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## True Christian charity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - While donation campaigns and charitable contributions for the needy are important, true Christian charity involves a more personal touch, Pope Francis said.

Coming face to face with the poor may pose a chal-

lenge and tempt people to turn the other way and give in to "the habit of fleeing from needy people and not approach them or disguise a bit the reality of the needy," the pope said Oct. 19 during his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"Poverty in the abstract does not challenge us. It may make us think, it may make us complain, but when you see poverty in the flesh of a man, a woman or a child; this (certainly) challenges us!" he said.

The square was packed

with thousands of people, many of whom attended the Oct. 16 canonization Mass of seven new saints.

Among the pilgrims was a group from the pope's native Argentina who sang folk music and dressed in traditional ponchos.

## Teachers gather in Lake Placid

Approximately 220 administrators and teachers from Catholic schools across the diocese participated in this year's Superintendent's Conference held Oct. 7 at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid.

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Canton collegians feed the hungry, give drink

to the thirsty

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HONORS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Linda Young, a driving force behind Interfaith Food Pantry in Lake Placid and the Lake Placid Thrift Shop, accepts the President's Award from Bishop Terry R. LaValley at the annual Catholic Charities Caritas dinner held Oct. 19 in Lake Placid. The Caritas Award was given to Mercy Care of the Adirondacks. More photos on page 3.

## BUILDING VOCATIONS

One parish at a time



Rhonda Gruenewald, author of "Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry" will travel from Houston, Texas, to Norfolk Nov. 5 to present a program on supporting vocation ministry in parishes. "The goal of any vocation ministry is to create a vocation-friendly environment where the Holy Spirit can easily plant seeds of holiness that are watered by the prayers of faithful parishioners," she said. Registration for the day may be made at [www.rcdony.org/vocations](http://www.rcdony.org/vocations)

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Vocations: past, present, future

In a couple of weeks the diocesan Office of Vocations will welcome Catholics from across the North Country to the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk for a special program on building vocations in parishes.

Rhonda Gruenewald of Houston, Texas, author of "Hundredfold: a Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry" will offer dozens of practical ideas to help parishioners build the longed-for cul-

ture of vocations in their church communities.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

November 5 promises to be a very fruitful day.

And, while we strive to nurture the vocations of the younger members of church, we must never forget about those who served us for years and years and more years.

This past week, I had the great privilege of making a road trip to Watertown where Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy was honored on his 70th anniversary of priesthood ordination.

It was wonderful to be reminded about all the ministry he has offered – through seven decades – to carny people, firefighters, police and parishioners of Holy Family Church in Watertown among other parishes.

It probably won't surprise anyone that Monsignor's folder in the NCC file cabinet is fatter than anyone else's. That's what happens when you travel around the world baptizing babies on fairgrounds and meeting popes in the Vatican.

(We'll be sharing more from

Msgr. McCarthy's special day in our "We Appreciate Our Priests" issue at Thanksgiving time.)

It was also a delight to visit with the Sisters of St. Joseph with whom he makes his home, the Precious Blood Sisters who came to the diocese at Msgr. McCarthy's invitation and some of his brothers, the priests of Jefferson and Lewis deaneries.

We in the Diocese of Ogdensburg are so blessed by the joy-filled priests and religious in our midst.

It will be wonderful to welcome many more of them!

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Happy Feast Day, St. Pope John XXIII

Today as I write this, Oct. 11, is the Feast Day for Saint Pope John XXIII, one of my favorite saints. He had a profound influence on my life. I hope that you all remember Pope John XXIII.

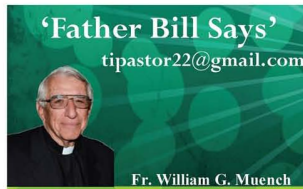
So, a little bit about Pope John XXIII, especially for you younger readers:

Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli; as a younger priest and bishop, he served as a papal legate in several countries. Then, later in life, as a Cardinal, he became the Archbishop of Venice. In the conclave that followed the death of Pope Pius XII, he was elected Pope, surprising to many since he was 77 years old.

Then, Pope John XXIII surprised the whole Catholic world when he proposed and called an Ecumenical Council, a meeting of all the Bishops in the world.

Pope John XXIII's Feast Day was chosen as October 11th because October 11, 1962 was the opening day of the Second Vatican Council.

Throughout the years of the history of the Catholic Church there have been 20 such Ecumenical Councils during which important decisions for our Church were made. The last previous council, the First Vatican Council, was called by



Pope Pius IX in the 1850's. So you can see why everyone – from Church leaders to the laity – was surprised when Pope John XXIII announced that another Council, the Second Vatican Council, would be convened.

I still remember well the picture of the nave of St. Peter's Basilica with all the Bishops seated there. I also remember that many thought this meeting of all these Bishops would be a mere formality. That was not to be so. Right from the starts there was discussion, even debate. It turned out the meetings continued for four years.

The Council would publish ten Dogmatic Constitutions which announced for all to hear the teachings of the Catholic Church. Pope John XXIII was to die shortly after the first session of the Council. However, thanks be to God, Pope Paul VI continued the work of the Council in the spirit of Pope John XXIII.

At the beginning of the Council, Pope John XXIII spoke of this time as a time for throwing open the windows of the Catholic Church. It was to be a time to allow the Holy Spirit to bring new light on the ways the Catholic Church approaches the modern world. In fact, that is exactly what happened. The Bishops boldly worked together, advised by brilliant theologians, to make our Catholic Church alive – with the life of the Holy Spirit – a life that continues today, 51 years later.

The immediate noteworthy decisions made by the Bishops for us, ordinary Catholics, were the changes in our Catholic liturgy of the Mass. Many of you remember what the liturgy of the Mass was before the Council. I believe that these changes were significant and inspired. They certainly put new life in my ministry as a priest. I often thank God for giving us Pope John XXIII and his Council.

First of all, there was the use of the vernacular for the prayers at Mass. The Second Vatican Council opened up the opportunity for each country to us the vernacular language of their place for the prayers of the Mass. So here we could use English. I saw this as meaning that everyone at Mass could

understand the Mass prayers and could join in the responses and prayers.

In addition, the Council's changes included that the celebrant priest of the Mass would now face his congregation. For me, this united in a special way a close relationship with the people who joined me in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Truly these changes in our Catholic liturgy truly made a great difference in me, as a priest of the Lord Jesus. The Mass became a real celebration for me. I discovered a close relationship with the people at the celebration of the Mass.

This was only a small part of all that the Second Vatican Council accomplished. The Council Fathers discussed the message of Jesus and of our Church. The documents of the Council are a solid foundation of our faith as Catholics. We must continue to read them and study them again and again. Our young people need to discover this message of our Church through the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope John XXIII's Council has made a phenomenal difference in our Church then and continues to do so now. We must never lose the wisdom and the importance of the message of the Second Vatican Council.

## FOLLOW ME

# Faith: the deciding factor when I vote

## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Have you ever experienced an election year as we are now enduring? It is especially critical, at this time when our society is suffering from a crisis of faith, not to lose heart particularly these days when our nation's political process is in such turmoil. We wonder, "Where is the Lord in all of this?"

Personally, I find it very difficult to trust two candidates who want to lead our nation. I am embarrassed, disgusted and extremely concerned about their leadership abilities, their vitriolic language, their death-dealing values and their vision for tomorrow. What is one to do?

First, it is imperative that we know and understand what our Church teaches about critical issues of the day. If you have questions about Church teaching, please contact your pastor. The U.S. Bishops have provided resources for prayer and education at

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship>.



Bishop  
Terry R.  
LaValley

Secondly, we must educate ourselves on how the candidates (local, state and national) and their political parties stand on crucial issues by looking at their voting record and considering their words and actions.

Granted, this is most difficult because of the many filters presented by the media.

Thirdly, we must weigh the candidates' stance in view of Christ's teaching, particularly on life matters such as abortion and euthanasia. These are not just single issues among many of equal import. From the outset, if I don't have the natural and divine right to live and breathe, then all other important issues are irrelevant and

moot.

What about the vulnerable such as the poor, those who suffer unjust discrimination, the immigrant, the migrant, the elderly, the victim of terror and violence?

Where do the candidates stand on such a criti-

cal concern as our religious freedom?

Whose character, whose values can I trust?

Importantly, this applies to local and state-wide candidates, as well. The answers must inform my decision as I mark my ballot.

Faith must always be the deciding factor when I vote. If it doesn't, I suffer a real schizophrenic faith. Somehow, we've allowed political party affiliation to rule the day. God can no longer be on the margins of life. Right and wrong are not negotiable.

Sometimes, it can seem overwhelming. Yet, we persist in prayer and our support for those who seek to walk in the ways of God. Prayer motivates our behavior, expresses our hope, and nourishes our faith.

Let us ask God today to make us strong in our faith, unwavering in our hope, and persistent in our prayer.

Lastly, by all means, vote!

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

## AT THE CARITAS DINNER



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK

Each year, Catholic Charities host its Caritas Dinner during which individuals or groups are honored for the efforts towards building compassionate caring communities. This year, the Caritas Award was presented to Mercy Care of the Adirondacks. Shown, left, at the Caritas dinner, held Oct. 19 at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid are Bishop LaValley with Mercy Sister Camillus O'Keefe, vice president of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks; and attorney Jeremiah Hayes, board president of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks. Above is Father John Yonkovig, pastor in Lake Placid and member of the Catholic Charities board of directors.



### CORRECTION

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg would like to acknowledge an omission in our 2015 Annual report of Donations printed on October 19, 2016. Please accept our apologies for any errors or omissions contained within our Annual Report. Your generosity should be acknowledged. Your patience is also very appreciated. Please accept our apologies.

- St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh, NY recorded a World Mission Sunday donation for 2015 of \$3,342.22
- St. Andre Bessette Roman Catholic Parish encompasses Notre Dame, St. John Bosco, St. Joseph's and St. Helen's in Chasm Falls and includes 1,866 families in its parishes.
- Reminder that on some occasions, a parish total actually reflects donations from the entire parish grouping (2-3 churches) and not just an individual parish total.

### BENDING THE KNEE!

In preparation for  
Elections 2016  
Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 7<sup>th</sup>  
Every Night at 6:00 PM



Come Pray With Us  
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Featured Prayers: The Angelus,  
Rosary for Peace and Justice  
and the Novena for Life.



REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK

At the beginning of the Mass which opened the annual Diocesan Superintendent's Conference Oct. 7 in Lake Placid, a teacher from each school placed a spool of thread in a basket at the altar representing "the many strands of dedication, sacrifice and love that weave a fabric of faith in the schools." Above, Kate Karpinski represents Augustinian Academy in Carthage.



Dr. Mary Jane Krebs from St. John's University in New York delivered the keynote address on "Developing Curriculum in a 21st Century Catholic School: An Opportunity and a Challenge."



Mike Preston of St. Mary's School in Canton, read the first scripture reading at the Mass.

## Annual Superintendent's Conference brings Catholic school teachers to Lake Placid

# Weaving the Threads Together

By Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSI  
Superintendent of Schools

**LAKEPLACID** - The annual Superintendent's Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Oct. 7 with Dr. Mary Jane Krebs from St. John's University in New York delivering the keynote address.

Dr. Krebs spoke on Developing Curriculum in a 21st Century Catholic School: An Opportunity and a Challenge. She extended this topic during an afternoon session for 6-12 teachers with particular reference to the Catholic Worldview and Curriculum.

Afternoon sessions also included a workshop for 1-5 teachers on Formative Assessment and Vocabulary Strategies for ELA presented by Dr. Marilyn Trainor.

Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers attended workshops on Emergent Literacy for the Early Learner presented by Catherine Bemis, principal of St. Agnes School in Lake Placid and Strategies to Create a Faith-Filled Pre K

and Kindergarten Environment given by Pam Ballantine, Diocesan Assistant Director of Education.

Bishop LaValley opened the day with the celebration of the Liturgy.

The bishop expressed his gratitude to the administrators and teachers for their commitment to Catholic schools and encouraged them to "weave a fabric of

faith and academic excellence" in their respective schools.

During the conference, the diocesan Teacher of the Year, Kelly Sternisha from St. James School in Gouverneur, was recognized as well as the teachers who have served in diocesan Catholic schools for 15 and 25 years.

Those acknowledged for 15 years of service were

Jamie Burns, St. Mary's, Canton; Shannon Margrey, Augustinian Academy, Carthage; Laurie St. Hilaire, Holy Family, Malone; Mary-Elizabeth Friot, St. James, Gouverneur; Marjorie Ilisco, Trinity Catholic, Massena; and Nicole McIntyre, IHC Intermediate, Watertown.

Carole Broadfoot, St. Agnes, Lake Placid, was recognized for 25 years service.

A number of teachers were acknowledged for the completion of required faith formation courses.

Publishers where on had to exhibit and provide information about their materials. Representatives from diocesan offices were available with information about their respective offices. Vermont Church Supply and the Parent Teacher Store were on-site with a wide variety of materials available for purchase.

The theme for the Superintendent's Conference, "Weaving the Threads Together," provided teachers and administrators with the opportunity to consider the integral connection among the key components of a school's program: curriculum, instruction and assessment.

In addition, the conference provided a focus on the "threads of faith" that are unique to a Catholic school.

Approximately 220 administrators and teachers participated in this year's conference.



St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools, welcomes Catholic school personnel and guests to the Superintendent's Day program, including Bishop Terry R. LaValley and priests of the diocese, Msgr. Dennis J. Duprey, Father John R. Yonkovic, Father Thomas J. Higman and Father Douglas J. Lucia.

## Blue Mass Oct. 30

**MALONE** - The entire New York North Country community is invited to join in prayer for the safety and well-being of all in law enforcement at the first biennial Blue Mass scheduled in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Bishop Terry LaValley will celebrate the Mass Oct. 30 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Josephs Church for state troopers, police officers, sheriff employees, correctional officers, border patrol and customs agents, all in federal law enforcement and district attorneys.

Attendees from the various agencies are invited to wear their department uniforms

This will be the first time that Diocese of Ogdensburg has celebrated a Blue Mass. A large portion of the community in the North Country is active in Law Enforcement.

This Blue Mass will be an opportunity for the community to come together to support those in Law Enforcement and their families with our prayers and faith.

## SIXTH GRADE SCIENTIST



Sixth graders from St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga participated in a field trip to the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum for a Paddling Ecology Program. Aurelia Leerkes is collecting plankton.

## Funeral held Oct. 15 for Deacon George Stewart, 75

**HOPEWELL JUNCTION, N.Y.**—A Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon George R. Stewart, 75, who served the parishes of St. Agnes in Lake Placid, St. Margaret's in Wilmington, St. Bernard's in Keene, was held Oct. 15 at St. Columba Church. He died Oct. 11; burial was in St. Denis Cemetery.

A resident of the Hudson Valley for many years and most recently of Lake Placid, Deacon Stewart is survived by his wife of 51 years Agnes; their seven children Father George, Kevin, Dennis, Maureen, Heather, Tara, and Ryan; his son-in-law Bob Shilkunas; daughters-in-law Nicole and Sarah; and grandchildren Kevin, Bobby, Elizabeth, Dennis and Hunter; siblings, Mary, Donald, Daniel, Gregory, Bernadette

and Ronald. He was predeceased by two of his siblings, Jennie and Robert

Deacon Stewart was born in Jamaica, Queens, July 24, 1941, the son of the late Mary and George R. Stewart and raised in the Bronx.

He was ordained a permanent deacon at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the Archdiocese of New York by Cardinal Terence Cooke on May 28, 1983.

He served as a deacon in the Parish of St. Columba in Hopewell Junction. He also served the Parishes of St. Agnes in Lake Placid, St. Margaret's in Wilmington, St. Bernard's in Keene, Regina Coeli in Hyde Park and St. Anthony of Padua in West Harrison.

Memorial donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Palliative Care Unit.



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## HAIL, O HOLY ST. PHILOMENA!

**O** SAINT PHILOMENA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, whom God glorifies by so many miracles, whom the Vicar of Jesus Christ has named the Protectress of The Living Rosary and the Children of Mary, manifest more and more plainly from the heights of Heaven that a voice holy as thine cannot be denied and that we have the right to rely upon thine aid. Obtain for us the grace to be faithful to Jesus Christ, even to death. Amen.

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BISHOP'S FUND 2016... MOVED BY MERCY

# Bishop's Fund supports Natural Family Planning

By Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Diocesan NFP directors

The Natural Family Planning Office owes great gratitude to the Bishop Fund and its supporters for making this ministry possible. Several weeks ago, as we participated at INSPIRE: CALLED TO LOVE, we were presented with many reminders of the way NFP ministry impacts the life of our diocesan family.

Sharing an exhibit table with others in family life ministry gave us a great opportunity to share the good news of God's plan for married love with many: answering questions and providing information to inquirers; offering print and audio materials to those wishing them; and encouraging those already committed to, in turn, share with others the blessings NFP has brought to their marriages and to their families. To quote one woman, "NFP was the best thing we ever did for our marriage, and we want everyone to know about it!"

For us, one of the deepest blessings of the day was reconnecting with so many couples to whom we have taught Natural Family Planning through the years. It is humbling to have been part of the faith journey of so many beautiful couples – and to have been privileged to educate them to plan their families naturally, according to the perfect design of God.

Committed to the sacramentality of their own married vocations, they contribute substantially to our diocesan goal of creating a culture of vocations. Grateful for the blessings of happy marriage and family life, quite a few of them have gone on to serve in the vital but challenging work of preparing young couples

for marriage. In this way, they are strengthening faith formation in family life.

**NFP was the best thing we ever did for our marriage, and we want everyone to know about it!**

Finally, they believe what Pope Francis teaches in *The Joy of Love*: (#222): "Greater emphasis needs to be placed on the fact that children are a wonderful gift from God and a joy for their parents and the Church. Through them the Lord renews the world." This joy was especially evident in the children, in a beautiful new baby (his parents' fourth) – and in the delight of the couple who shared that they are expecting baby number three.

The loving service of such couples bears witness to the simple truth that God's way works. In *The Joy of Love*, Pope Francis explains how this kind of cooperation with God helps couples grow. "Moreover, 'the use of methods based on the laws of nature and the incidence of fertility' are to be promoted, since 'these methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them, and favor the education of an authentic freedom'."

In Bishop Barron's keynote speech, too, we heard emphasis on the importance of respecting the meaning that the God has written into all that he has made. He reminded us that we do not assign meaning to ourselves, our bodies, or any part of creation; rather, we are to discover and respect the meaning put there by God. "Every created being comes forth from the hand of God with a particular meaning written into it," explained Bishop Barron. "It is part of the joy of humanity

to be speakers of this truth, of the beautiful intelligibility found in what God has created—to read the meaning of things according to God's order."

This is precisely what Natural Family Planning does, and why its effects on marriage and family are so positive and so powerful. Human beings have understood from the beginning that sexual intercourse is designed for procreation—and also for the loving union of husband and wife. Natural methods respect both these meanings, and make it possible for couples to live in harmony with their fertility.

By learning to recognize the physical signs of fertility, couples can reliably plan their families. NFP offers a healthy, holistic method based on the knowledge, involvement, and continuing cooperation of both spouses. In this way, and because it honors God through obedience to his plan, NFP can help couples grow closer to one another and to God.

We have been privileged to see this happen time and again over many years. What God has made is indeed good, and well worth promoting and teaching! Without the generosity of the Bishop's Fund, this would not be possible.

## 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. Upcoming sessions:

**Oct. 28** - 5:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, Peru

**Oct. 29** - 9 a.m., St. Peter's Church, Lowville

## Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 24 -28** - Directed Retreat for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Ossining, NY

**Oct. 30** - 9:30 a.m., Brunch and Meeting with the Clinton Deanery Confirmation Candidates and Parents at St. Augustine's Church, Peru 2 p.m., Blue Mass honoring Law Enforcement at St. Joseph's Church in Malone

**Oct. 31** - 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Nov. 1** - 12 p.m., Mass for All Saints Day at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Nov. 2** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

## Rest in Peace

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

**Oct. 27** - Rev. John M. Fagan, O.S.A., 1966; Msgr. George Norton Whittaker, 1971; Msgr. Gerald H. Service, 2002

**Oct. 28** - Deacon Richard Gaebel, 2008; Msgr. George M. Phillips, 2011

**Oct. 29** - Rev. James R. Scanlon, 1880; Rev. Peter F. Cody, 1888; Rev. John Canning, 1998; Deacon Robert V. Ruddy, 2013

**Oct. 30** - Rev. Michael F. Burns, 1921; Rev. Thomas E. Owen, 1945; Rev. Peter N. Butler, 1973

**Oct. 31** - Rev. James Rooney, 1863; Rev. Lucien Jean, M.S.C., 1964; Rev. Ivan G. Boyea, 1996

## To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact: **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 413 Ryan Road, Churubusco, NY, 12923; e-mail: [terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com](mailto:terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com) Phone: 518-483-3261; or Fr James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

## Environmental Stewardship

### Earth Scriptures: Autumn and Gratitude

As the written Scriptures teach us the need for right relationship with God, the Earth, and our fellow inhabitants, so too we can learn about these relationships from the wisdom inherent in God's Creation.

But to do this, we need to pause, quiet our minds, and open our hearts to meditate upon the wonder of Creation of which we are a part.

The practice of "Stop, Look, and Listen" can work wonders in our lives—it is not just for traffic lights.

The seasons give insight into God's plan for each of us. Autumn is a time of transition.

This outward change invites and encourages us to reflect upon ways that we may change inwardly to grow closer to God, to each other, and all creation.

We need to listen carefully, for autumn is a season that whispers to us—much as fall winds gently beckon the Canada Geese southward. Like the geese and other creatures, we need to be attentive and listen carefully or these whispers will go unheard.

Joyce Rupp, OSM, suggests that even the earlier setting of the sun can remind us to take time to rest, the crunch of leaves beneath our feet can remind us of the brevity of this earthly life, and the stream of our breath in the cool air can remind us that it is God who gives us the breath of life.

Autumn is also a time of gathering the bounty with which we have been blessed.

It is a season that can teach us much about gratitude and generosity.

Meister Eckhart wrote that, "If there is only one prayer that we ever say, it should be thank you." When we bow our heads at dinner tonight, may we not only be thankful for those gifts that we are about to receive, but also for all those blessings that we have already received—the gift of being a part of such a wondrous Creation.

*\*Reflection of a Member of Faith and Ecology Group*



*Bishop Terry LaValley cordially invites you to the*

*Diocese of Ogdensburg*  
***Blue Mass***

*Sunday, October 30, 2016*

*2:30pm*

*St. Joseph's Church 306 West Main Street, Malone, NY*



*The entire New York North Country Community  
 is invited to join in prayer for the safety and well being  
 of all in the law enforcement community.*



*For more information:  
 Fr. Chris Carrara: 315-376-6662 or [ccc@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ccc@twcny.rr.com)*

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY... FEED THE HUNGRY, GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

# College years... a time to give back

By Amanda Miner  
Staff writer

CANTON - Many view college as a time to "live it up" before entering "the real world." College students are often caricatured as self-entitled, but in Canton, two particular students are breaking that stereotype by living out some of the Corporal Works of Mercy with guidance from their Catholic faith.

Katie Lloyd, a senior Psychology/History Major at St. Lawrence University has been feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty since her freshmen year.

Ms. Lloyd got involved with the Free Will Meal Program, founded in 1999 and based out of the Canton United Methodist Church, when searching for some way to give back.

"I loved SLU but I felt like there were a lot of superficial things in the college world," she said. "I wanted something deeper and more meaningful during my time at college."

"I knew how blessed I was to receive my education and wanted to give back to the community," Ms. Lloyd said. "I finally found a deeper sense of belonging and a warm sense of community."

She volunteers at the



church every Wednesday evening for two hours. She is usually in charge of serving drinks and chatting with the community members who attend the meal program.

Ms. Lloyd recalled one particular experience when she saw Christ in an elderly man she talked with: "He was sitting by himself, his clothes were very tattered, and he had already received several servings as this was probably his only good meal of the

day. I don't remember what we talked about, but I remember feeling very connected to God at that moment.

"That's why I go to the program, because it connects me back to my truest self, which is rooted in Christ," she said. "I love when I get to serve him in others."

Kate Lashway, a second year PTA (Physical Therapist Assistant) student at SUNY Canton has found a means to

serve the hungry and thirsty in a more behind-the-scenes way.

She works for the Church and Community Food Pantry in Canton, run by Sharon White, a parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Church and Community program was established in 1974 and is sponsored by several churches in the Canton community.

Many don't fully realize the work it takes to prepare and organize the pantry before it is open to community members. Ms. Lashway re-stocks shelves, cleans, pulls expired food, and organizes.

This will be Ms. Lashway's second semester working at the pantry and though she doesn't work directly with the families who benefit from the Church and Com-

munity program, she still understands its importance.

**I go to the (Free Will Meal) program, because it connects me back to my truest self, which is rooted in Christ. I love when I get to serve him in others**

"It is so nice working as a volunteer at a job that is connected to the Church," she said. "I'm a people person, so even though I don't directly give the canned goods to the people, I'm still aware of what is going on and know how much it helps. The hardest thing about serving is knowing how many people we help and realizing that there are that many people in need of food."

She also appreciates the ministry's relationship with her Catholic faith.

"To see Sharon (the director) at Mass was cool," she said. "When I go to Mass and she is there, it is nice to feel that connection."

Both students partially credit Newman Club with deepening their Catholic faith and giving them the boost to continue to serve.

"The Newman Spring Retreat helped me learn about the Corporal Works of Mercy and it made me want to do more to perform those acts during this Year of Mercy," Ms. Lashway said.

"Going to meetings each week revives me and motivates me even more," shared Ms. Lloyd. "It's so nice to be around other people who share your beliefs."

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Watertown native Michael Burgess profiles Lake Placid Olympian

# Jack Shea: 'keeper of the flame'

BY Kathleen Lamanna

Staff Writer, Albany Catholic Evangelist

ALBANY - Michael Burgess of St. Vincent de Paul parish isn't sure when he first heard about Jack Shea, the 1932 Olympic gold medalist in 500-meter and 1500-meter speed skating.

But the Olympian's story, he says, "was so good it had to be told. That's why I wrote it."

Shea played a large part in organizing the 1980 winter Olympics in Lake Placid - the Olympian's hometown and a vacation destination for more than 40 years for Mr. Burgess, who's a native of Watertown.

Mr. Burgess was 26 when the Olympics came to Lake Placid in 1980. He remembers seeing the Olympic torch in the village and watching ski-jumping events.

But he never met Shea, who would die in a car accident in 2002.

Mr. Burgess still regrets never having encountered the famous Olympian.

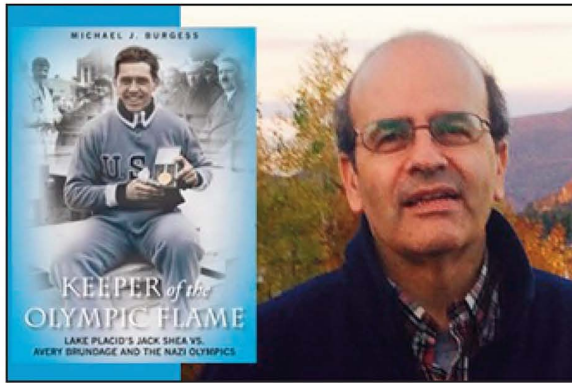
A local author who wrote a previous book on the 1980 Lake Placid winter Olympics, Mr. Burgess tells the story of Jack Shea in his latest offering, "Keeper of the Olympic Flame: Lake Placid's Jack Shea vs. Avery Brundage and the Nazi Olympics."

## Shea's story

Shea was a pioneer in the sport of speed skating, becoming the first American to win two gold medals in a single winter Olympics. But that

## Headline

"Keeper of the Olympic Flame: Lake Placid's Jack Shea vs. Avery Brundage and the Nazi Olympics" is available through Amazon.com, at The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza and at Northshire Bookstore in Saratoga Springs.



The author, Michael Burgess and his book

isn't all he's known for. Shea, a Catholic, made headlines when he refused to compete in the 1936 Olympic games, held in Bavaria, Germany.

"He wasn't going to cast a blind eye that Germany was discriminating against a religious group," Mr. Burgess told The Evangelist.

Adolph Hitler had become chancellor of Germany just three years prior and, within months, the Nazi party had begun to take over the German government - and persecute Jewish people, as well as persons with disabilities and other minorities.

In 1935, a year before the Olympics, the Nuremberg Laws were passed, completely stripping Jews of their citizenship and many of their rights.

At the time, there was a large Jewish population in Lake Placid. Shea, whose family owned a local grocery store and meat market, was asked by the famed Rabbi Stephen Wise not to attend the Olympics in Germany. Wise, a Reform rabbi who had immigrated to the United States from Hungary, was an early and vehement opponent of the Nazi regime.

## Don't go

Shea agreed and even took it a step further: He went public with his opposition to the so-called "Nazi Olympics," writing letters to

Avery Brundage, then-president of the American Olympic Committee.

Shea believed that the United States should not send any athletes to the games.

Jack Shea was not the only athlete to boycott the Olympics, though he was the only one with two gold medals under his belt.

He was also just 26 years old -- the same age Mr. Burgess was when he attended the 1980 winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

"I see a young person filled with idealism," the author said. "That's the way he was, and I certainly was like that myself."

Recalling the '80 Olympics, he said: "It was so exciting, that this small town was in the modern world." It was also one of the first Olympics to be televised widely, and in color.

Mr. Burgess had researched the 1980 Olympic games for his earlier book. He is particularly fascinated by Shea's story:

"Besides being such a great athlete, he was a great scholar," the author said, referring to the fact that Shea

had been a political science student at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Shea also studied at Albany Law School for a brief time.

## Book notes

Through his knowledge of the area, Mr. Burgess was able to get material for his book from the Lake Placid Olympic Museum and from Jack's Shea's son, Jim Sr., and his brother, Gene.

During his early research, Mr. Burgess called Jim Shea, who had his father's scrapbook. Mr. Burgess took photos of letters and other pages with his cell phone. Seeing the primary document was exciting, he said, compared to just reading old news accounts of the Olympics.

The scrapbook included a letter Shea had written to Brundage.

"I cannot refrain from asking you why you are so insistent upon having the games played in Nazi Germany," the Olympian wrote, "and why you, an American, who presumably believes in freedom of speech and action, should attempt to throttle the free discussion of the entire issue involved in the holding of the Olympic games in Germany."

"I regard such participation as an insult to the honor of every athlete and a violation of fair play and sportsmanship upon which the Olympic games were founded," Shea declared.

Brundage never wrote back, but did go on to be-

come the fifth president of the International Olympic Council.

Mr. Burgess, who serves on his parish's peace and justice committee, believes Shea's story is important today.

## Role model

"He was interested in the Olympic ideal," Mr. Burgess told The Evangelist, explaining that peaceful competition and comradery between nations should be at the core of the Olympics.

In recent history, the Olympics have put a spotlight on more than just athleticism and competition. Mr. Burgess cited discrimination against homosexual athletes at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia: "Discrimination still exists," he said.

Regarding the summer Olympics that just concluded in Brazil, Mr. Burgess believes that the International Olympic Committee should assist more in funding the games. Rio made headlines in past weeks about the economic strain that the games were putting on an already hurting community.

The author wonders how Shea would feel about the current Olympic situation. Shea would certainly err on the side of compassion for those affected by the Olympics: "He was a great role model."

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# Pope Francis: for vocations, one must go out, listen, call

By Cindy Wooden  
 Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - In its ministry to young people, and especially in vocations promotion work, church workers must step out of the sacristy and take seriously the questions and concerns of the young, Pope Francis said.

Young people are searching for meaning, and the best response is to go out to where they are, stop and listen to them and then call them to follow Jesus, the pope said Oct. 21.

Meeting participants at a vocations promotion conference sponsored by the Congregation for Clergy, Pope Francis emphasized the need for church workers to be on the move and to echo the vocations call Jesus used with the disciples, "Follow me."

"Jesus' desire is to set people out on a journey, moving them from a lethal sedentary lifestyle and breaking

through the illusion that they can live happily while remaining comfortably seated amid their certainties," Pope Francis said.

**Vocations promotion, which is the responsibility of every Catholic, must follow the same steps Jesus used when interacting with people.**

The seeking and desire to explore that comes naturally to most young people "is the treasure that the Lord puts in our hands and that we must care for, cultivate and make blossom," the pope said.

Care is key, he said. It requires an ability for "discernment, which accompanies the person without ever taking over his or her conscience or pretending to control the grace of God."

Vocations promotion, which is the responsibility of every Catholic, the pope said, must follow the same steps Jesus used when interacting with people.

"Jesus stopped and met the gaze of the other, without rushing," he said. "This is what makes his call attractive and fascinating."

Jesus did not stay in "the secure fortress of the rectory," the pope said, but set out into the cities and villages, pausing to listen to the people he came across, "taking in the desire of those who sought him out, the delusion of a failed night of fishing, the burning thirst of a woman who went to the well to get water or the strong need to change one's life."

"In the same way, instead of reducing faith to a book of recipes or a collection of norms to observe, we can help young people ask the right questions, set out on

their journey and discover the joy of the Gospel," he said.

Every pastor and, particularly, everyone involved with helping young Catholics discern their vocations, he said, must have a pastoral style that is "attentive, not rushed, able to stop and decipher in depth, to enter into the life of the other without making him or her ever feel threatened or judged."

Pope Francis told conference participants that he has never liked speaking about vocations ministry as an office in the diocesan chancery or headquarters of a religious order. It's not an office or a project because it is all about helping someone meet the Lord and answer the Lord's call.

"Learn from the style of Jesus, who went to the places of daily life, stopped without rushing and, looking upon his brothers and sisters with mercy, led them to an encounter with God the father," the pope said.

While looking at the young with mercy, vocations directors and bishops also must evaluate candidates for the priesthood with "caution (and) without lightness or superficiality," he said. "Especially to my brother bishops, I say: Vigilance and prudence. The church and the world need mature and balanced priests, pastors who are intrepid and generous, capable of closeness, listening and mercy."

Vocations promotion work can be frustrating and discouraging at times, Pope Francis said, "but if we don't close ourselves up in whining and we keep going out to proclaim the Gospel, the Lord will stay with us and give us the courage to cast the nets again even when we are tired and disappointed at having caught nothing."

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Archdiocese, evangelicals agree to work together to prevent abortion

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) -- The Archdiocese of Portland and a group of five evangelical-run pregnancy resource centers have bracketed off some doctrinal differences, so the two faith groups can cooperate more fully in preventing abortion and helping pregnant women. First Image, which runs pregnancy resource centers in the Portland area, has been providing pregnancy support for women and help for those impacted by abortion for more than 30 years. The signing of an agreement opens the doors for Catholics to provide funds to support the work of First Image. In particular, the agreement will help provide four new ultrasound machines to First Image pregnancy centers through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. In the past, such cooperation has been impeded by doctrinal differences. First Image is affiliated with Care Net, a Virginia-based evangelical Christian group that supports 1,100 centers in the United States. Care Net affiliates require staff and volunteers to sign an evangelical statement of faith. That statement is not completely in accord with Catholic teaching and has been an obstacle for Catholic volunteers who want to assist at the centers. Evangelicals and Catholics differ greatly on many subjects, such as the authority of the church, the importance of liturgy, the nature of the priesthood and the structure of church hierarchy.

## Listecki: Anti-Catholicism 'equal opportunity prejudice' in campaign

MILWAUKEE (CNS) -- Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki called anti-Catholicism "an equal opportunity prejudice" evident in the presidential election. Quoting historian Arthur Schlesinger Sr., he noted the campaigns of Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton have engaged in "the deepest held bias in the history of the American people." Writing in his "Herald of Hope" column in the Oct. 20 Catholic Herald, a publication serving the Catholic community in southeastern Wisconsin, the archbishop said Trump's criticism of Pope Francis last February "smacked of 'nativism' and a demeaning of the Catholic faith." The candidate's comments were a response to the pope saying, "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian." Regarding the Clinton campaign, Archbishop Listecki said emails released by WikiLeaks and allegedly hacked from the server of a top aide to Clinton "indicate how high-ranking members of the Clinton campaign view the Catholic Church. These are close advisers who think that Catholics are unthinking and backward."

## Promote culture of life, inclusion, hope, pope tells grandparents

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In a world that glorifies physical strength and appearances, grandparents must uphold the values that really matter and bring hope and wisdom to younger generations, Pope Francis said. "We are called to work for the development of the culture of life, showing that every season of life is a gift of God and has its beauty and importance, even if it is marked by fragility," the pope told thousands of grandmothers and grandfathers Oct. 15. Groups and organizations, too, can do more to help older people participate, contribute and share their talents as well as to protect and uphold their dignity, he said. "It's necessary to oppose the harmful throwaway culture, which marginalizes the elderly, believing them to be unproductive," he said. The pope met with about 7,000 grandmothers and grandfathers in the Vatican's Paul VI audience hall in a belated celebration of Grandparents' Day, which in Italy was Oct. 2, the feast of the Guardian Angels.

# Kurtz: Political discourse that demeans women, religion 'must change'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Too much of the political discourse during this election year "has demeaned women and marginalized people of faith," the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said Oct. 14.

"This must change," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky. "True to the best hopes of our Founding Fathers, we are confident that we can and will do better as a nation."

"Politicians, their staffs and volunteers should reflect our best aspirations as citizens," he said.

The archbishop's statement came at the end of a week of fallout over controversies involving the presidential campaigns of Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

One controversy involved NBC's Oct. 9 leaking of a 2005 audio clip of Trump making lewd sexual remarks about women.

The other involved an Oct.

11 release by WikiLeaks of what it said was an email chain among top officials from Clinton's campaign discussing how many powerful conservatives in the U.S. are converts to Catholicism, which one email called "an amazing bastardization of the faith."

"At this important time in our nation's history, I encourage all of us to take a moment to reflect on one of the founding principles of our republic - the freedom of religion," Archbishop Kurtz said. "It ensures the right of faith communities to preserve the integrity of their beliefs and proper self-governance."

"There have been recent reports that some may have sought to interfere in the internal life of the church for short-term political gain. If true, this is troubling both for the well-being of faith communities and the good of our country," he said.

Christ "has given us a precious gift" in the Catholic

faith and the Catholic Church, the archbishop said.

"As Catholics, we hold onto our beliefs because they come to us from Jesus, not a consensus forged by contemporary norms. The Gospel is offered for all people for all times," Archbishop Kurtz said.

"It invites us to love our neighbor and live in peace with one another. For this reason, the truth of Christ is never outdated or inaccessible," he said. "The Gospel serves the common good, not political agendas."

He urged Catholics and all people of goodwill in the nation to be "good stewards of the precious rights we have inherited as citizens of this country."

"We also expect public officials to respect the rights of people to live their faith without interference from the state. When faith communities lose this right, the very idea of what it means to be an American is lost," Archbishop Kurtz added.

# Two popes, just one mission: Cardinal looks at papal ministry

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Although with different personalities and different tones, the papacies of both Pope Francis and retired Pope Benedict XVI focus on proclaiming the Gospel in a world that seems to confuse truth and lies, goodness and evil, said Cardinal Gerhard Muller.

A new book, "Benedict and Francis: Successors of Peter at the Service of the Church," available only in Italian, collects essays written by the cardinal, who was named prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Pope Benedict and continues in the role under Pope Francis.

A key sign that both popes see the Gospel as the answer to an increasingly confused humanity, Cardinal Muller wrote, is the repeated condemnations of what Pope Benedict defined as the "dictatorship of relativism" and what Pope Francis describes as the "globalization of indifference."

The challenge for the hierarchy and all members of the church consists in resisting these worldly infections and in curing the spiritual illnesses of our time," the cardinal wrote.

"The desire expressed by Pope Benedict XVI that the church orient itself not by

the world but by the Gospel has been taken up by Pope Francis in 'Evangelii Gaudium,' when he writes, 'I want a church which is poor and for the poor,'" the cardinal wrote.

"The 'no' to spiritual worldliness," the cardinal said, "is countered by a 'yes' to the challenge of a missionary spirituality," one which sees material things as useful for living, but not as a goal or a primary good.

"A disciple of Christ must not bind his heart to ephemeral wealth, fleeting power and worldly honors," but to Christ, the cardinal said.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# God never gives up on all that he has created

Ever since Galileo's telescope, we have reluctantly admitted that Planet Earth is not the center of the universe. Every day scientists find more galaxies, more planets, more stars.

The Book of Wisdom says in today's first reading: "Before the Lord, the whole universe is a grain from a balance"

Nevertheless, God loves all he has created, even this sinful Earth. He despises nothing of what He has created, and shows boundless mercy and love.

He is patient and gentle as

He draws us towards repentance.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows the shocked crowd how that works in practice.

It's a good thing that God doesn't leave to us to decide who is worthy of heaven and who isn't. We'd make a mess of it! We are really poor judges.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is gradually working his way toward Jerusalem. The crowds have been witnessing Jesus' miracles with growing enthusiasm.

As he wends his way through Jericho, he glances

up and spots a very wealthy tax collector called Zacchaeus. Here is a hated employee of the Romans. Yet, Jesus looks into his heart, and recognizes the beginnings of contrition.

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly," Jesus says, "I want to have dinner with you today." The crowd gasps in disbelief and revulsion that the Healer would have anything to do with this despised sinner.

As the delighted little man explains to Jesus how he means to make up for his many sins, Jesus turns and explains to the crowd, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of

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Man has come to seek out and to save what was lost."

These are beautiful words that so harmonize with what we heard in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Then, the writer of this Gospel, extols both God's power and God's mercy. After declaring that the whole universe is like a small grain in the scales, or like a drop of morning dew

compared to God's greatness, he praises God for his mercy in searching out sinners in order that they may repent of their sins and be justified.

We who often judge merely the exterior of the person, would never have seen in this man what Jesus saw, nor could we see why he was worthy of God's mercy.

No matter what we've done in the past, the mercy of the Lord can search us out, inspire us to repentance, and then embrace us as his own. God never gives up on those whom the world has condemned as hopeless. Thank God that He is in charge of the final judgment!



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## DO YOU LOVE ME? KEEP MY COMMANDS

## 9th commandment... which way will you choose?

There are always two different ways of looking at the same thing. If you turn a six upside down you have a nine. The sixth commandment forbids adultery in action. The ninth commandment forbids adultery in your mind and heart. They both point to the sixth beatitude, blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God.

Moses could only see God from behind. If he saw God's face he would die. God is so beautiful that if we see Him face to face we would die. We have to recognize God in the least of people, those who cannot give to us, those who are unpleasant to look at. Why? God wants us to develop giving hearts. As a result of original sin, we suffer from

concupiscence. We have taking hearts.

Another word for concupiscence is lust. We can lust after God if we don't see God rightly, if we only see what we can get from God, not what we can give to Him. We pray for what we want, rather than what we can give. We say "Thy will be done" but we mean "My will be done." In effect, we ask God to be our sugar daddy, a wealthy older man who gives gifts to a younger woman in exchange for the pleasure of her company.

Instead we should be asking Him to be our spouse. The Church is the Bride of Christ, and Heaven is the wedding feast of the lamb, which means it is our wedding feast. Our job is to get ourselves ready for it and to send out the invitations!

Subjective and objective reality are two ways of seeing things. Objective reality says that reality exists independently of our minds and what we think about it. It is what enables two people to see a stop sign and blood and for both to call them

red. Subjective reality refers to the reality inside your mind. It is the meaning you assign to things and events, and these can be different for each person.

For example, St. Paul says "We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to us who are called, who are being saved, it is Christ the power and wisdom of God."

We recognize Christ's death on the cross as love because it was the complete gift of self, down to the last drop of blood. It is the subjective mind that enables us to interpret the crucifixion in this way.

Subjective reality has to be grounded in objective reality. If it isn't, as when the person suffers from a dissociative disorder, the loving thing to do is to try to help them anchor in reality.

The mind is made for truth, but society obscures our minds, like dense

clouds obscure the sun. It does this through the various false gods that it promotes, but none more powerful than in the areas of sex and wealth, and the 9th and 10th commandments forbid coveting these things.

We learn our values in our society, but also in the home and from our religion. These can be in serious conflict, and when they are, we experience cognitive dissonance, the mental stress experienced by an individual who holds two or more contradictory beliefs, ideas, or values at the same time.

So for example, a man can see a woman as an object to be used or as a person to be loved. Our mind is at war with itself because of the two different ways of looking at the same thing. Men are bombarded with messages that tell them to see women as objects and to use them.

St. Paul calls for the renewal of our minds, and this is possible through habit and grace, through a joint effort of our work and God's. The mind works the same way water flows. It takes the well-worn path. When we engage in sinful activities such as pornography, masturbation and impure fantasy, the pathways toward narcissism and vice are strengthened. When we pray, engage in acts of love, practice self-denial and make good choices about the things that enter our minds through reading, conversations, music or other media, we form the pathways in our minds that lead to virtue. When we see someone dressed immodestly, we can lust or love. Loving, or willing the good of the other person, might simply mean praying for them. When we are troubled by thoughts of our past sins, we can ask Christ to go back to that past event and conquer it with love. There are always two ways of looking at things. Which will you choose?



Stephen M.  
Tartaglia

## Editor's note

This column continues a series of articles written by Mr. Tartaglia, diocesan family life director, exploring faith development within families as he considers each of the Ten Commandments

## AT THE MOVIES

# JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

One thing you can say for the title character in "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" (Paramount), the fellow does enjoy a good punch in the face.

Whether giving or receiving the jabs, Tom Cruise - in his second venture as the former Army officer turned freelance detective - is as durable as a cast-iron stove.

The difference between this film and the 2012 original, in which Cruise sulked through Pittsburgh, is that director Edward Zwick, who co-wrote the screenplay with Richard Wenk and Marshall Herskovitz, provides occasional moments of pleasantly acidic domestic bickering. That helps break up the narrow escapes, shootings and slugfests - as well as the long sequences during which cast members simply break into a sprint.

The somewhat mysterious knight-errant invented by British novelist Lee Child is a strong moralist according to his own lights. Reacher prefers to live off the grid:

paying cash, riding public transportation and abhorring cellphones.

He descends into others' predicaments like a "deus ex machina" and is loyal to a fault, provided you're on his side.

This go-round, Reacher comes to the rescue of Maj. Susan Turner (Cobie Smulders), a military-intelligence operative with whom he has been playing tentative phone-tag and for whom he broke up a human-trafficking ring.

By the time he finally decides to meet her in person, she has been framed by a corrupt officer for an espionage charge involving murders in Afghanistan. Reacher quickly breaks her out of confinement, and they spend the rest of the film looking for the actual bad guys, who are also tied up in drug smuggling.

As an added twist, Reacher learns that he may have a teenage daughter from a previous fling. Although her parentage is never proven, Samantha (Danika Yarosh) turns out to be almost as resourceful as Reacher and Susan. Indeed,

the three of them function as a kind of action-genre family unit, frenetically running from, shooting and pummeling villains in Washington and New Orleans.

While the trio share a two-bedroom hotel suite in the latter city, what may or may not be going on between Reacher and Susan once the lights go out is never even hinted at, much less made clear.

Predictability is the entire goal here. Audiences are supposed to enjoy Reacher's journey, even when it's marred by plot holes and some exceedingly trite dialogue. The story is limned so efficiently, there's no time to give much thought to such details anyway.

The film contains stylized violence, including gunplay,



CNS PHOTO/PARAMOUNT

Tom Cruise stars in a scene from the movie "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back."

and fleeting crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults.

The Motion Picture Associ-

ation of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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**ADIRONDACK**

**HALLOWEEN HARVEST**

**Saranac Lake** - Halloween Harvest Fund-raising Dinner featuring roast pork and all the trimmings will be held.

**Date:** Oct. 29  
**Time:** 5 p.m. to 8  
**Place:** St. Bernard's School Cafeteria  
**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Under 8, Free

**CLINTON**

**ANNUAL DINNER**

**Plattsburgh** - St. Peter's Church will hold its annual harvest dinner and craft fair.

**Date:** Nov. 6  
**Time:** Noon to 4:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Seton Academy  
**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children \$5.00, under 5, Free  
**Features:** Turkey and trimmings. Take-outs available.

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Morrisonville** - The RCC of St. Alexander and St. Joseph hosting their Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Nov. 13  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Alexander's parish hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, Free  
**Features:** Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, with Bake Shoppe, silent auction, raffle. Takeout is available.

**TURKEY DINNER**

**Lyon Mountain** - All you can eat Turkey Dinner to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 12  
**Time:** 4 p.m. to 6:30  
**Place:** Lyon Mountain American Legion  
**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

**CRAFT FESTIVAL**

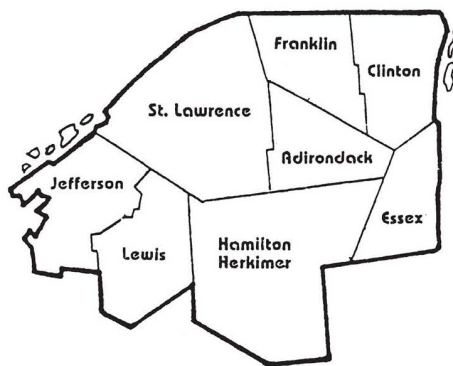
**Chazy** - Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring a Fall Craft Festival.

**Date:** Nov. 19  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Place:** Sacred Heart Parish Center  
**Features:** Over 25 vendors from NY and VT. Hot lunches, raffle and baked goods.  
**Contact:** Sharon Nephew at 493-2914 or Noreen Barcomb at 570-7747

**WMOF FAMILY MISSION**

**Plattsburgh** - The team that represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Prayer for Families.

**Date:** Nov. 1  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Place:** St. John's Church  
**Features:** Adoration of the Blessed



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese." Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:  
**North Country Catholic**, PO Box 326,  
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 e-mail [news@northcountycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountycatholic.org).

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

**JEFFERSON**

**ELECTION NIGHT DINNER**

**Alexandria Bay** - Annual family style election night ham dinner to be held.  
**Date:** Nov. 8  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Cyril's Church  
**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5 - 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$9.50 after 4 p.m.  
**Contact:** Call 315-955-5504 for delivery

**PRO-LIFE PRAYER**

**Watertown** - During the entire month of October, including weekends, there will be an hour of prayer for Pro-Life.  
**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Place:** Planned Parenthood on Stone St.  
**Features:** Join us as we pray for renewed respect for all human life  
**Contact:** 788-4359

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

**Watertown** - St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Society to have a spaghetti dinner.  
**Date:** Oct. 27  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers  
**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children, \$4; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

**LEWIS**

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

**Houseville** - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of November to be held.  
**Date:** Nov. 6

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church  
**Features:** The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.  
**Contact:** 348-6260 for more info

**ST. LAWRENCE**

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL AUCTION**

**Canton** - St. Mary's School to have their 13th Annual Auction.  
**Date:** Nov. 18  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$15 per person in advance, or \$20 at the door.

**Features:** Hors d'oeuvres, beverages and live entertainment by A Fine Line. More 200 items will be available for bidding in silent and live auctions. Items include handmade gifts (jewelry, pottery, quilts), local artwork, gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses, antique furniture, a piano, more

**Contact:** To purchase your ticket, donate an item, or for more information please call St. Mary's School at (315) 386-3572.

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Gouverneur** - Harvest dinner with all the trimmings to be held.  
**Date:** Oct. 27  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. until all are served  
**Place:** St. James School  
**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

**FALL BAZAAR**

**Norfolk** - Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond to have their Fall Bazaar.  
**Date:** Oct. 29  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center  
**Features:** Food Sale featuring Cabbage Rolls, hot foods, baked goods, and homemade candy, Christmas Table, Craft Table, Religious Items, Country Store, a Raffle Drawing beginning at 2 p.m. This will benefit the Altar Rosary Society.

**ROSARY INVITATIONAL**

**Ogdensburg** - St. Mary's and Notre Dame will hold a Rosary Invitational.  
**Date:** Oct. 28  
**Time:** 3 p.m. to 10  
**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral  
**Features:** For more information and how to register a family or group, please contact Bill O'Brien by email at: [billlob315@gmail.com](mailto:billlob315@gmail.com) or call 528-0461.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE**  
**Star Lake** - Holiday Bazaar and Bake

Sale to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 5  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Hubert's Parish  
**Features:** Live wreaths, gift baskets, children's shoppe. Coffee & Donuts, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**DAYS OF DISCERNMENT**

**Potsdam** - Discerning men are invited to come together & consider the call the Roman Catholic Priesthood.  
**Dates:** Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 4  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Mary's Rectory  
**Features:** Reflection and vespers. No reservation necessary. Open to men who are Juniors in high school and older.  
**Contact:** Your Catholic Campus Minister or Father Stephen Rocker, [pastorsmsp@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsmsp@gmail.com), 315-265-9680; or Fr. Doug Lucia, [frdoug@twcny.rr.com](mailto:frdoug@twcny.rr.com)

**CRAFT SHOW**

**Brasher Falls** - St. Patrick's Altar Rosary Society will be sponsoring a craft show.  
**Date:** Nov. 12  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Place:** K of C Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$1; Students, \$.50; under 5, Free  
**Features:** Luncheon is available. Artists and crafters from several counties will display their items. There will be a bake sale and raffle. Begin your holiday shopping here.

**MANICOTTI MONDAY**

**Norfolk** - Manicotti Monday is set  
**Date:** Nov. 7  
**Time:** 4 p.m. to 6:30  
**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center  
**Cost:** Adults, \$9.75; Under 5, Free  
**Features:** Serving homemade meat-filled manicotti and/or homemade spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, beverage and dessert.

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY**

**Norfolk** - The diocesan vocation office is sponsoring a program on supporting vocation ministry in parishes  
**Date:** Nov. 5  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Visitation Parish Center  
**Features:** Rhonda Gruenewald, author of "Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry" will present the "how to" and give time to work in parish groups to get started.  
**Contact:** Register at <http://www.rc-dony.org/vocations>



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# Repairing the mission lands

Pope Francis brings to our attention the plight of social decay and the urgency of action needed in the world to combat it, but it is of special concern in the Mission Lands. Connecting people within our communities to them is in itself missionary activity.

Actively participating in the connection to these communities of faith strengthens our internal life as we become more aware of fragmented world.

Pope Francis is urging people to looking for ways to connect so we may repair the social fabric of our world.

Recently, Pope Francis addressed the General Chapter of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. During his speech to them, he said, "Today, every land is "mission land," every dimension of the human is mission land, which awaits the proclamation of the Gospel".

Following Pope Francis' words, we must join the effort to ensure it is increasingly an "open house." We must stress the necessity to work towards a church that is for all, ready to welcome and accompany everyone.

An open house. That is our connection to the mission lands – the need to open our homes and hearts and minds to their plight. To be in action to fight the decay of the social fabric of our world. This task is mammoth. But no task is too big. As missionaries called by God by virtue of our baptism, we are required to make our hearts an "open house" and provide. Provide prayers and resources to those who are doing the work in the Mission Lands where each day our Church is growing, thriving and making the lives of the people there better in every way.

Pope Francis, a native of South America, knows first-hand just how much need there is for us to have "an open house" now more than ever. South America is home to some countries that our Diocese diligently supports with prayers and sacrifice. Our Diocese has opened its heart so much and our homes to the real life Missionaries from there as they seek our support in repairing their social fabric.

As our Year of Mercy draws to an end, it is worth noting that mercy needs to be the heart of our mission. Just as we are connecting communities, we are connecting the themes of mercy, opening our homes and repairing the fabric. Our land is every mission land now. We must reach out to those in need and open our homes to them. Show mercy. Repair lives. Start fresh. May God bless you all.

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## OBITUARIES

### Norma C. Irvin

**OGDENSBURG** – A Mass of Christian Burial for Norma C. Murphy Irvin, age 86, widow of Deacon Vincent Irvin, was held Oct. 17 at St. Mary's Cathedral. She died Oct. 12 at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Copenhagen.

Mrs. Irvin was born in Lowville May 1, 1930, the daughter of Edgar and Elizabeth Wheeler Murphy. She graduated from Carthage Augustinian Academy. She worked on Fort Drum as a switch board operator and later at Carthage Area Hospital. She married Vincent E. Irvin on October 18, 1952. Her husband was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Oct. 4, 1980. He died May 14, 2003. Mrs. Irvin was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church

Mrs. Irvin is survived by one son, James, and his wife, Tanya of Cape Vincent, one daughter, Christine Anderson and her husband, Jon, of Boulder, CO; eight grandchildren, two great granddaughters, nieces and nephews.

In addition to Deacon Irvin, Mrs. Irvin was predeceased by three brothers, Bernard Murphy, D. C. "Smoke" Murphy and Joseph Murphy; one sister, Jeanne Murphy Wells and her two sons, Douglas and Timothy Wells.

Memorial donations may be made to the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department, 200 Morris St., P.O. Box 4, Morristown, NY 13664.

**Brownville** – Bernard W. Burke, 101; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

**Canton** – Benjamin "Keith" Villnave, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Colton.

**Carthage** – Susanne Gale Barr Abbass, 75; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2016 at St.



James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Champlain** – Phyllis (Picard) Parmeter, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Colton** – Joan T. (McAndrews) Golden, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Colton** – Martha E. (Collins) Snell, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Croghan** – Dorothy (Monnat) Boliver, 87; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2016 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Croghan** – Troy Alan Chartrand, 41; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2016 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** – Agnes S. Bero, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Mary Kloster Buckingham, 75; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at St. Peter's Church.

**Malone** – Jennifer Connors Malley, 46; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Massena** – Richard J. LaShomb, 67; Funeral Oct. 22, 2016 at Church of Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Albert Ivan Leroux, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Moers Forks** – Lorna J. Coupal, 76; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2016 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Champlain.

**Morrisonville** – Leon "Buck" Badger, 79; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Claude "Bud" Michael Rocque, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 18,

2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Rita C. (Pelow) Boyer, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2016 at Notre Dame Church.

**Ogdensburg** – Elizabeth (Lynch) Doud, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Veronica Herbert Pinard, 90; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2016 at St. Joseph's Home Chapel; burial in Long Lake Cemetery.

**Peru** – Mary Ida (Masella) Palmer, 74; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2016 at St. Augustine's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Henry P. Brault, 60; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Mary (Seymour) Gagnier, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Garden.

**Plattsburgh** – Walter Thornton, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Raymondville** – Albert P. Warriner Sr., 81; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Waddington** – Barbara C. (Rog) Van Patten; Funeral Oct. 18, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

**Waddington** – Rose (Torrieri) Raftovich, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

**Watertown** – Kenneth V. "Mike" Maitland, 78; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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## AUTUMN SCENES IN THE NORTH COUNTRY CHURCH

# FACES OF FAITH



The Altar and Rosary Society from Norfolk and Raymondville donated a Japanese Tree Lilac to St. Mary's School in Canton in honor of St. Joseph Sister Bethany Fitzgerald for her tireless efforts in promoting the Church's teaching on the environment which is a priority of Pope Francis. Pictured with the newly planted sapling is the Kindergarten class from St. Mary's along with their teacher, Mr. Preston. The class is currently studying the seasonal changes trees and plants go through summer to fall. The recently planted sapling displays this transition and offers the ideal environment for hands on learning connected to the science curriculum. Standing around the Japanese Tree Lilac are Halle B, Liam S, Jason L, Abby L, Hudson R, Josiah F, Conor O, and Emma L with Mr. Preston, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Sprague.



Each year the second graders at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh have the opportunity to take home the class mascot, Froggie, and dress her up as a saint. Naomi Oommen, daughter of Bobby and Teena Oommen decided to dress her as St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

At the conclusion of his Oct. 8 ordination to the priesthood, Father Todd Thibault offered a blessing to his friend Jamie Burns of Canton.



Chrysal McComber, a teacher at St. Agnes School in Lake Placid; and Monica Boyea, a teacher at Trinity Catholic in Massena, read the prayers of the faithful at the Mass opening the Oct. 7 diocesan Superintendent's Day in Lake Placid.