffered with this sex dysphoria silently all these years.

Let us pray that Bruce and all those who face this struggle find charity and love in the beautiful teachings of our Church and in the Master Craftsman who made them in His image and made them well.

St. John Paul the Great, Pray for us!

*(Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader, Pre-Cana Directors for the Diocese, offer workshops on Theology of the Body. If you'd like them to come speak at your church or group, please contact them at 315-287-2874, 315-393-2920, or dleader@rc-dony.org.)*

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AT THE MOVIES

# SPY

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Sharply observed and cleverly executed, writer-director Paul Feig's espionage satire "Spy" (Fox) boasts a large potential for fun.

Yet the abundant entertainment that might be hoped for from his genre-ribbing comedy, with its array of eccentric characters, is ultimately squelched by an excess of crude material and vulgar dialogue.

Equally overburdened by the film's needless cargo of coarseness is the mild poignancy of its central relationship. Blinkered by vanity, elegant, James Bond-like CIA field operative Bradley Fine (Jude Law) fails to realize that he owes the better part of his success to the remote, high-tech support he receives from his desk-bound partner back at headquarters, Susan Cooper (Melissa McCarthy).

Bradley's shallow assumptions also blind him to the fact that awkward, self-effacing Susan's devotion to him is more than merely professional.

Susan's heartfelt dedication is put to the test when Fine becomes a casualty in the agency's effort to bring down Rayna Boyanov (Rose Byrne), the ruthless heir of an international crime dynasty. Determined to avenge her beloved idol, Susan convinces her prickly boss, Elaine Crocker (Allison Janney), to let her leave Langley and go undercover. Though ostensibly her mission is



CNS PHOTO/FOX  
Allison Janney and Melissa McCarthy star in a scene from the movie "Spy."

merely to track Rayna, Susan's real goal is to nab the evildoer.

Masked by the series of uniformly embarrassing disguises Elaine supplies her with, Susan pursues outrageously spoiled, wildly cynical Rayna from one elegant European venue to the next.

Along the way, she's aided, albeit ineptly, by her goodhearted officemate and best friend Nancy (Miranda Hart). But the relentless, disdain-driven interference of another colleague, macho lunkhead Rick Ford (Jason Statham), threatens to derail Susan's risky project at every turn.

Vastly superior to Feig and McCarthy's popular 2011 collaboration, "Bridesmaids," "Spy" deploys the latter's trademark blend of orneriness and sensitivity to far more satisfying effect. Yet, along with a level of bloodletting wholly unjustified by the comic context, the childish urge to shock undermines the script's

more respectable humor, tainting the whole endeavor with a stain of sophomoric stupidity.

The film contains intermittent harsh violence with gore, brief obscene images, much sexual and some scatological humor. 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.

## Bishop LaValley to lead Holy Year of Mercy Catholic Italy Pilgrimage

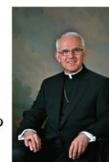
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A Holy Year offers unique opportunities for spiritual growth. This Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy promises to be a time for prayer, an increase in faith, and a whole lot of enjoyment for all the pilgrims. The frosting on the cake: gaining the plenary indulgence associated with such a pilgrimage during a Holy Year.

I hope you'll join us for what promises to be an exciting and spiritually enriching time together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*Bishop LaValley*  
Bishop Terry R. LaValley

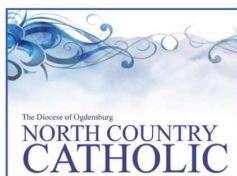


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**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email [Johnsadoration@aol.com](mailto:Johnsadoration@aol.com)

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

**Ellenburg Center** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer to begin First Saturday Devotion.

**Date:** through Nov. 2015

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Features:** Mass, rosary

**Contact:** RSVP for lunch to [olaprayerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaprayerhouse@gmail.com) or 518-594-3253.

**FRANKLIN**

**ROSARY RALLY FOR MARRIAGE**

**Fort Covington** – A Rosary Rally for God's marriage has been planned. Due to the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision on marriage, parishioners of St. Mary's of the Fort are asking God to save true marriage through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother and through the intercession of Saint Joseph.

**Date:** June 13

**Time:** Noon

**Place:** St. Mary's of the Ft. Church  
**Contact:** Cassie Pulsifer at the parish office at 518-358-2500

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

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

**Time:** immediately following the 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass

**Place:** St. Ann's Church  
**Contact:** 518-856-9656

**GARAGE SALE**

**Malone** – St. Andre's Parish is holding its GIGANTIC Annual Garage Sale.

**Date:** June 3 – 15 (Closed Sundays)

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Notre Dame Church parking lot  
**Features:** Furniture, household goods, tools, baby items, toys, books, bedding.

**JEFFERSON**

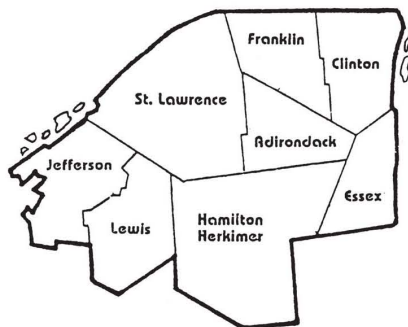
**HEALING MASS**

**Clayton** – St. Mary's Church will have its Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

**Date:** June 13

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Features:** Celebrated by Fathers Arthur LaBaff and Thomas Kormmeyer. During



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**North Country Catholic**, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296; e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered. Following Mass are prayer teams to pray for individual needs. Refreshments in parish center  
**Contact:** call St. Mary's Parish Office at 315-686-3398 or visit the website at [www.stmaryscloyton.org](http://www.stmaryscloyton.org).

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

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

**Date:** June 25

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Anthony's Mt. Carmel, Church Basement; Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers  
**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each;

**MOUNT CARMEL FEAST**

**Watertown** – St. Anthony's Church, to have 99th annual Mt. Carmel Feast in honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

**Dates:** June 26-June 28

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church

**Schedule:** Bingo June 26-7 p.m. in the school gym; Rides by Ontario Amusement Company. Grounds are open June 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; June 27 & 28 – 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Religious Procession begins at 5 p.m. Sunday followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Fireworks Sunday night at 10 p.m.  
**Features:** Traditional Italian foods, entertainment each night: Fri: Les Gates; Sat: Nick Mulpagano; Sun: Fred and the Eds. \$1,700 raffle after fireworks  
**Contact:** St. Anthony's parish office 315-782-1190

**JUNE ULTREYA**

**Watertown** – Cursillo Community celebrating June Ultrereya

**Date:** June 18

**Time:** 6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Place:** St. Patrick's Chapel

**Features:** Cursillistas' reunion. Also, we welcome those interested in deepening a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing it with other Catholics.

**Contact:** Anne at [ams2962@gmail.com](mailto:ams2962@gmail.com)

**LIFERIGHT MEETING**

**Watertown** – Liferight of Watertown meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**NEW Place:** 870 Arsenal Street.

**Features:** Liferight is as a pro-life educational organization. The office has a variety of videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed.

**Contact:** Phone 315-788-8480

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

**Watertown** – Holy Hour for vocations to be held.

**Date:** Mon.-Fri.

**Time:** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Holy Family Church

**Contact:** 315-782-2468

**LEWIS**

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**

**Port Leyden** – There will be a Strawberry Social at St. Martin's Church.

**Date:** June 20

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Features:** Strawberry Shortcake and Sundaes, along with Hamburgers, Hot Sausage, Hot Dogs and drinks . A Chi-

nese Auction this year along with a cake walk, gas card raffle and live music by the Adirondack Community Chorus.

**HAM DINNER**

**Harrisville** – The Knights of Columbus to sponsor a ham dinner.

**Date:** June 10

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. – 6:30

**Place:** St. Francis Church

**Cost:** Adults, \$8.50; Children 12-5, \$4.50; under 5, Free; Take-outs available.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Lowville** – Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

**Dates:** June 18

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 5

**Place:** St. Peter's Church

**Feature:** The Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and the Benediction.

**ST. LAWRENCE**

**FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL**

**South Colton** – Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Colton and St. Mary Parish in Potsdam, will be celebrant of a Mass of the Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul.

**Date:** June 29

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Paul's Oratory

**Features:** Msgr. Aucoin will lead a procession to the Sacred Heart Shrine after the Mass. An Ice Cream Social will follow; bring a lawn chair.

**K OF C BRUNCH**

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

**Date:** June 14

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

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center

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

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**

**Massena** – First Saturday Rosary Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima to be held.

**Date:** June 6

**Time:** 3:15 p.m.; confessions at 2:45 p.m. and Saturday Mass Vigil at 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Catholic Church,

**Features:** Praying the Rosary to our Lady of Fatima for Reparation of our sins and for World Peace.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

**Ogdensburg** – St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

**Time:** 7 p.m. concluding with Benedic-

tion at 8 p.m.

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel

**LATIN MASS**

**Potsdam** – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday

**Time:** 11:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Massena** – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 10

**Place:** St. Mary's Family Room.

**NOVENA FOR MILITARY**

**Ogdensburg** – Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel at a new time.

**Date:** Tuesday afternoons

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**Massena** – Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** Sacred Heart Convent

**Contact:** 315-769-3137

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP**

**Ogdensburg** – Catholic Heart Work Camp has announced that they are putting on a week of camp in Ogdensburg

**Date:** June 28 to July 4

**Chair:** Features: Groups of high school and college students and their chaperones from across the Northeast will be converging at Wadhams Hall to take part in 5 days of service, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

**Contact:** [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com)

**FAMILY PILGRIMAGE**

A diocesan family pilgrimage has been planned.

**Date:** July 18

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

**Features:** A brief introduction will familiarize pilgrims with the site, following lunch and the outdoor Stations of the Cross, there will be time for families to walk the shrine grounds, swim, and connect with one another. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before Mass, which will be celebrated at 4 p.m. by Father Doug Lucia, Diocesan Vicar for Family Life.

**Contact:** Steve Tartaglia at the diocesan Family Life Office: [sttartaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:sttartaglia@rcdony.org) or at (315) 393-2920 Ext. 1420.



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# Lenten gratitude

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

Prayerful greetings and my gratitude for your Lenten sacrifices to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which is such a blessing to the Church as it serves the poor of the Missions.

Throughout our world, day after day, we find suffering of all kinds, such as devastation wrought by natural disasters, profound hunger and poverty, illness and disease, war and violence. There is also the suffering that comes from not knowing of the great love of our Lord.

In all these situations, Pope Francis asks us to be "heralds of God's mercy," encourages us to "console broken hearts and offer hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness."

Because of your Lenten donation, you support local priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who reach out to the suffering in Jesus' name, offering them His love and His message of hope. They remind them that God does not abandon us, helping them to experience in their "Good Friday" world, the hope and joy of Easter Sunday.

By your prayers, and your gift to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you are a "herald of God's mercy" to those in greatest need. As I ask your continuing prayers for our mission family, know that you and those you love remain in my prayers.

May the Lord continue to shed his blessings! My prayers and gratitude are with each of you for all you do.

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**Carthage** - Emily M. (Doolen) Thomas, 87; Funeral Services June 5, 2015 at St. James Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown.

**Colton** - Agnes K. Sullivan, 69; Funeral Services June 5, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** - Angus A. "Tehoneratathe" Adams, 71; Funeral Services June 6, 2015 at St. Regis Church.

**Keeseville** - Shirley M. (Blaise) Murcra, 74; Funeral Services June 5, 2015 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Lake Placid** - Clorinda J. (DiTomasso) Zampieri, 95; Funeral Services June 3, 2015 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Lisbon** - Mary Bonno, 91; Funeral Services St. Phillip and James Church.

**Lyon Mountain** - Robert Charland, 77; Funeral Services June 3, 2015 at St. Bernard's Church.

**Malone** - Robert Dupree, 85; Funeral Services June 1, 2015 at the Brusco-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in St. George's Cemetery, Burke.

**Massena** - Muriel (LaMarche) Feeney, 84; Funeral Services June 1, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

**North Bangor** - Eleanor Beatrice (Gokey) Thomas, 99; Funeral Services June 5, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

**North Bangor** - Erma May (Hammill) White, 90; Funeral Services June 2, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** - Lynn Edgar Bracy, 87; Funeral Services at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Ogdensburg** - Yvonne R. (Martin) Harper, 76; Funeral Services June 5, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** - Jodi Lynn Sharpe, 45; Funeral Services June 2, 2015 at Frary Funeral Home.

**Ogdensburg** - Mary H. (Jordan) Wood, 102; Funeral Services June 4, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Peru** - Alan Jean Barden, 51; Funeral Services June 2, 2015 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Old DeKalb Cemetery, Dekalb Junction.

**Plattsburgh** - Karen H. (Seguin) Prevo, 47; Funeral Services June 3, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Louis of France Cemetery, Sciota.

**Potsdam** - Donald A. Wells, 90; Funeral Services June 5, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** - James "Tom" Thomas Wardell, 58; Funeral Services June 3, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the Valley View Cemetery.

**Watertown** - Stephen F. Foley, 70; Funeral Services June 5, 2015 at Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.



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# GUGGENHEIM 2015

## MEET THE STAFF



**Christian Kleb**

Hello, my name is Christian Kleb. I am from Nokesville, Virginia, which is right outside of the great city of Washington D.C. I live in the Arlington diocese and my home parish is Holy Trinity Catholic church in Gainesville. I have previously attended Franciscan University of Steubenville and majored in Communications Arts.

I am very excited as this is my first summer at Guggenheim! The most exciting thing for me is that I get to be in the great outdoors all the while teaching and spreading the gospel to all the campers who come.



**Ellen Miner**

Ellen has lived in Saranac Lake, New York her entire life. She is a proud parishioner of St. Bernard's Church. She is going into her sophomore year at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland where she is majoring in History and minoring in French.

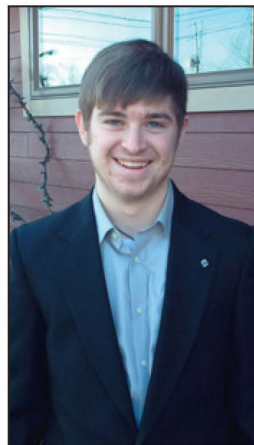
This will be Ellen's first year as a Guggenheim camp counselor. She went to Guggenheim as a camper for seven years and is very excited to be a part of the staff!



**Allison St. Louis**

My name is Allison St. Louis ... This is my first year on staff, but I'm no stranger to Guggenheim. Going to camp was always my favorite part of each summer. I had to come back to share the joy, love, and faith that I have experienced at camp with the campers, especially those who have never been before.

My home parish is St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville, where I teach 2nd grade religion class. I recently completed my first year at SUNY Plattsburgh, where I'm studying Elementary Education. I can't wait to start working with and learning from the campers that come through, and I know that this summer will be incredible. God is good... all the time.



**John McBride**

My name is John McBride, I am from Waterbury Vermont. I attend Mass at St. Andrew parish in Waterbury and serve at Mass at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit Located on the Campus of Assumption College. I am a First Year Theology major at Assumption College located in Worcester Massachusetts.

This will be my first summer as camp counselor. I have been a camper for seven years and I am very excited to give back to a family that has helped me grow in my Faith and to show the campers how great our God is.



**Maura Bobak**

Hello! My name is Maura Bobak. I am from St. Stephen Parish on Grand Island, New York. I am a junior nursing major at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

This will be my second year working at the beautiful Camp Guggenheim. I am blessed to share with campers the joy of Christ. As a camper at teen and family camp for many years, I know Guggenheim to be a place of holiness, joy, and adventure.

I am so excited for the campers to experience Camp Guggenheim!

More profiles in next week's *NCC*

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