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Pope: use wealth for common good

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Wealth and power are meant to serve the poor and the well-being of everyone, not to selfishly exploit others, Pope Francis said. When power loses that sense of service, it "turns into arrogance and becomes

control and subjugation," he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Feb. 24.

But God is greater than people's wickedness and "sleazy games," urging them to recognize their sins and

repent, he said. "How wonderful it would be if the powerful exploiters today did the same" and changed their ways, the pope said to applause.

During this Year of Mercy, the pope continued a series

of talks dedicated to divine mercy, looking specifically at the correct use of wealth and power. The Bible gives many accounts of kings and powerful people as well as "their arrogance and abuse of power, too," he said.

For those in charitable apostolates

Catholics involved in charitable apostolates in the Diocese of Ogdensburg will gather at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg March 8 for a Lenten Day of Prayer & Reflection.

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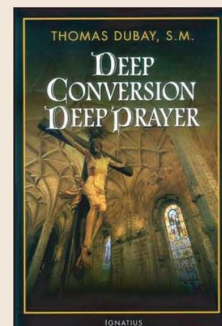


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Pope Francis greets Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington, Va., during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Feb. 24. Bishop Loverde, who served as Bishop of Ogdensburg from 1994 to 1999, was honored in December by the Diocese of Arlington, for his 50 years of priesthood.

DEEP CONVERSION

A reflection
for Lent



As the season of Lent continues, *North Country Catholic* writer Suzanne Pietropaoli offers a reflection on her Lenten reading of "Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer" by Father Thomas Dubay. Pietropaoli, a parishioner of St. Andre Bessette Parish in Malone, writes that Lent is a perfect time to consider Father Dubay's purpose for writing the book: In the words of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, he notes that "there are more people converted from mortal sin to grace than there are religious converted from good to better." In the book, Father Dubay unflinchingly points the reader to the heart of the matter: if we love God in great things and avoid great sins, ought we not also to love him in small things by working to avoid smaller sins?

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Five extraordinary Ordinaries

Discovery of the charming Catholic News Service photo of Pope Francis and Bishop Loverde was the highlight of my day this past Friday as I was putting together this issue of the NCC.

It's always good for us to be reminded of the close connections our small diocese has to the leaders of the universal church.

It hasn't been easy for us to say hello and goodbye to so many bishops in recent years but there are certainly positive elements.

In addition to Bishop LaValley there are three other bishops

who, I am sure, remember the people of our diocese in their prayer every day.



Mary Lou
Kilian

And I bet there are moments when Bishop Loverde, Bishop Barbarito and Bishop Cunningham dream about moving back into the big white house on Washington Street in Ogdensburg.

Another bishop of ours always comes to mind at this time of year since March 1 is the anniversary of the death of Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Bishop Brzana spent more than a quarter of a century as our bishop, leading the diocese

in the early years after the Second Vatican Council through the first 16 years of St. John Paul II's pontificate.

During his tenure we saw the birth of the Guggenheim, the lay ministry program and the permanent diaconate among other forward thinking initiatives.

And, he was brave enough to appoint a 30-year-old woman to serve as editor of his diocesan newspaper.

We can trust that, for the past 19 years, Bishop Brzana has been an intercessor for us in heaven.

As for the other bishops, I keep track of them by keeping up with their diocesan papers.

The Diocese of Arlington cel-

ebrated Bishop Loverde's 50th jubilee in 2015, just after he offered his letter of resignation to Pope Francis, required of every bishop as he turns 75.

Bishop Barbarito was surprised by a parish in his Palm Beach diocese in January as he confirmed a group of ninth graders and they added a celebration of his 40th anniversary as a priest.

And Bishop Cunningham shares words of wisdom in the Catholic Sun, reminiscent of those he shared with us.

Bishop LaValley has some tall shoulders upon which to stand as he moves towards his seventh year as our bishop.

Throughout the years, we have been blessed indeed.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Lenten goal: an attitude of gratitude

I believe that an important part of any Lenten program is gratitude.

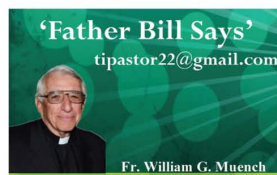
Each Lent we are set out for developing a newness, a new life in the Resurrection of Jesus, so during Lent we do things to strengthen our own spiritual lives. We accomplish this through prayer, Scripture and doing something extra as opportunities to remember Jesus, to remember the Passion and death of Jesus.

As we do all of this we again realize all that Jesus did for us and for this we must be grateful. This gratitude should empower all that we do.

Now what does this mean? Jesus came to this world to demonstrate to all of us God's great love for us. Once we are fully aware that we are a loved people and realize that that love brings to us God's mercy and forgiveness, there is only one response: gratitude.

Think of it. We are loved by God even in our sinfulness and for this we must be a grateful people.

During Lent we often walk the Stations of the Cross, a prayer that leads us to walk with Jesus during his Passion



and Death. We know that Jesus suffered to demonstrate to us just how much God truly loved us. These Stations of the Cross make the reality of Christ's love and his sufferings dramatically obvious. Each time I pray the Stations of the Cross my final prayer is always a prayer of gratitude. Thank you, Lord - you accepted all of this for me.

The experience of gratitude changes me each time I experience it, each time I thank someone who has been good to me, each time that God has been good to me. I have been blessed so often by God and by the thousands of people who have done so much for me.

There is happiness in gratitude, not just because something good has been done for me but also gratitude brings me something special.

Gratitude brings a special

closeness to all who have been so good to me and also to my God.

The celebration of gratitude - of all my gratitude - is the Blessed Eucharist, the Holy Mass. As you know, the word "Eucharist" means "thank you." Every time we join with our community to participate in the celebration of the Mass, gratitude becomes an integral part of my prayer.

The Eucharist transforms us, makes us a new and different person. I believe this is true every time we join in the celebration of the Mass. Each time I join in that experience gratitude is part of the transformation. I am a better person because I have united myself with the Lord in the Blessed Eucharist and I am eternally grateful.

Back to Lent. I have decided that an important and necessary Lenten practice would be to express my gratitude to so many people who have been good to me and made my life better. So I have found some really good thank you cards.

It won't be a long epistle since I hope they know already but I need to express my grati-

tude. It will be so good for me. For those who have died, I will turn to them in prayer.

My guide in gratefulness is Brother David Steindl-Rast, O.S.B.; his writings and his Youtube talks have become a school of gratefulness for me. So I close today with some of his words from his book, "Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer."

"The interdependence of gratefulness is truly mutual. The receiver of the gift depends on the giver. Obviously, so. But the circle of gratefulness is incomplete until the giver of the gift becomes the receiver of thanks. When we give thanks, we give something greater than the gift we received, whatever it was. The greatest gift one can give is thanksgiving. In giving gifts, we give what we can spare, but in giving thanks we give ourselves. One who says 'Thank you' to another really says, 'We belong together.' Giver and thanks giver belong together. The bond that unites them frees them from alienation. Does our society suffer from so much alienation because we fail to cultivate gratefulness."

Funeral held for Sr. Rita Frances Brady, GNSH

YARDLEY, PENN. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Grey Nun Sister Rita Frances Brady, 79, was held Feb. 24 at the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Motherhouse chapel.

She died Feb. 20 at Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, Penn. in her 61st year of religious life. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Bensalem, Penn.

Born in Madrid, to James H and Mabel Cavanaugh Brady on October 22, 1936, she entered the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart in 1955.

During her 55 years of ministry Sister Rita Frances served as teacher, principal or school librarian, with 44 of those years in her home diocese of Ogdensburg.

She taught at Bishop Conroy School (Ogdensburg Central Catholic) from 1971-78 and was principal from 1980-86. She was Religious Education Coordinator at St. Mary's Parish, Potsdam for two years; followed by nine years as principal at St. Mary's School, Canton.

Moving to Holy Family School in Malone in 1997, she served as teacher and librarian until September 2015 when she relocated to Pennsylvania.

Upon arriving there she

continued her lifelong connection to elementary students by volunteering at Grey Nun Academy in Yardley..

Additional assignments were in Corona and Jackson Heights, NY; Paoli, Strafford, King of Prussia and Mahanoy City, PA. She was a nurse's aide at St. Joseph Nursing Home in Ogdensburg from 1978 to 1980. Sister served as a member of the Board of Directors of Claxton Hepburn Medical Center 1999-2001.

She earned a BS in Elementary Education from D'Youville College, an MS in Elementary Education from Potsdam State University and an MS in Administrative Supervision from Plattsburgh University.

Predeceased by her parents, brothers, Joseph and James Brady, sisters, Helen Brady, Donna Shelters, and Mary Gilchrist, she is survived by nieces and nephews in addition to her religious community

Donations in her memory may be made to the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Motherhouse, 1750 Quarry Road, Yardley, PA 19067.



Sr. Rita
Frances Brady

CDA GIFT FOR VETERANS



Accepting the 2015 challenge from the Catholic Daughters of America National Regent, regarding a new court fund raiser for each of the past two years, Court Mother Admirable #592, Dannemora, held a fall bake sale/raffle which netted \$1016.27. The court donated the full amount to the Clinton County Veterans Service Agency. This organization assists veterans, widows and dependant children in Clinton County and is supervised by Steve Bowman, director. The court is proud that \$.27 was a donation from a little boy who did not want a treat but just wanted to make his donation to the veterans. Pictured, from left, are Margaret Talford, Louise Mazuchowski, Marjorie Waldron, Mr. Bowman, Regent Nancy Clancy, presenting check; and Joanne Plumadore. The women worked at the sale and crafted the hand made afghan, pillow and other items that were raffled.



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LIVING STONES... FOUNDATIONS OF OUR PARISHES

Mill romance leads to life of philanthropy

By Dave Shampine
Staff Writer

NEWTON FALLS – Ronald Hynes and Esther Kemzura met and fell in love here in the paper mill, of all places.

Well, why not? In any case, the marriage that evolved from their professional relationship paid off big for the Catholic Church as well as the community that their philanthropy served.

A Carthage native, Esther was about 19 when Newton Falls Paper Company hired her in 1917 as a payroll clerk. Obviously, she was still on the job when in 1920 an 18-year-old from Watertown, Ron Hynes, son of Frank E. and Minnie Hanley Hynes, came looking for employment. His first job – coal han-

dler. When their eyes first met, and when the romance developed, who can say? But what is known is that Ron, born in Belfort, was a fast climber, all with his education at Watertown High School and his one year at the Watertown School of Commerce.

By June 15, 1925, when Ron placed a wedding band on Esther's finger in a ceremony at St. James Church in Carthage, he was working his



Ronald and Esther Hynes met at the Newton Falls paper mill as teenagers and married in 1925. Mr. Hynes eventually became chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the mill while Mrs. Hynes advanced to director of personnel. Through the years, the couple worked to support many church and community projects including the building of the St. Anthony of Padua Church in Newton Falls and the catechetical center in Star Lake.

way up to a supervisory position. About two years after the wedding, he was named mill superintendent, and then, in 1938, he was mill manager.

He didn't stop there. Ronald Hynes was elevated to president and general manager in 1947, and finally, in 1968, he was at the top of the ladder, becoming chair-

man of the board and chief executive officer.

Esther, meanwhile, did some climbing on her own. She was apparently in payroll for fifteen years, but that changed in 1932, when she was promoted to cashier. While retaining that title, she was advanced in 1950 to director of personnel.

An only child, Esther and her parents, Alexander and Jennie LaPoint Kemzura, had moved here for employment purposes, joining an uncle who was already a mill worker.

Wanting their daughter to obtain a Catholic education, they boarded her out to Immaculate Heart Academy in Watertown, where she received her high school diploma.

In the couple's nearly 47 years together, they had no children. But they were apparently so loved by their fellow parishioners here that they were welcomed as godparents to several children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hynes "always made time to attend gatherings and offered support to

all families through happy and sad times," according to Father Stephen R. Rocker, pastor of St. James Church, Gouverneur, and St. Hubert's Church, Star Lake.

In their work together for church and community, the couple most notably:

- Led the effort to raise money for the building of the new St. Anthony of Padua Church here, dedicated in 1963. The church has since been merged with St. Hubert's.
- Were instrumental in the building of a Catechetical Center in Star Lake.
- In 1965, with Mr. Hynes as chairman of Camp Vigor Capital Development Campaign, they were involved in the renovate and enlargement of the Camp Vigor Boy Scout camp.
- They were active in a drive leading to construction of the Newton Falls Recreation Center.
- They were pushers for a 29-bed hospital at Star Lake.
- They were key players in securing a new centralized school in Star Lake area.

An invitation

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

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

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

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

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

- They provided impetus for organization of the Newton Falls Volunteer Fire Department by supplying trucks and necessary funds.

With all their good efforts came special honors. Their church bestowed elite positions of faith upon them in 1960.

Both were welcomed to St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, where Francis Cardinal Spellman invested them in the Equestrienne Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Pope John XXIII, meanwhile, designated Mr. Hynes a Knight of St. Gregory the Great, making him one of eight men to be so honored in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. (See box on this page)

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About the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is believed to date back to the First Crusade, when Jerusalem was liberated from Muslim control. Its purpose was to reorganize religion, military and public bodies.

It gradually fell out of service, but in 1847, Pope Pius IX revived the Order, giving it the fundamental role of upholding the works of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Updates in 1949, 1962, 1967 and 1996 reorganized and revitalized the Order. Today, it is a Public Association of the faithful with a legal canonical and public personality. Source: USA North Central Lieutenancy.

Other Knights of St. Gregory in the Ogdensburg diocese have been David D. Kieff, Watertown, 1925 (NCC story April 25, 2015); Thomas F. Conway, Plattsburgh, 1938; Martin J. Shaughnessy, Watertown, 1958 (story June 3, 2015); James A. Fitzpatrick, Plattsburgh, 1958 (NCC story Aug. 5, 2015); William J. Heron, Malone, 1958; Julian J. Reiss, Lake Placid, 1958, and Dr. John W. Hayes, Saranac Lake, 1971.

As a Knight of St. Gregory, designated by the pope, the man is a lay attendant to the bishop at ceremonial events, and wears a ceremonial costume.

Mill

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St. Lawrence University, in 1972, presented them with citations in recognition for their service to the North Country.

The Newton Falls paper mill even named a new paper machine for them – the "Ronesta."

The Silver Beaver Award was presented to Mr. Hynes in 1967 by the Boys Scouts of America.

Their resumes of activities and participations appear exhausting. Mr. Hynes was a Master of Malta; grand knight of Father William R. Bourbeau Council 51718, Knights of Columbus, Star Lake; district deputy, 82nd Northern District of the Knights of Columbus; on the advisory board of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Ogdensburg, and on the Mater Dei College board of trustees.

Out in the community, he was involved with Boy Scouts of America; was a director of St. Lawrence County United Fund; a director of Marine Midland Bank-Northern and First National Bank in Harrisville; Democratic committeeman in St. Lawrence County in 1940, and a member of Elks and Lions clubs.

Mrs. Hynes gave her time to St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society; Bourbeau Knights of Columbus Auxiliary; the board of trustees with Mater Dei College, and the executive board of Missionaries of Sacred Heart, Watertown.

Additionally, she was vice president of the St. Lawrence Council Boy Scouts of America executive board; served on the school boards of Newton Falls Union School and Clifton-Fine Central School, and the town of Clifton election board. When the paper company owned houses in Newton Falls, she was village administrator.

Despite an illness of two years, Mr. Hynes was still chairman of the board with Newton Falls Paper company



Mr and Mrs. Hynes

when he travelled to the couple's winter home at Key Biscayne, Florida. Shortly after arriving, he died on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1972. He was 69.

The following year, Mrs. Hynes turned her Star Lake home over to St. Hubert's Church for use as the rectory. Years later, the dwelling was given an addition, the new St. Hubert's Church.

Mrs. Hubert retired as manager of payroll at the close of 1973. About twenty months later, at the age of 76, she was admitted to Mercy Hospital, Watertown. She died there on Sept. 4, 1975. There were no close survivors.

So honored were Ronald and Esther that the Bishop of Ogdensburg, Stanislaus J. Brzana, presided at their funerals, three years and eight months apart.

Anne Hynes, Star Lake, daughter of Ronald's brother Francis, Patty Lincourt, secretary at St. Hubert's Parish, and Father Rocker are contributors to this story. Material was also obtained from the Watertown Daily Times archives.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE



PHOTO BY SHAWN RYAN

Pilgrims from The Assumption of Mary in Redford and St. Joseph's in Dannemora traveled to St. John's Church in Plattsburgh Feb. 21 for a tour of the church and prayer service offered by Father Timothy Canaan, pastor of St. John's. The church is the dedicated pilgrimage site in Clinton County, as chosen by Bishop LaValley for the Year of Mercy. The pilgrimage was organized by the Knights of Columbus council 2166. Pastor, Father Mickey Demo is shown in the back row far right. Their next pilgrimage is slated for St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid in April.

Those involved in charitable apostolates to meet March 8

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Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will follow.

This day is open to all who are involved in the charitable works of parishes and local communities including members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Project Gabriel and Catholic Daughters of America, as well as those involved in such ministries as

soup kitchens, food pantries, visiting nurses, prison ministry or other apostolates.

There is no fee for the day, but participants are

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Just Deeds,-gifts.

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Times for silence and reflection is gift.
Gifts are to be accepted and
equality shared,
With some amazement, composite
of gift experiences.

Any day for the suffers must be met,
The mind focused on Never Be Afraid.
An awareness of the many subtleties of day,
Consciousness of a stranger may be Angel.

All is well in the present moments,
Experiences in the ordinary, are most discerning.
An increase awareness, not more and more,
Silence may provide joy to the soul.

Nature's presence is a winter to behold,
Waning moon in early morning skyline.

Strong wind gusts swirling trees and yard,
Magnificent Nature knows neither light nor dark.

BY DEACON NORMAN HUNNEYMAN
SACKETS HARBOR

Christ Crucified

There He hangs - pale figure pinned
against the wood.
God grant that I could love Him and
I really know I should.
I draw a little closer to share the
love Divine
And almost hear Him whisper,

"Ah, Foolish Child of Mine!
If I Should Now Embrace You,
My Hands Would Stain You Red
And If I Leaned To Whisper The
Thorns Would Pierce Your Head."

And then I knew in silence that
Love demands a price
'Twas then I learned that suffering
is but the Kiss of Christ.

BY LYDIA Q. PIETROPAOLI
(SISTER OF HELEN GUARDINO-TRIMM, WATERTOWN)

Bishop's Schedule

March 2 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 3 – 11 a.m., Priest Personnel Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

March 4 – 7 p.m., Canon Law Class for Deacon Aspirants at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

March 5 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

4 p.m., Knights of Columbus Bishop's Burse Mass & Dinner at Church of the Visitation in Norfolk

March 6 – 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Andrew's Church in Norwood

10:30 a.m., Mass at Church of the Visitation in Norfolk

March 8 – 11:30 a.m., Mass for Lenten Day of Reflection for those involved in Charitable Apostolates at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

March 9 – 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Department Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Environmental Stewardship

"Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me...?" (Is. 58:6)

As we all know, fasting can be about more than food. But how can my fasting be spiritually enriching and have a positive impact on God's people and on the natural world that all life depends?

In Chapter I of *Laudato Si* entitled "What Happening to Our Common Home?" Pope Francis draws our attention to the effects of our habits of over-consumption. "It is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society... The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits. The Lent 4.2 Program, published by Liturgical Press for parishes, demonstrates this reality by inviting us to imagine the earth as being divided equally among all of us. Each of us would be given 4.2 acres to provide for all of our needs. However, we in the U.S. would need 17.2 acres to support our current lifestyle!

How might this reality enlighten my Lenten fasting this week? How could fasting from purchasing more than I need have an effect on resources meant for the whole human family? How can fasting from purchasing cheaply priced items manufactured abroad where there are few laws to protect the environment or the workers be a way of caring for Creation? How could fasting from buying from businesses that fail to give their employees just wages and health benefits be a way of caring for the dignity and rights of our brothers and sisters? Could the increased price paid for these products be another way of almsgiving? Could this kind of fasting be what God asks for in Isaiah (58:6-7) "...to break the unjust fetters and undo the thongs of the yoke...to share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor..."?

Letters to the Editor

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Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming sessions: **March 8** – 3 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur
April 7 – 6:30 p.m., St. Alexander's, Morrisville
April 14 – 6:30 p.m., Church of the Holy Name, AuSable Forks

Rest in Peace

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

March 2 – Rev. Edward A. Dailey, O.S.A., 1901; Msgr. John J. Bent, 1949; Rev. Joseph E. Tessier, O.M.I., 1952

March 3 – Rev. Francis McCranor, O.S.A., 1914; Rev. John G. Fitzgerald, 1925; Rev. Cyril Stevens, 1963; Deacon David N. Hennigan, 2009

March 4 – Rev. Jeremiah S. O'Brien, 1899; Rev. Thomas D. Hurley, 1934

March 5 – Rev. Edward J. Murtaugh, O.S.A., 1951; Rev. Paschal Rys, OFM Conv., 2013

March 6 – Rev. Louis F. Lussier, 1915; Rev. John G. Craven, 1921


March 7 – Rev. Alexander K. Klauder, 1934; Rev. Cornelius O'Mahoney, M.S.C., 1940

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A LENTEN REFLECTION

Deep Conversion/Deep Prayer

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

It is easy to see that God uses the beauty of creation, the goodness of others, and the truth of his word to speak to our hearts. But until last winter, it had never occurred to me that he might even use Amazon.com to get our attention.

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Wanting to revisit the writings of John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, but lacking the time to reread the originals, I happily ordered Father Thomas Dubay's "Fire Within." The book that arrived on my doorstep, however, was another title by Father Dubay: "Deep Conversion/Deep Prayer."

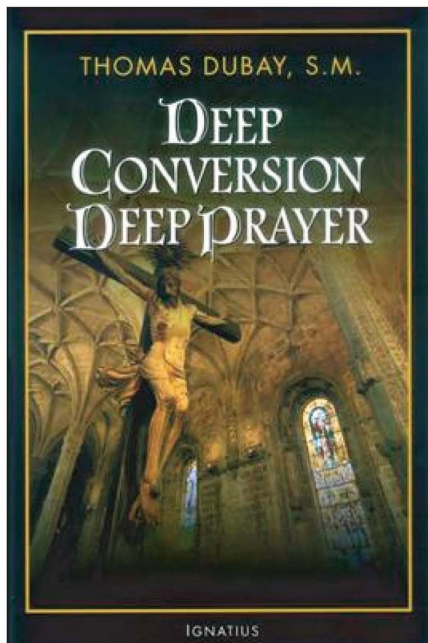
There it was: that "C" word that has been woven into the fabric of my life for so many years. Although I immediately sensed that this title was precisely what God intended for me, I nevertheless had to re-check my order. No mistake there: I had ordered "Fire Within" and had received "Deep Conversion/Deep Prayer." instead.

As soon as I stopped fussing and started reading, I understood why the Lord intended this book for me. In fact, it was so rich and so challenging that it is once again my Lenten companion.

Father Dubay clarifies the book's purpose early on when he relates a remark made by St. Bernard of Clairvaux: "There are more people converted from mortal sin to grace than there are religious converted from good to better."

Father Dubay hastens to explain that this statement applies equally to people in all walks of life: married, single, religious, lay, clergy. He is emphatic that, when it comes to loving God, "good enough" is definitely not good enough.

"Bernard was saying that there are more people who give up serious alienation from God, mortal sin, than there are people who give up small wrongs, willed venial sins," Father Dubay said. "And there are even fewer who grow into heroic virtue and live as saints live. If we are not saddened by this realization, we ought to be."



Lent is the perfect time to take this realization to heart, to more honestly take the measure of our love for God—and "Deep Conversion/Deep Prayer" is a very accurate guide. Father Dubay unflinchingly points the reader to the heart of the matter: if we love God in great things and avoid great sins, ought we not also to love him in small things by working to avoid smaller sins?

Identifying conversion with transformation, the author defines this process as "a basic and marked improvement on the willing level of the human person... a fundamental change in our willed activities from bad to good, from good to better, from better to best."

The movement from bad to good is as obvious as it is momentous: turning away from mortal sin—which is that "knowing, free, and willing rejection of God in favor of choosing something incompatible with him."

Following this first stage of moral conversion is the second, in which the person tries to avoid small wrongs, or venial sins.

"These do not destroy one's essential love for

God and neighbor," writes Father Dubay, "but they do wound it. They cool but do not extinguish the love relationship with God and neighbor... [such as gossiping, overeating, vanity, exaggerating, snapping at others]... This second degree of conversion occurs when a person no longer willingly and deliberately clings to minor faults."

Minor or not, the elimination of such faults is no easy matter—nor is this the final step in becoming fully converted to God. The holiness to which we are all called further requires "loving God and our neighbor without limit, giving oneself beyond the call of duty, going all the way with God, living like the saints lived."

This third step in conversion, Father Dubay explains, happens when we live the great commandments, when we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.

Such heroic virtue grows together with deep prayer, watered by the grace of God at work in the hearts and lives of those who would love much. "If a person is faithful to grace at whatever stage of growth he may be, he will most surely eventually reach the very peak of moral goodness and contemplative intimacy with the Trinity." Deep conversion meets deep prayer.

Such heights of holiness, Father Dubay reminds, are for you and me: "The Church affirms that all of her children are called to be saints, profoundly converted to the highest degree of sanctity."

Why, then, do so few of us reach the fullness of our calling?

"Why," asks Father Dubay, "do people who love God to some extent knowingly choose not to love him completely? Why do they not give up their petty clings?"

The author points out that "if we lived 1% of what we hear and see and read in our splendid Catholic liturgies in a year or a month, we would be saints long ago."

Perhaps, he suggest, we are comfortable in our mediocrity; perhaps we even mistake that mediocrity for the best we could be.

Perhaps we do not give enough thought and prayer to growing in holiness; perhaps we think about it, but do not take definite steps to see that such growth happens.

Whatever the reasons for our "remarkable resistance," Lent reminds us that God's help and grace are always present. What better time to ask, as Father Dubay does, "What can you and I do to cooperate with what God wants to give but will not impose?"

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New store at Seton teaches students about business, builds school spirit

Knights Armory offers a crusade of learning

By Shawn Ryan
Staff Writer

PLATTSBURGH - Where does the aspiring young Knight go to gear up for their next great crusade?

To the Knights' Armory, of course, good Sir.

With the beginning of the school year this past fall, Seton Catholic Central has been featuring a brand new school store, aptly named The Knights' Armory.

With everything from school essentials like pens and pencils, to school themed shirts, hats, and even gift certificates, the very well received store is growing by leaps and bounds in both popularity, and inventory.

The store is the brain-child of Seton's business teacher, Christine Boule. Situated in



PHOTO BY SHAWN RYAN

Christine Boule, the business teacher at Seton Catholic School in Plattsburgh, is shown in Knight's Armory, a school store which she has opened in the back of her classroom to teach students the nuts and bolts of running a business.

an alcove in the back of her classroom, she thought the store would be a good way to teach the nuts and bolts of

running a business to her eleventh and twelfth grade business students.

"The goal is to have it run

completely by students in the future," she said. "They'll be more proactive in the ordering, handling money, even in interviewing fellow students as potential store workers."

"All while increasing school spirit," she said.

The name of the store and the logo, featuring a mounted Knight in school colors, was conceived of and designed last year by students in the Graphic Design class.

Students this year have input into what items they should sell in the store, as well as working at the store.

Started with seed money from the Booster Club, the profits that don't go back into their increasing stock to back to the Booster Club.

"Our goal is in a few years to build up a small scholarship to give to a graduating senior who will be majoring in business," said Boule.

The Knights' Armory is open during homeroom period in the morning, as well as during "activity period" at the end of the day, and parents are welcome to stop by and shop the Armory, especially in the afternoon.

Boule has a large push-cart, and has plans to bring a mobile version to the store to some home sporting events.

"It's really been much better than I expected, because of the enthusiasm of the kids," she said.

Seton T-shirts and hoodies have been the most consistent sellers, with pom-pom hats coming in strong at the start of winter.

School "spirit days" often see a bump in activity, but Boule says that no one age group has shown themselves to be more shop-a-holic than any other.

Under the constant watchful eye of Stan the Mannequin, The Knights Armory has shown its value as both a learning tool, as well as an aid to the school spirit at Seton Catholic.

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Pope calls for moratorium on the death penalty

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis called for a moratorium on executions during the Year of Mercy and said the fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," applies not only to the innocent but to the guilty as well.

During the jubilee Year of Mercy

"Even a criminal has the inviolable right to life, a gift of God," he said Feb. 21 after reciting the Angelus at St. Peter's Square.

Marking the beginning of an international conference "For a world without the death penalty," sponsored by the Community of Sant'Egidio, the pope expressed hope that it will strengthen efforts to abolish the death penalty.

Increasing opposition worldwide to the death penalty as "an instrument of legitimate social defense" is "a sign of hope," he said.

"This issue has to be considered within the perspective

of a penal justice, which is more and more in compliance with human dignity and God's plan for humanity and society," the pope said.

The pope appealed to world leaders to reach an international consensus on the abolition of the death penalty. He also proposed Catholic government leaders "make a courageous and exemplary gesture by seeking a moratorium on executions during this Holy Year of Mercy."

"All Christians and people of goodwill are called today to work not only for the abolition of the death penalty, but also to improve the conditions of life in prison, in the respect of human dignity of people deprived of freedom," he said.

In his remarks before reciting the Angelus prayer, the pope recalled his Feb. 12-17 visit to Mexico, calling it an "experience of transfiguration."

"The Lord has shown us the light of his glory through the body of the church, of his holy people that lives in this land -- a body so often wounded, a people so often oppressed, despised, violated in its dignity. The various encounters we experienced in Mexico were truly full of light: the light of a faith that transfigures faces

and enlightens our path," he said.

The main goal of his trip, he added, was his visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe to pray before the miraculous image of Mary.

"I contemplated and I allowed myself to be gazed upon by she who carries imprinted in her eyes the gaze of all of her children, gathering up the sorrows caused by violence, kidnapping, assassinations, the violence against so many poor people, against so many women," he said.

Pope Francis also gave thanks to God for his meeting with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, calling it "a prophetic light of the Resurrection which the world today needs more than ever."

"May the holy mother of God continue to guide us on the path of unity," the pope said.

Before concluding his address, the pope prescribed some "spiritual medicine" to the faithful for the Lenten season: the rosary.

Volunteers, including some poor, homeless and refugees along with religious, distributed small white boxes with an anatomical drawing of the human heart that contained a rosary along with the Divine Mercy image of Jesus.

Mourners praise life, legacy of Justice Scalia

By Maureen Boyle
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Following the Feb. 20 funeral Mass for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, some who attended the funeral shared their profound admiration and fond memories of the late justice.

Michael Novak, a Catholic scholar, theologian and a former colleague of Scalia at the American Enterprise Institute in the 1970s, said the funeral Mass was an event that would have made his old friend very proud.

"It was beautiful, just the way Nino would have wanted it. Every word was just perfect," he said about the late justice, calling him by his nickname.

Susannah Patton, a member of the John Carroll Society, the sponsor of the annual Red Mass, which Scalia faithfully attended every year, said the Mass was both "joyful and intimate," even though it was on an historic and grand scale.

Of the late justice's deep-rooted Catholicism, she said it was incorporated into his life completely. "Justice Scalia's faith was remarkable," she told the Catholic Standard, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese.

Patton said she knew the late justice to attend daily Mass at St. Joseph Church on Capitol Hill, the closest Catholic church to the Supreme Court building.

She recounted a story she had heard years ago of Justice Scalia comforting a troubled homeless woman at St. Joseph's after Mass one day.

"He held her hands,

talked to her for more than 30 minutes and they both wept," she said. "That was him. He could be boisterous, but so kind and always full of life."

His funeral honored a great man whose "faith was extraordinary"

Presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, attended Scalia's funeral before returning to South Carolina for the Republican presidential primary held the same day. Cruz said he had revered the noted jurist since Scalia's nomination to the nation's highest court in 1986.

"He was brilliant, passionate and full of life. He knew what he believed. Justice Scalia was fighting for those principles with every passion in his soul. He emanated joy," he said. "His three decades of service embodied a fidelity to the U.S. Constitution that is the essence of a Supreme Court justice."

William J. Bennett, former U.S. secretary of education, said he was fortunate to count himself among Scalia's friends. He said he frequently discussed education issues with the late justice.

Bennett also remembered Scalia's larger-than-life personality. "He would always come to my brother's annual Christmas party and none of the lawyers there ever wanted to sing, but he always loved to belt out all the Christmas carols," he said. His brother, Robert, is a well-known Washington lawyer.

Bennett described the Mass as a "simple, powerful and magnificent" liturgy that honored a great man whose "faith was extraordinary."

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

EWTN says foundress Mother Angelica remains in 'delicate' condition

IRONDALE, Ala. (CNS) -- In an early morning tweet Feb. 22, the Eternal Word Television Network said its founder, Mother Angelica, remains in a "delicate" condition. Members of her religious order, the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration at Our Lady of Angels Monastery in Hanceville, asked for prayers for her. In a new posting on the order's website, <http://olamnuns.com>, the Poor Clares extended "a heart-felt thank-you" to all who have been praying for Mother Angelica, who is 92. "The many cards and promises of prayer she received throughout this past Christmas season were a great consolation and support," the posting said. "Mother's condition remains delicate and she receives devoted care day and night by her sisters and nurses. In God's providence, she was able to receive the special jubilee grace" of passing through the Door of Mercy shortly after its opening for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, it said. "Although she is most often sleeping, from time to time mother will give a radiant smile. There is no doubt that her heart must be 'on things above."

On climate issue, Catholics urged to 'feel pain of the planet, the poor'

MIAMI (CNS) -- Pope Francis' right-hand man on the environment and climate change issues urged Catholics attending a local academic conference to let Christian spirituality guide their thinking and actions toward preserving the full range of God's creation. Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, spoke Feb. 19 in Miami at St. Thomas University as part of the school's two-day International Conference on Climate, Nature & Society. The conference tackled the science and social impact of ecological change with talks from leading experts in the field along with Cardinal Turkson, who recently made several U.S. stops last week in the Vatican's efforts to promote Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home." In addition to being a scriptural scholar, Cardinal Turkson is credited with helping to draft "Laudato Si'," the first papal encyclical in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church devoted solely to environmental and mankind's collective responsibility to pass along a clean and safe planet to future generations. "It is urgent that we change our sense of progress, our management of the economy and our style of life," Cardinal Turkson said at the outset of his remarks, echoing Pope Francis' appeal for a "new ethical and spiritual itinerary to reduce our footprint and reverse the deterioration of the natural and social environment."

God seeks those who need him most, charity should do same

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Because God refuses to keep his love to himself, seeking those who turn away and need him most, believers must do the same and go where love is needed, Pope Francis said. "How I wish that everyone in the church, every institution, every activity would show that God loves humanity," he said, "not with words, but with concrete love." Concrete service rooted in God's love can make "every person feel loved by the father, loved as his son or daughter and destined for eternal life with him," he said Feb. 26. The pope spoke to more than 200 representatives from Catholic charitable organizations and bishops' conferences taking part in a conference at the Vatican Feb. 25-26 to mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's 2006 encyclical on charity, "Deus Caritas Est." "The act of charity is not, in fact, simply almsgiving to ease one's conscience," Pope Francis told participants. It includes a loving concern for others and "desires to share friendship with God."

VATICAN LETTER

Pope calls for integration of divorced into church life

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Those who hope Pope Francis will give divorced and civilly remarried Catholics a blanket welcome back to Communion and those who fear he will open the doors to such a possibility are both likely to be disappointed by his decision.

Pope Francis told reporters traveling with him from Mexico to Italy Feb. 17 that his document reflecting on the 2014 and 2015 synods of bishops on the family should be published by Easter. There is widespread expectation that the document will be dated March 19, the feast of St. Joseph.

On the specific issue of Communion for those who are civilly remarried without having obtained an annulment of their sacramental marriage, Pope Francis said it was a possibility, but only after a process of re-integration into the life of the church.

Reception of the Eucharist, he said, would be "the point of arrival."

However, he insisted, "integration into the church does not mean 'receiving Communion'" as if it were automatic. "I know remarried Catholics who go to church once or twice a year" and say, "I want to receive Communion" as if it were some prize.

It is not, the pope said. An eventual return to the sacraments would be the result of "a work of integration."

"All doors are open, but one cannot say, 'from this moment on they can receive Communion,'" Pope Francis said.

Without a declaration that their sacramental marriage was null, "such a situation contradicts the Christian sacrament," which is meant to be an indissoluble bond, Pope Francis had explained last August during one of his weekly general audience talks about the family.

Speaking to reporters on his plane in mid-February, he said a blanket invitation to return to Communion without looking at individual circumstances, helping them take responsibility for a failed marriage and encouraging repentance "would harm the couple because it would mean not having them follow that path of integration."

Pope Francis pointed to the testimony of Humberto and Claudia Gomez, a couple who spoke at his meeting with families Feb. 15 in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico. Claudia was divorced before they married 16 years ago and while Humberto said their relationship always has been one of "love and understanding," three years ago "the Lord spoke to us," calling them to join a local parish group for divorced and remarried Catholics.

"We cannot receive Communion," Humberto said, "but we can communicate

through those who are needy, sick or deprived of their freedom," whom the couple serves through parish outreach programs.

"These two are happy," the pope told reporters. "And they used a very beautiful expression: 'We do not receive eucharistic Communion, but we make communion in visiting the hospital.'"

"Their integration has remained there," the pope said. "If there is something more, the Lord will tell them, but it is a journey, a path."

The "integration" of families in the life of the church was a key point at the synods on the family, the pope said, and is a concept that will feature in his postsynodal document, particularly when speaking about families experiencing difficulties and those formed by new unions.

Pope Francis' focus on the process - and not on the possible end result - means it is an incremental change from what St. John Paul II had written in his 1981 exhortation on the family, "Familiaris Consortio," which called on pastors to accompany such couples in a process of discernment regarding their share of responsibility for the breakdown of a marriage, their behavior toward their spouse and children since the divorce and their conduct in their new relationship.

However, St. John Paul wrote, "the church reaffirms her practice, which is based upon Sacred Scripture, of not admitting to eucharistic Communion divorced persons who have remarried" because "their state and condition of life objectively contradict that union of love between Christ and the church which is signified and effected by the Eucharist. Besides this, there is another special pastoral reason: if these people were admitted to the Eucharist, the faithful would be led into error and confusion regarding the church's teaching about the indissolubility of marriage."

St. John Paul's points about the objective situation of the couples and about possible scandal were repeated by many bishops at the synod last October. Several of them insisted the synod's recommendations to Pope Francis left no room for changing that teaching and possibly allowing some couples, in some circumstances to receive Communion. Other bishops at the synod insisted that a process of discernment would mean little if full reconciliation with the church and reception of all the sacraments were not ultimately possible. They saw their recommendations as leaving the possibility open.

Pope Francis' remarks to reporters indicates that he, too, sees a possibility but both the sacraments of marriage and of the Eucharist are too sacred to be treated lightly.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Reconciliation through mercy of God

In this special Year of Mercy, the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent are especially significant. They are all about reconciliation through God's mercy.

Because of mercy, sinners have reason to celebrate in joy.

The key word for the day is "rejoice."

In the first reading, the new leader, Joshua tells the Israelites to rejoice because God has removed their shame at being slaves in Egypt. They're finally in the Promised Land.

Now, if we have been



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praying, reflecting on God's Will for us, and making some changes in living our Christian lives this Lent, then we too can expect God's approval.

The high point today is in the Gospel.

When the Pharisees were complaining that Jesus was too soft on sinners, even eating with them, the Master tells them the great story of the Prodigal Son.

This young son spent everything of his inheritance foolishly and sinfully. Yet, the Father (who is

meant to be God) forgives his son even more foolishly (at least the older brother thinks so).

If we want to identify with that younger sinner, then we will rejoice in the mercy and forgiveness of the Father!

If we're honest, we should also see in our lives many characteristics of the self-righteous older brother

We wonder what the rest of the story was like. Did he eventually get over his anger and become friends of his younger brother.

The father tried with tears to change his heart. In telling this story, Jesus was teaching his listeners a lesson about the mercy of God

March 6

Fourth Sunday of Lent

READINGS

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

the Father.

In today's second reading from 2nd Corinthians, Paul reminds us that "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away, and behold, new things have come."

So what "new things" are we called to?

Paul tells us that God has given us a ministry - the

ministry of reconciliation.

As it was Christ's ministry on earth, so now is it our ministry to encourage the discouraged, and to give hope to those who are hopeless and despairing of God's mercy.

God Himself pleads through us, for we are "ambassadors for Christ."

An ambassador works, not through force or recrimination, but through diplomacy. For us, it means treating all we meet with the example of loving concern without judging their past behavior.

And so the opening song of today's liturgy urges us: "Rejoice! Again I say, Rejoice!"

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Human organs from pigs - is it kosher?

Human beings can have a visceral reaction to the thought of growing human kidneys or livers inside the bodies of pigs or cows.

We should continue to insist that cutting edge biomedical research remain in active dialogue and interaction with sound ethics

A participant in a recent online forum on human/animal chimeras described it this way: "Unbelievable!!! ... If there was anything that was more anti-God it is the genetic formation of chimeras which is nothing more than Frankenstein monster creation."

Although the idea of a chimeric animal is indeed unusual, several factors need to be considered in evaluating the practice of growing human organs within animals.

Despite our initial hesitations, certain needs of human/animal chimeras are likely to be justifiable and

reasonable. This comes into focus when we recognize, for example, how thousands of patients who have received replacement heart valves made out of pig or cow tissues are already themselves a type of human/animal chimera.

For many years, moreover, scientists have worked with chimeric mice that possess a human immune system, enabling them to study the way that HIV and other viruses are able to infect cells.

We routinely use animals to address important human needs. We eat them and make clothing out of them. We keep them in zoos.

Utilizing them for legitimate and important medical purposes like organ generation and transplantation should not, broadly speaking, be a cause for alarm.

As another online participant noted, only half in jest: "Think of it — a pig provides a human heart, lungs, and liver then the rest is eaten for dinner! Plus the

pig will likely be chemical free, well-fed, and humanely treated."

If a pig were in fact able to grow a human kidney in place of its own kidney, and if it could be used for transplantation, it could provide a major new source of organs in the face of the critical shortage that currently exists.

Many patients today are on waiting lists for a kidney, and a significant percentage die before an organ ever becomes available.

Yet significant technical and ethical hurdles remain before growing organs in pigs is likely to be feasible.

The science is still in its infancy, and researchers have yet to figure out how to make human cells co-exist in a stable fashion with animal tissues.

There are abundant concerns about the possibility of transmitting animal viruses to humans espe-

cially considering how readily other viruses like avian flu have been able to jump from birds to humans.

Even assuming these kinds of risks are able to be minimized, and pig/human chimeras could be safely produced, there would still be several ethical issues to consider. One concern involves using stem cells from human

embryos as part of the process of making pig/human chimeras.

Typically scientists try to generate chimeras by adding human embryonic stem cells to animal embryos, which then grow up and develop into chimeric animals. Destroying young humans in their embryonic stages for their stem cells is gravely objectionable, so creating chimeras could be ethical only if alternative, non-embryonic sources of stem cells (like adult stem

cells or induced pluripotent stem cells) were utilized for the procedure.

The technology might also lend itself to other unethical practices, like trying to create a pig that could produce human sperm or eggs in its genitalia.

Similarly, if human nerve cells were incorporated into a developing pig brain in such a way that the animal developed what appeared to be human brain structures, some have noted there could be questions about the occurrence of intelligence or self-consciousness or other facets of human identity in the animal.

Although such concerns seem farfetched, given the dearth of knowledge about the "scaffolding of consciousness," it seems reasonable to limit this kind of experimentation.

Some scientific agencies like the National Institutes of Health have restricted the availability of research funds for the study of human/animal chimeras be-

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AT THE MOVIES

DEADPOOL

By John Mulderig
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There's punk in the fancy, cultural, Johnny Rotten sense of the term, and then there's the plain old meaning of the word before it went all meta on us.

The latter perfectly captures the character who lends his name to the vengeance-driven Marvel Comics adaptation "Deadpool" (Fox).

Sarcasm and splatter predominate in director Tim Miller's profile of a smart-alecky antihero (Ryan Reynolds) whose machine-gun patter, while undeniably clever at a certain level, reveals a profoundly distorted view of the world. His debased witticisms drag viewers down rather than enlightening them.

These baleful bon mots are delivered along the course of a nasty odyssey marked by relentless grittiness and a series of unpleasant experiences. In fact, as conjured up by screenwriters Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick -- as well as Deadpool's creators in print, Fabian Nicieza and Rob Liefeld -- the protagonist's biography is, for the

most part, a machismo-saturated adolescent fantasy.

Thus, Wade Wilson, as he's originally known, is a former Special Forces operative -- what else would he be? -- whose combat experiences, though merely hinted at, have left him as jaded as any existentialist philosopher sipping coffee in a Left Bank cafe. And when he finds true love, wouldn't you know, it's with a hooker, Vanessa Carlyle by name (Morena Baccarin).

Wade and Vanessa connect emotionally based on their shared status as damaged goods -- if only the world understood us! But their carnal bond is such that we're shown (all too explicitly) a yearlong round of bedroom romps celebrating the passing holidays.

Even an antihero needs his quest, though, and must be tested by adversity. So Wade takes a bathroom break from Vanessa's charms, collapses, and is promptly diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Cue a mysterious, unnamed stranger from central casting (Jed Rees) who offers Wade an unorthodox but complete cure. The "treatment" that follows not only heals Wade but trans-

forms him into a superhero with a self-regenerating body. Yet the process involves a series of horrific tortures -- something to do with stress unlocking mutant genes -- and also winds up horribly disfiguring him.

More than a little teed off by his descent from Ryan Reynolds to the Elephant Man, Deadpool, as he's now known resolves to catch up with and kill his principal tormentor, a British sounding sadist who goes by the moniker Ajax (Ed Skrein). As if to befuddle Homer fans everywhere, Ajax has an Achilles heel, to wit, his given name is Francis.

Francis, can you imagine? Oh, the lack of testosterone! Wade/Deadpool teases him with a degree of cruelty not to be found this side of your local schoolyard.

So far so good for the ordinary fanboy. But undiluted masculinity is rather politically incorrect.

So, apparently in keeping with his comic-book antecedents, the screen version of Deadpool's persona comes complete with vague hints of bisexuality. These carry over to his relationship with Vanessa, who experiments with a deviant inversion of gender roles



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Ryan Reynolds and Morena Baccarin star in a scene from the movie "Deadpool."

that should have no place in a mainstream movie whatever its rating.

Like the battered prize at the bottom of a box of rancid Cracker Jacks, there are some traces of morality to be found here. Before his illness, Wade puts his thug-gish services at the disposal of the vulnerable, scaring off a teen girl's stalker, for instance. And he does seem poised to forsake his womanizing ways for marriage with Vanessa.

Yet any rewards that might be gained by digging down for such positive fragments are thoroughly can-

celed out by an ethics-empty conclusion blatantly denying the inherent value of human life.

The film contains skewed values, including a benign view of violent revenge, constant mayhem with extreme gore, strong sexual content, a few uses of profanity and pervasive rough and crude language.

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.

Human

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cause of these and other considerations, seeking to levy pressure so that the needed ethical discernment and discussion occurs before researchers proceed further. We tend to view modern scientific progress as a powerful "engine of good" for the well-being of mankind, and therefore we view most scientific research with hope.

This is proper and fitting, and to reinforce and reinvigorate that hope, we should continue to insist

that cutting edge biomedical research remain in active dialogue and interaction with sound ethics. The expanding study of human/animal chimeras challenges us to reflect carefully on the morally appropriate use of these novel and powerful technologies, so that human dignity will not be harmed, subjugated, or misappropriated in any way.

Father Pacholczyk is Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.



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ADIRONDACK

END OF LIFE ISSUES

Saranac Lake – Join Kathy Gallagher from the NYS Catholic Conference to discuss proposed NYS Legislation on Physician Assisted Suicide and the Catholic understanding on End of Life issues.

Date: March 19

Time: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: St. Bernard's Church

Cost: \$20 will be accepted to help with the cost of lunch and materials.

Features: Includes testimony of JJ Hanson who will share the story of his will to fight against a terminal cancer.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Paul Smiths – Climate change as a moral issue discussion to be held.

Date: March 5

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Paul's Smith's Freer Auditorium

Features: Catholic Climate Change Ambassadors from the Nation are invited to bring the light of faith to the topic of climate change. Dr. Gerry Gacia, head of Cardiology in Rochester, who has spoken several times in our Diocese on care for God's Creation, will be one of the panelists. Event is supported by Catholic Climate Covenant and National Science Foundation and is being promoted by the Faith and Ecology Groups in the Diocese. The Public is invited. No cost.

Contact: Curt Stager at cstager@paulsmiths.edu or Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ at srbethssj@gmail.com

CLINTON

K OF C FISH FRY

AuSable Forks – AuSable Forks K of C is holding its final fish fry of the season.

Date: March 4

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

Place: Holy Name Parish Center Gymnasium; take outs available

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$6

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

Chazy – Sacred Heart to have their Annual all you can eat Fish Fry.

Date: March 18

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

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$5; Take-outs, \$10

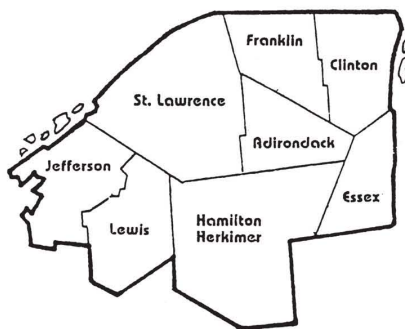
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treadwell Mills – St. Alexander & St. Joseph's Church will hold an all you can eat pancake breakfast.

Date: March 6 and April 3

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

Place: St. Joseph's Church parish hall



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SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Morrisonville – St. Alexander Church and the Knights of Columbus 7248 and 6067 will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for vocations to the priesthood.

Date: April 30

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

Place: St. Alexander's Jubilee hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 6-12, \$3; under 5, Free

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

West Chazy – St. Joseph's Men's Club will host a Pancake Breakfast.

Date: March 6

Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon

Place: Parish center

Cost: Adults, \$7.50; Children 6-10, \$3; under 5, free

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Peru – Catholic Daughters' Ct St Monica's to have their annual St Patrick's Dinner.

Date: March 12

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Augustine Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 4-12, \$5

Features: Corned Beef or Ham dinner with all the trimmings. Irish Dancers, Traditional Irish music performed by Elisabeth Churchill and George Schnob, Guinness and Baileys for the adults, 50/50 raffle and take out available.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Plattsburgh – 40 Days for Life to be held.

Date: Daily through March 20

Place: In front of Planned Parenthood

Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact: Nancy Belzile at 518-593-6024 or nancys_56@hotmail.com. More info at 40daysforlife.com/Plattsburgh

LENTEN ADORATION

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Chapel. Will conclude with Benediction on Tuesday of Holy Week at 7 p.m..

Schedule: Mon. and Tues

Time: 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

ESSEX

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Ticonderoga – The team that represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Adoration.

Date: March 4

Schedule: The Day of Adoration begins immediately following the 9a.m. Mass. There will be a Holy Hour with a short presentation from 7 p.m. to 8 followed by a light reception where you can meet the team members, ask questions and receive resources from the World Meeting of Families.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Contact: St. Mary's Rectory at 518-585-7144

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Elizabethtown – The Annual St. Patrick's dinner. ham or corned beef, sponsored by St. Elizabeth's parish to be held.

Date: March 13

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$12; Children under 12, \$5

FRANKLIN

DINNER THEATER

Brushton – The North Franklin Theater Group and St. Mary's Catholic Church presents its annual dinner theater.

Date: April 2

Time: 6 p.m. Plan to arrive no later than 5:30

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: \$30 per person pre-paid. Payment must be received no later than March 23. No refunds after March 25.

Features: "Murder at Rutherford House":

Choice of Roast Turkey or Roast Pork

Contact: Mail reservations to Eileen

Miller, PO Box 214, Moira, NY 12957.

518-529-7713. Be sure to include the number of Pork or Turkey Meals

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Malone – A Jubilee of Mercy observance

called for by Pope Francis has been planned for Franklin Deanery

Date: March 4-5

Time: 1 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday

Place: Notre Dame Church

Features: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue for 24 hours (throughout the night); the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be sung at 3 p.m. on Friday; Confessions will be heard on Friday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Two priests available)

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Malone – A service of meditations on the Passion for the beginning of Holy Week has been planned by the music

ministry of St. André Bessette Parish

Date: March 20 (Palm Sunday)

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church

Features: Readings from Scripture, written reflections by the saints and other authors, and songs for both choir and congregation.

JEFFERSON

DIVINE COMEDY

Watertown – Immaculate Heart Central School is hosting Dan Reynolds' "Divine Comedy" presentation "How to give yourself a 'faith-lift' with humor."

Date: March 8

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: IHC; free and open to the public.

Presenter: Dan Reynolds, a professional cartoonist and part-time coordinator of parish life at Divine Mercy Parish in Central Square, NY. A native of Oswego, he

graduated from SUNY Oswego, spent four years in the Navy and then worked 22 years at the Oswego City County Youth Bureau as the Youth Activities Coordinator. For the past 25 years, Dan has been a professional cartoonist. His cartoon work is distributed nationally via National Greeting card companies like American Greetings. He has five nationally published books with Andrews McMeel Publishing, the publishers of Calvin and Hobbes and The Far Side. He and his wife, parents of four sons, reside in Brewerton.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Watertown – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

Schedule: Beginning Good Friday March 25 at 3 p.m. the Divine Mercy novena will begin by praying in the Chaplet in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 3 at 3 p.m., there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & a procession. You may bring your own Divine Mercy picture to be specially blessed.

Contact: For more info on Mercy Sunday call Judy at 315-783-7349 or visit www.thedivinemercy.org

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS

Clayton – The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Mary's and St. John's Churches present "The Way of the Cross", a dramatic presentation of the Passion and Death of the Lord.

Date: March 25

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Contact: St. Mary's Parish office, 686-3398 or Christine Woodley, 778-5125.

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – A Spaghetti and meatball dinner will be held to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: March 5

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watertown – St. Patrick's Church in Watertown sponsors weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays. The Monstrance is placed on the Altar at the end of Noon Mass. Our doors remain open until 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

Contact: Dc. Mastellon at 315-782-6086



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<http://www.rcdony.org/mission-office.html>

OBITUARIES

Shirley Savage

TUPPER LAKE - A Mass of Christian Burial for Shirley Savage, 78, Wife of Deacon Gerald H. Savage, Was held Feb. 23 at St. Alphonsus Church.

She died Feb. 19, at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, NY after a brief illness.

Shirley Ann Kavanagh was born Dec. 4, 1937. She was the youngest of three children born to Vincent and Katherine (Edwards) Kavanagh. She graduated from Holy Ghost Academy in 1955 and went on to Potsdam Business School. She worked for the Elliot Hardwood Company.

She was married to her life-long companion, Gerald Savage, on Sep. 25, 1960 at St. Alphonsus Church by Monsignor Domina Breault.

Mrs. Savage devoted much of her life to being a homemaker and mother in addition to dedicated service to her community and church.

She was an active member of St. Alphonsus - Holy Name of Jesus Church including serving as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She supported many charities and was passionate about helping children.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Savage is survived by six children, Michael and his wife Lynette, Mary Ellen Snyder and her husband Joel, Maureen Harriman and her husband George, John and his wife Dee of Cicero, NY, David and his partner Clifford Ruffner of St. Petersburg, FL, and Christopher and his wife Melissa; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brother-in-law Stanley Moody and sister-in-law Leona Kavanagh as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Deacon and Mrs. Savage were foster parents for many years, the longest being sharing their love with Jocelyn Roberge of Saranac Lake.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister Patricia Moody and her brother Gerald Kavanagh.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or National Right to Life Foundation.

AuSable Forks - Alice (Perks) Shambo, 88; Funeral Services Feb. 25, 2016 at Holy Name Church.

Brasher Falls - Stephen Frank "Frankie" Toth, 82; Funeral Services Feb. 26, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Champlain - Elmer Ives, 92; Funeral Services Feb. 27, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Plattsburgh.

Champlain - Bruce LaVenture, 67; Funeral Services Feb. 25, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

Chateaugay - Stephen A. Harrigan, 52; Funeral Services Feb. 27, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church.

Copenhagen - Richard James "Dick" McNamara, 77; Funeral Services March 1, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

Gouverneur - Mary Janice "Jan" (Malterner) Burt, 85; Funeral Services Feb. 25, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in Old St. James Cemetery.

Keeseville - George A. "Uncle Jr." Stranahan, Jr., 71; Funeral Services Feb. 26, 2016 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain - Martin "Marty" P. LaPoint, 44; Memorial Services Feb. 21, 2016 at St. Bernard's Church.

Lyon Mountain - Madeline (Durocher) Yanulavich, 89; Funeral Services Feb. 22, 2016 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Moers Forks - Clifford E. Boulerville, 90; Funeral Services Feb. 23, 2016 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Champlain.

Moira - Bertha M. (Greenwood) Davey, 90; Funeral Services Feb. 26, 2016 at the Flint Funeral Home

Norfolk - Agatha P. (Robideau) Carson, 86; Funeral Services Feb. 20, 2016 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

tion Cemetery.

Norwood - Ralph C. Willard, 68; Funeral Services Feb. 27, 2016 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Hale Cemetery,

Ogdensburg - Elizabeth "Betty" Irvine, 92; Funeral Services Feb. 24, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg - Barbara (Day) Otis, 81; Funeral Services March 19, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg - Robert F. Rapin, 84; Funeral Services Feb. 25, 2016 at the Fox and Murray Funeral Home; burial in the White Church Cemetery.

Peru - Kevin W. Kemp, 53; Funeral Services Feb. 22, 2016 at St. Augustine's Church.

Plattsburgh - Lillian "Lil" H. Cote, 84; Funeral Services Feb. 20, 2016 Feb. 20, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Adrian J. Quinn, 78; Funeral Services Feb. 23, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Chazy.

Port Henry - Angeline "Angie" Chiarella, 93; Funeral Services Feb. 22, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

Potsdam - Stephen J. Davis, 65; Funeral Services Feb. 22, 2016 at Garner Funeral Home.

Rouses Point - Rodney J. Harvey, 57; Funeral Feb. 22, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown - Cecil E. Greenwood, 96; Funeral Services Feb. 27, 2016 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Westville - Odena Chatland; Funeral Services Feb. 19, 2016 at Our Lady of Fatima; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.



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LENTEN ADORATION

Brownville - Immaculate Conception will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday's following Mass and Benediction.

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

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: March 31

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Anthony's Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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

IHC OPEN HOUSE

Watertown - IHC and St. John Bosco Pre-School to have open houses.

Schedule: March 8, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Enrollment (if you have made your choice by this date and/or arrived in the area, please call 315-788-7011 to make an appointment for your child to be screened for Kindergarten 315-788-7011).

Upcoming dates: Primary School Open House March 30, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.; Intermediate School April 12, July 19 and Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.; Junior/Senior High School March 16 at 6:30 p.m. 7th Grade Orientation; March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

LEWIS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

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

Date: March 5

Time: 4 p.m. to 6

Place: St. Francis Solanus Church

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

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

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy Devotions for

the month of March will be held.

Date: March 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.

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville - Lenten Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Dates: March 3, 10, 17

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

ST. LAWRENCE

COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTERS

Canton - The Commissioned Lay Ministers Association will hold a Lenten afternoon of Prayer and Reflection.

Date: March 12

Time: 12 p.m. to 3:30 followed by Mass at 5

Place: St. Mary's School

Theme: "Mercy: The Primary Divine Attribute?" and will prove to enrich your Lenten journey of faith.

Speaker: Fr. Bernard Menard

Features: A light luncheon will be provided. There is no charge for the event, but donation are accepted.

Contact: Register before March 8 by contacting Jeannie Grizzuto at (315) 393-2920, Ext. 1413 or by email at: jgrizzuto@rcdony.org.

LENTEN MISSION

Colton and Potsdam - Father Thomas Higman will preach at the March 5/6 weekend Masses at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's and during the week.

Schedule: March 7 - Sought After; 8 a.m. - Mass & Mission Preaching - St. Patrick's Confessions to follow; 6 p.m. - Sung Vespers & Mission Preaching - St. Mary's Confessions to follow; March 8 - Loved; 8 a.m. - Mass & Mission Preaching - St. Patrick's Confessions to follow; 8:30 a.m. to 11 Confessions - St. Mary's (Fr. Venette); 1 p.m. to 4 Confessions - St. Mary's (Fr. Higman); 6 p.m. - Sung Vespers & Mission Preaching - St. Mary's, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude Confessions to follow March 9 - Forgiveness; 8 a.m. - Mass & Mission Preaching - St. Patrick's Communal Breakfast to follow at St. Patrick's Parish Center; 6 p.m. - Mass and Conclusion of Mission - St. Mary's Communal Supper to follow at Sergi's

Contact: Check the parish website stmmaryspatrick.net for the full schedule.

ST. MARY'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Canton - The schedule of special programs for Lent at St. Mary's follows

Schedule: Saturdays: 8:10 a.m., Rosary for Vocations (Chapel); 8:30 a.m., Mass (Chapel); 9 a.m., Conversion Series by Bishop Robert Barron with discussion. (School Library); Sundays, 10 a.m., Sym-bolon Series: Learn more about our Catholic Faith. (School Library); Thursdays, 4 p.m., Holy Hour for Vocations (Chapel); Fridays 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross (Church); Mon-Fri. 7:15 a.m., Daily Mass (Chapel); Mon-Thurs. 5:15 p.m., Daily Mass (Chapel) March 4th: 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross Penance Service; Confessions and Adoration until 10 p.m. (Church)

LENTEN ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph will be offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mon. & Fri. during Lent.

Time: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Features: Spend some extra time with God in prayer. Adoration will be held in the side Chapel here at St. Mary's

MANICOTTI MONDAY

Norfolk - Manicotti Monday is the first Monday of every month.

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9.75; Under 5, Free

Contact: Laurie at 315-384-4242

MOVIE NIGHT

Ogdensburg - Movie night at St. Mary's Cathedral to be held.

Date: March 12

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Brzana Hall

Features: The Quiet Man, an Oscar winning classic from 1952. Retired American boxer (John Wayne) returns to the village of his birth in Ireland where he meets a Woman (Maureen O'Hara).

Contact: Amy at 315-393-3930

FISH & SHRIMP

Gouverneur - Fish & Shrimp Fry to be held every Friday.

Date: Feb. 12 to March 25

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

Place: St. James School

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

Features: Take-outs available, phone

ahead for faster service and deliveries, 287-0130.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Ogdensburg - A Lenten Day of Prayer & Reflection, a Year of Mercy program, for all involved in charitable apostolates in the Diocese of Ogdensburg has been planned.

Date: March 8

Time: 10 a.m. to 2:30

Place: Wadhams Hall

Program: The presenters will be Deacon Mark and Theresa Bennett of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh and Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop LaValley at 11:30 am. Lunch will follow. This day is open to all who are involved in the charitable works of our parishes and local communities' members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Project Gabriel, Catholic Daughters of America, Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries, Visiting Nurses, etc

Registration: There is no fee for the day, but participants are asked to complete the registration form available from pastors or the online registration at www.rcdony.org/lenten by March 1.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP
Ogdensburg - Catholic HeartWorkcamp (CHWC) has announced that it will be returning to Wadhams Hall

Date: June 26 to July 1
Cost: The cost is \$375 per person, which includes meals, lodging, transportation to the work sites, t-shirts and snacks.

Features: CHWC is a national organization whose mission is to inspire young people to live as disciples of Christ through serving others and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant. During the week, campers will volunteer at various sites throughout the Ogdensburg area during the day and participate in fun, faith-building programs in the evening. Daily Mass, adoration, penance and prayer nourish campers for their work in the community.

Contact: For information about the Ogdensburg camp or to register, please contact managers Jocelyn Kelly and Samantha Poulin at chwc.ogdensburg@gmail.com. For additional information: www.heartworkcamp.com.

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Potsdam - Discerning men are invited to

come together & consider the call the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

Dates: March 13; April 3 & 17

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Rectory

Features: Reflection and vespers.

Contact: Your Catholic Campus Minister or Father Howard Venette, pastor

@stmmaryspatrick.net, 315-265-9680;

Father Douglas Lucia,

frdoug@twcny.rr.com or Father Bryan

Stitt, diocesan vocation director

bstitt@rcdony.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Saranac Lake - The spring Rachel's Vineyard after-abortion healing retreat will be offered.

Date: June 3 - 5

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Features: A Rachel's Vineyard retreat offers a safe, non-judgmental environment of hope and healing for those suffering after abortions. The chaplains for the spring retreat are Father Mark Reilly of Massena and Father Thomas Higman of Saranac Lake.

Note: The fall Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held over Labor Day weekend Sept. 2 - 4. Confidential registration forms will be available soon.

Contact: For a list of retreat locations or for more information about Rachel's Vineyard visit www.rcdony.org/pro-life.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

HOLY WEEK RETREAT

Chestertown, N.Y. - Catholics from the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to join a Holy Week Retreat

Date: March 20, 7 p.m. to Easter Sunday March 27 (After Breakfast)

Place: The Priory Retreat House in the Diocese of Albany

Cost: Donation: Private: \$60-70/night; Directed: \$65-75/night

Features: How will you honor the most sacred time in the Christian calendar? Deepen your faith and honor this time by participating in a silent private or directed retreat. You may also choose to experience the Holy Week rituals in the Northern Points cluster churches in Chestertown and North Creek. Participants are invited to join for as many days as they are able.

Contact: Call 518-494-3733, email prioryretreat@yahoo.com

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