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GOOD MORNING, HOLY FATHER



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley had the opportunity to meet Pope Francis after the April 13 papal general audience at St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Bishop LaValley was in Rome as part of the diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy April 5-17. More coverage on pages 8-9.

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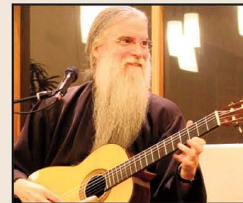
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JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT IS COMING TO PERU



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The words of Pope Francis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Christians must look to their own sins and failings and not fall into the temptation of hypocrisy that causes them to believe they are better than others, Pope Francis said.

"The relationship of salvation" with God cannot move forward if people justify themselves and look at the mistakes of others instead of fixing their gaze on the Lord, he said at his weekly audience April 20.

The pope reflected on one aspect of mercy exemplified in Jesus' encounter with a woman who was considered sinful. While Jesus dined with one of the Pharisees, she entered the house weeping, bathed his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. "Her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little," Jesus said.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Of the Holy Father and holy doors

It will take a while for the 56 pilgrims who took part in the Year of Mercy pilgrimage through Italy to process and fully appreciate all we have experienced.

The 12 days – framed by two arduous ones of international travel – were packed from early morning wake-up calls through late-evening dinners.

From Venice to Assisi to Rome and so many spots along the way, we gathered at sites of immense religious, historical and cultural significance.

We prayed, we walked, we listened, we learned... and we walked some more.

Our travels have been recorded in the thousands of photographs taken and in each of our individual memories.

Mary Lou
Kilian

On our last night together in Rome, a question went around our table at the restaurant: "what was your favorite part of our pilgrimage?"

It took me awhile to narrow my choice to one or two experiences but, there was no doubt that everyone's list of favorites would include the April 13 papal audi-

ence. With expert guidance from our tour manager, we stood just feet away from Pope Francis as he entered St. Peter's

Square on his popemobile.

And we were close enough to see Bishop LaValley among the bishops and cardinals who had the chance to greet Pope Francis at the conclusion of the audience.

I know that the people in our group were just as thrilled as the bishop was when that happened.

In the end, it would be impossible for me to limit my description of this adventure to a mere list of all the amazing places we visited.

This trip through Italy was certainly a vacation of a lifetime but first and foremost it was a pilgrimage, a journey focused on sharing and deepening our faith.

Every morning, Father Doug

Lucia led us in prayer on the bus as we traveled to places where St. Francis preached and St. Peter and St. Paul.

Each day Bishop LaValley presided at Mass – at the crypt of St. Mark's in Venice, at the cathedral church of St. John Lateran in Rome, at St. Peter's Basilica and in so many other glorious churches.

We pilgrims walked through Holy Doors – at the four major basilicas in Rome – and all across the country, found English-speaking confessors and, most importantly traveled together in a community filled with love and concern for each other.

I know I join 55 jet-lagged friends in thanking our God for this amazing privilege.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

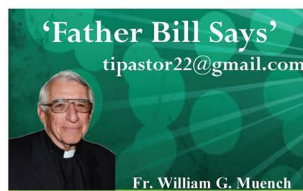
'Joy of Love': the pope writes on families

Just today, I was asked to celebrate Mass for the students at the Intermediate level of Immaculate Heart Central, the 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

I have been reading Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the Family, "Amoris Laetitia," so, I decided to talk about family during the homily and ask some questions about family of the kids. They were great and gave me all sorts of ideas on what it means to be a family.

I noticed that Pope Francis had a section on three important words in family life. The kids went all over the place trying to figure them out. Finally, we got somewhere and caught up with Pope Francis – "Please... Thank you... Sorry."

Have you had the opportunity to read some of Pope Francis' Letter on Family? I hope so. It is great. However, I worry that sometimes many simply rely on others to tell them about what is in the letter – like magazine articles or maybe a teacher or pastor – and they never get to Pope Francis' words at all. The result is that they get more than



Pope Francis; they get someone else's analysis.

Pope Francis' Letter is long but it is such a good message on family life, perfect for our time. It is easy reading, really. Many of you probably avoid papal letters or encyclicals. You think that such writings will be difficult to understand, filled with complex theology.

This exhortation will surprise you; someone told me that reading this is like having Pope Francis sitting with you in the room and sharing with you.

Pope Francis writes for us. His style is meant for us, ordinary Catholics. You will find Pope Francis' Letter is like a meditation on Family Life.

You may remember that over the past couple of years that Pope Francis called two synods on family with discussions on

how the Catholic Church can best serve families and how the Church can be a family.

Pope Francis listened to and analyzed the discussions and presentations at these synods given by bishops and people from every country in the world. Then he prepared the exhortation titled, "Amoris Laetitia" – that is, "The Joy of Love."

Many clergy and other people in the Catholic Church have anxiously awaited this letter from our pope. Many, I am sure, wondered how Pope Francis would react to these presentations. Would there be changes in the Church's regulations about marriage or something like that?

I don't know of any changes that he made, but, Pope Francis did make it clear in this letter that the Catholic Church should be more open and welcoming. He encouraged all of us to be ready to accept the challenges that our modern world brings to family life.

Pope Francis begins with sacred scripture. He leads us to understanding that love is such a central part of being

family. Let me share with you one paragraph from this exhortation about this message: Paragraph #27.

"Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples is the law of love and the gift of self for others. He did so in stating a principle that fathers and mothers tend to embody in their own lives. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' Love also bears fruit in mercy and forgiveness. We see this in a particular way in the scene of the woman caught in adultery; in front of the Temple, the woman is surrounded by her accusers, but later, alone with Jesus, she meets not condemnation but the admonition to lead a more worthy life."

This apostolic exhortation contains so much more. There will be plenty of discussion – maybe even debate – over what Pope Francis has written – and how it affects the teaching of the Catholic Church.

I suspect there will be some challenging concerns that must be solved. I like what Pope Francis has written. I believe it

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PHOTO BY MARY LOU KILIAN

Members of the Pastor's Advisory Committee of the Bishop's Fund Appeal met at the Bishop's House April 22 to hear an update on last year's appeal and make plans for the coming year. In front are Father Christopher C. Carrara of Lowville, Bishop LaValley and Valerie Matthews, Bishop's Fund director; back, Scott Lalone, diocesan development director; Father Joseph W. Giroux, Malone; Father Albert J. Hauser, Port Henry; Father Kris C. Lauzon, AuSable Forks; Father Shane M. Lynch, Old Forge; Father Joseph A. Morgan, vicar general; Father Steven M. Murray, Watertown; Father Kevin J. O'Brien, moderator of the curia; Father Douglas A. Decker, Tupper Lake; and Renee Grizzuto, Development Office assistant.

Country who have benefited from such generosity. Our donors understand what it means to be United As One Family.

"Their support has a far reaching impact through the

ministries and programs of the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal," he said. "I also wish to extend my deep appreciation to our pastors whose strong leadership and personal sacrifice supports this critical

appeal each year."

In its 56th year, the Bishop's Fund Appeal through the generosity of so many faithful Catholics, continues to provide the following vital programs and

ministries of the Diocese of Ogdensburg: Education of Seminarians; Family Life; Natural Family Planning; Respect Life Ministry; Formation for Ministry Program; Office of the New Evangelization; Continuing Education and Formation of Priests; Priests' Graduate Studies; Vacations; Permanent Deacons; Deacon Formation;

Also, Tuition Assistance Program; Campus Ministry Program; Matching Gifts to Catholic Schools; Department of Faith Formation; Youth Ministry; Young Adult Ministry; Guggenheim Center; Department of Worship and the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

Those who pledged to this year's appeal are encouraged to complete the pledge before June 15.

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Funeral held for Mary Curran, DHM

HOLYOKE, MASS.—A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Ann Elizabeth Curran, a Daughter of the Heart of Mary, age 82, was held April 6 at the Marian Center Chapel.

She died March 31 at the Marian Center, Holyoke, the retirement home of her religious community, in the 50th year of her religious life. Burial was in at St. Jerome Cemetery.

Mary was born to Philip and Helen (Burleigh) Curran in Philadelphia, Penn., and was educated at St. Athanasius grade school; Little Flower High School and St. Joseph's School of Nursing, in Philadelphia. She pursued studies in religious education at Ecole Catechists in Paris, and earned a Master's degree in religious studies from LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

Mary took a nine months course in gerontology at Our Lady of the Woods, IN, simultaneously with a course in "Smiles Clown School."

She applied her nursing skills at St. Joseph's Hospital for two years, then enlisted in the U. S. Army in August 1955, earning the rank of Captain.

She served in Korea with a MASH unit and in a U. S. Army Hospital in Verdun, France, for which she was

awarded a commendation for outstanding service. She chose an honorable discharge after two terms of military service to answer a call to the consecrated life with the Daughters of the Heart of Mary.

In 1963 Mary went to Paris where she entered the international religious congregation of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary and professed vows in 1966.

From Paris, Mary was sent on mission to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; then to Karachi, Pakistan, as a nurse at the DHM Marie Adelaide Leprosy Clinic.

Mary returned to the United States in October, 1972, taking assignments in Philadelphia, PA; St. Paul, MN; Tuckerton, NJ and Plattsburgh where she staffed the Regina Maria Retreat House.

Mary was assigned to the Marian Center in Holyoke in May, 2011.

Predeceased by her parents and three brothers John, James, Philip and his wife, Theresa, Mary is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and James Kallmeyer, the Villages, FL; her sisters-in-law, Joan Curran, Canonsburg, PA and Elizabeth Curran, Colonia, NJ.; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews; the Delgado family of Dalton and the Najimy Family of Pittsfield; the Marian Center staff who provided her with outstanding care, and her religious community, the Daughters of the Heart of Mary.

ALONG THE VIA DOLOROSA



Father Christopher Looby, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills, led a group of 12 people from the Diocese of Ogdensburg on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 4-12. He is pictured above with Sharron Hewston of Holy Name Church in Ausable Forks and Jane Boyea of St. Mary's Church in Brushton carrying the cross along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where they celebrated Mass.

Memorial Mass set May 6 at Wadhams Hall for Rev. Hunt

OGDENSBURG — A Memorial Mass for Rev. John M. Hunt will be held May 6 at noon at the Chapel of the Presentation at Wadhams Hall. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside with priests of the diocese concelebrating. Father Robert M. Mock of the Diocese of Buffalo will serve as homilist.

Rev. Hunt died April 16 at

his home in Pompano Beach, Florida. Internment of his remains took place in his family plot in Glenwood Cemetery in Watertown.

Rev. Hunt was born in Watertown June 5, 1943, son of the late John and Margaret Bennett Hunt. After graduating from Immaculate Heart Central, he attended Wadhams Hall Seminary with further studies and graduation from St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, NY in 1969. He was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg on May 24, 1969 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

His first assignment was assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Champlain and St. Alexander's in Morrisonville. In 1974 he was appointed to the faculty at Wadhams Hall. In 1980, in a cooperative

ministry venture, Rev. Hunt was pastor of St. John's, Keeseville and associate pastor at Immaculate Conception, Keeseville.

In 1986, he was pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, Potsdam, pastor at St. Patrick's in Watertown in 1991 and pastor at Notre Dame Ogdensburg in 1995. In 1999, he was administrator of both campus parishes of St. Francis of Assisi in Potsdam and St. Mary's, Canton.

In 2001, Rev. Hunt was pastor of St. Henry's, DeKalb and Sacred Heart, Edwards. In 2004 he was pastor at St. Bartholomew, Old Forge, and St. Anthony of Padua, Inlet. He retired from ministry in May, 2006.

Rev. Hunt is survived by his brother William Hunt and several relatives.



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Christian music pioneer, TV host John Michael Talbot coming to Peru May 5 & 6

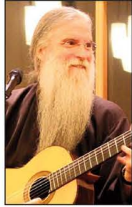
PERU-Christian music legend John Michael Talbot is coming to St. Augustine's & St. Patrick's Parish for two evenings, May 5 and 6.

Each evening begins at 7 p.m. and includes an inspiring message and sacred music.

Talbot is also a best-selling author and host of The Church Channel's TV show "All Things Are Possible."

His ministry began over 35 years ago with a vision.

"God gave me a vision of itinerant ministry walking on foot from parish to parish in a time of great need in our culture," he said. "I believe that our current ministry is fulfilling that vision. We are rebuilding the church one parish at a time, and renewing hearts one life at a time!"



John Michael Talbot

John Michael Talbot is one of the pioneering artists of what has become known as Contemporary Christian Music. He is recognized as Catholic music's most popular artist with platinum sales and compositions published throughout the world.

A respected and prolific author, Talbot's 28th book, "Monk Dynasty" was published February, 2016. He is seen weekly as host of The Church Channel's popular TV series "All Things are Possible" and is a frequent guest on faith and Diocesan networks around the world.

He leads his very active ministry from the Little Portion Hermitage in Arkansas and St. Clare Monastery in Texas where he is the

founder and Minister General of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. His artistic and humanitarian efforts have been recognized with awards from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Gospel Music Association, Mercy Corps and the Mother Teresa award.

Today, John Michael Talbot is one of the most active evangelists traveling throughout the world inspiring and renewing the faith of Christians of all denominations through sacred music, inspired teaching and motivational speaking.

Further information about the concert at St. Augustine's is available at the parish office at (518) 643-2435. Tickets are not required but offerings will be accepted each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

FOR K OF C HOME CORPORATIONS



The NY State Northern Conference of the Knights of Columbus sponsored a workshop on home corporations April 17 in Saranac Lake. The Supreme Advocate John Marella and his staff presented the workshop for 50 members from 12 councils in the diocese with home corporations. Pictured, front from left, are Father Thomas Higman, host parish parochial vicar; Supreme Advocate John Marella, NY State Deputy Robert Weitzman, Supreme Director and NY Past State Deputy Art Harris and NY State Advocate Gary Leonardo; back, K of C Associate General Counsel Brian Gedicks, K of C Brand Management Specialist Tyler Kuhn, diocesan Moderator of the Curia and attorney Father Kevin O'Brien, canon lawyer Father Garry Giroux, host pastor and chaplain Father Patrick Ratigan, and Northern Conference Chair and Former NY State Secretary Dr. Charles Robinson. Not shown is workshop organizer and Former NY State Warden Lt. Col. (ret) Bill Ose.

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Bp's Heritage Circle supports diocese's extraordinary needs

By Scott Lalone
Director, Diocesan Development Office

Established in 1995 by Bishop Paul S. Loverde to assist in funding certain extraordinary needs of the Diocese and to enhance the heritage handed down to us, the Bishop's Heritage Circle continues to grow under the leadership of Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

Each member of the Heritage Circle must be a practicing Catholic or the spouse of a practicing Catholic. It is expected that the individual or couple will have made and will continue to make generous contributions to their local parish, the diocese and the Universal Church.

Membership in the Heritage Circle is attained by a minimum gift of \$2,500 for the first two years, then

\$1,000 each consecutive year.

Typical needs requested by Bishop LaValley are the Special Care of Priests, the Education of Seminarian Endowment Fund and Capital improvements/needs of the Bishop's Residence.

Since its inception, over \$430,000 has been generously contributed to assist with the extraordinary needs.

There are currently 20 households (30 active members) of the Bishop's Heritage Circle.

Bishop LaValley and the Diocese would like to thank its current members:

Mark Barie and Christine Racine of Rouses Point, Therese Bruyere of Ogdensburg, Jim and Allison Chadwick of Ogdensburg, James and Elizabeth Coughlin of Malone, Thomas Fiacco of

Norwood, Ben Kernan of Panama City Beach, FL; Arthur LeFevre of Morrisville, Patricia Lewis of Plattsburgh;

Also, Honorable Robert G. Main, Jr. of Malone, John and Maureen Missert of Ogdensburg, Janet Murnane of Plattsburgh, Patrick and Sheila Murnane of Plattsburgh, Mike and Kathy O'Connor of Plattsburgh, Dr. Celine Paquette of Champlain, Honorable Kevin Ryan of Plattsburgh, William and Mary Ughetta of Lake Placid, Ed and Tracy Valentine of Watertown, as well as anonymous donors.

Further information regarding the Bishop's Heritage Circle, is available from Scott Lalone in the diocesan Development Office at 315-393-2920 Ext. 1330 or email slalone@rcdony.org.

Bishop's Schedule

April 30 – 10:30 a.m., Council of Deacons Meeting in the Brzana Hall at St. Mary's Cathedral

May 1 – 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam

May 2 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh

May 3-4 – Deacon Assembly at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Lake Placid

May 4 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid

Announcement

Bishop LaValley has assigned Deacon Todd Thibault to The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary in Canton effective June 1, 2016. Deacon Thibault was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop LaValley April 2 at St. James Church in Carthage.

Rest in Peace

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

April 27 – Rev. John Fedigan, O.S.A., 1908; Rev. Michael F. Ambrose, 1934
April 28 – Rev. J. A. Larose, 1967
April 29 – Rev. Peter Mullen, M.M., 1999
April 30 – Rev. Michael W. Holland, 1906; Rev. Louis Grenier, M.S.C., 1958
May 1 – Rev. Edward P. Burns, 1985
May 2 – Rev. Joseph M. Blais, 1948; Rev. Leon LaPorte, 1954;
May 3 – Rev. Cormac Walsh, O.F.M., 1977

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Environmental Stewardship

"Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth."

Ps. 100

This month of April began in the midst of Easter joy and with the hint of springtime around us.

On April 4 we celebrated the feast of St. Isidore, patron of farmers. April's universal prayer intention of Pope Francis is: that small farmers may receive just compensation for their invaluable work.

Also during this month we, as a Nation, celebrated Earth Day on April 22 and Arbor Day on April 29.

We might ask the question: Are there any common threads connecting these seemingly unrelated events?

It would seem that there are two threads present. The first thread is: the invitation to celebrate and give thanks for the beauties of Creation that includes both the natural world and human family.

Pope Francis states, "It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail...of God's Creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet." Laudato Si (#9)

The second thread is: the challenge to recognize our responsibility towards all Creation. Pope Francis, quoting Patriarch Bartholomew, says we are called to acknowledge "our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation...for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life...these are sins" ff.15...

For "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God." ff.16

What seeds of new life might I plant that could bring healing both to the natural world and to the human family?

Some suggestions: plant a tree; plant a garden; support my local farmers by purchasing local produce; supporting small farmers globally by purchasing fair trade products, that guarantee fair prices to the farmer, such as, coffee, chocolate, tea. (Google - Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade)

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Funeral held for Filippini Sister

MORRISTOWN, N.J. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Filippini Sister Margaret Pierro, 90, was held April 11 at St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh.

She died April 7 at Morristown Medical Center; burial was in Ave Maria Cemetery.

Born in Bristol, CT Sister Margaret entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on April 27, 1945. She received the religious habit on June 30, 1946 and made her final religious profession on September 11, 1949.

Sister Margaret was awarded a BA degree in Physical Science from Seton Hall University.

A science teacher in the middle school and high school, Sister Margaret taught in the Archdiocese Newark New Jersey; in the

Dioceses of Trenton, NJ, Camden, NJ, and Baltimore, Maryland.

Sister Margaret will be remembered as an excellent Science teacher, spirited and conscientious.

Sister Margaret also served as principal at St. Anthony School in Watertown.

At the request of Mother General Sister Margaret was stationed at our mission in England.

Sister Margaret ministered for many years at St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, serving as Coordinator of Infirmary and director of Recreational Activities)

Because of her heart troubles Sister Margaret became a resident of St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ until her death.

FABULOUS FOUL SHOOTER



Grand Knight Thomas McDonald of Knights of Columbus Council 2301 of Au Sable Forks, presents a check for \$200 to Jack Thomas, age 9, son of Mike and Monica Thomas of Jay in recognition of Jack's achievement and sportsmanship in the recently completed Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship competition. Jack finished third in the state-level contest at West Point, April 10, making 20 of 25 free-throw attempts. He had earned the chance to compete at the state level after winning the local-level competition in Au Sable Forks and the district-level contest in Massena, and after posting the best score of any competitor – 22 of 25 attempts – at the regional competition in Syracuse. The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14 years of age, and last year drew more than 120,000 sharpshooters in over 3,600 local competitions.



Teachers at St. Agnes School in Lake Placid held a rummage sale April 7 to offer financial assistance to fellow teacher Jessica Field who gave birth to a son, Christian Thomas, more than four months before his due date.

Prayers for Baby Christian

By Colleen Miner
Staff writer

LAKE PLACID- Jessica and Casey Field's lives changed forever March 30 at 7:05 a.m., as they welcomed their baby boy, Christian Thomas Field, into the world. But this was an unexpected arrival as Christian was born at only 23 weeks and six days weighing just 1.6 pounds

With his mother and father at his side, the baby has been hospitalized in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in Burlington, Vermont, for what will be a lengthy stay.

While caring for their son, the Fields will be out of work. Friends including the staff at St. Agnes School where Mrs. Fields is a teacher are offering financial assistance

Father John Yonkovic, pastor of St. Agnes Church, said "Jessica is an exceptionally loving woman, a gifted teacher and now a mom who needs our help! She and her husband Casey are first time parents with ne born Christian but their challenge is far greater than most first time parents."

"The costs of travel and housing alone will be very significant," he said. "Prayer

and fund raising are essential!"

The teachers at St. Agnes held a rummage sale earlier this month to offer financial assistance and friends have set up a Go-Fund-Me-Page title "Prayers for Baby Christian."

The parents have set up a Facebook page "Christian Thomas Field: Journey of a Fighter" where they post when they are able. One post says "You never realize how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

Christian's parents refer to

him as their little super hero, decorating his incubator with Captain America and Hulk items.

Their most recent post states: "Christian continues to make good improvements daily and has all the nurses on their toes all day. There is no question that this little man is a fighter and will continue to improve.

"We cannot thank everyone enough, please keep our little family in your thoughts and prayers as we are certain this has been what keeps us strong and pushing forward," the Fields wrote.

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FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Bishop LaValley leads group of pilgrims on spiritual tour of Italy through Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome



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During the April 13 general audience of Pope Francis, Bishop LaValley joined other bishops and cardinals on the stage section of St. Peter's Square. At the conclusion of the audience the bishop had the opportunity to meet the pope and, here, kiss his ring.



The group prepares to enter the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica.



Along with tours of the great churches of Italy, the pilgrims took advantage of many cultural offerings of the country. Here John and Laura West of North Creek and Dave Shampine of Watertown enjoy a gondola ride through the streets of Venice.



The Ogdensburg pilgrims take a few minutes to pray before the tomb of St. Paul in St. Paul Outside the Walls Basilica, one of the four major basilicas in Rome.

A VOICE OF FAITH

Deacon pilgrims

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

On the last of our 12 days of pilgrimage Deacon Tom Kilian asked if we heard Our Lord whisper "I love you."

He reminded the 56 pilgrims "these are the words God first whispered to us at baptism and, if we listen, we will hear them repeated often in our lives."

The setting was a small local church in Rome, Italy, that serves the resident population in the area of our hotel. The pilgrims Tom was addressing in his homily were attending their final Mass before leaving Italy to return to Ogdensburg.

The church was simple; dedicated to martyrs. The appointments and décor in dramatic contrast to the numerous holy places we had celebrated Mass with Bishop Terry LaValley and Father Douglas Lucia on this journey.

There were three of us deacons on the trip - Deacon Thomas F. Kilian who serves at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg and works as a chaplain in the New York State Corrections Department; Deacon Henry Leader, an attorney who ministers at St. James Church in Gouverneur and Deacon Kevin Mastellon, a pastoral associate at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown.

With our wives, we deacons made the pilgrimage sponsored by this paper to Venice, Florence and Rome with important and spiritually significant visits in smaller communities along the way. We deacons were privileged to travel with our Bishop and to serve him at each Mass on the journey. We were also privileged, at Bishop's request, to preach at Mass on occasion.

Permanent deacons are or-



Deacon Henry Leader of Gouverneur was one of three deacons from the Diocese of Ogdensburg who took part the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy. He is shown preaching at the Cathedral of Orvieto, site of a Eucharistic miracle. Father Douglas Lucia, who joined the NCC staff in organizing the pilgrimage, is pictured at left. In the essay on this page, Deacon Kevin Mastellon offers a personal reflection on making the pilgrimage as a deacon.

deacon to serve the people of God, assist at liturgy and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The joy of being given the opportunity to serve and preach in some of the oldest and most revered basilicas and cathedrals in Italy is impossible to transmit.

Deacon Kilian called it "an honor". Deacon Leader used the word "breathtaking". I would add "humbling".

As part of the formation program for deacons we prepare to preach through courses in public speaking and preaching, called homiletics. We each preach in our parishes in a rotation with our pastor, priest associates and other deacons.

There is a comfort and a challenge preaching to a congregation of people you know and visit with regularly. It is different when the ambo is in a great basilica or cathedral, the bishop is seated in the presider's

chair and the congregation is composed of people you are just beginning to develop a relationship and friendship with.

The link, the glue that enables a preacher to overcome any butterflies is the Word of God. A preacher is, after all, only a servant to the Lord who shares His message to each individual through the preacher.

Deacon Leader preached in a cathedral in Orvieto where a Eucharistic Miracle occurred. My location was the Basilica of St. Francesco in Assisi.

Richard and Kathy Burns from Potsdam traveled with us. Rich is a candidate in formation for the diaconate.

He said he learned from watching the ordained deacons serve and preach.



"It was also a very spiritual trip for me," Burns said. "Assisi in particular, the home of St. Francis, a deacon, drew me to pray about my vocation."



Each of us, the deacons on the pilgrimage and candidate Burns, was in the company of our wives. The permanent deacon, when ordained, is configured to Jesus the suffering servant. However his first vocation remains his marriage and family. So it was fitting for Mary Lou Kilian, Dayna Leader and Kathleen Mastellon to serve as lector at the Masses when each deacon husband preached.

Deacon Tom asked us if we heard the Lord whisper to us.

This deacon heard "I love you" from the Lord many times during this pilgrimage, in the places we visited, the Holy Doors we passed through, the pilgrims we shared time with, the prayerful leadership of Father Lucia and the confidence of Bishop LaValley in us as deacons.

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VATICAN LETTER

Pope looks at nitty-gritty of family life

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis' hymn to love and family life is more like a country song than a Disney tune.

In 'Amoris Laetitia' Pope Francis reviews the whole arc of married life from new and exciting young love to old age, sitting on the porch watching the grandkids play

In "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), Pope Francis' postsynodal apostolic exhortation on the family, there is passion and devotion, but also heartache and sweat. The "magic" he wrote about is not momentarily sparkly, but the result of prayer, grace, hard work and a willingness to apologize -- time and time again.

"Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamble," he wrote. But the payoff is huge.

The papal reflection on love, family life and the importance of marriage and child-rearing has sections that are deeply theological, pristinely poetic or even homiletic, like his reflection on the meaning of each line of the passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, used at millions of weddings each year: "Love is patient, love is kind"

But it also got into the nitty-gritty business of life when a man and a woman leave their parents' home and try to make one of their own. However, while it quoted from some of his past speeches on family life, it did not include references to "plates flying" during arguments and refrained from making mother-in-law jokes, as he has been known to do.

Pope Francis reviewed the



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A mother comforts her infant daughter at home. In his apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), Pope Francis repeated his earlier reflection on motherhood: "Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism.... It is they who testify to the beauty of life."

whole arc of married life from new and exciting young love to old age, sitting on the porch watching the grandkids play.

"Young love needs to keep dancing toward the future with immense hope," he wrote. "Hope is the leaven that, in those first years of engagement and marriage, makes it possible to look beyond arguments, conflicts and problems and to see things in a broader perspective."

While realistic about late nights and colic, the papal document is lyrical in its reflections on the blessings and challenges of welcoming children into families. He invited readers to join him standing in awe of God's gift of children, marveling that "God allows parents to choose the name by

which he himself will call their child for all eternity."

Running after toddlers, supervising homework, trying to figure out how to be close to adolescents without smothering them and, finally, negotiating the "empty nest" syndrome all feature in the papal text.

Reaching together the later stage of family life, he insisted, is possible and beautiful.

"Although the body ages," he said, "it still expresses that personal identity that first won our heart. Even if others can no longer see the beauty of that identity, a spouse continues to see it with the eyes of love and so his or her affection does not diminish."

The path to the porch won't be easy, the pope wrote. But "each crisis has a

lesson to teach us; we need to learn how to listen for it with the ear of the heart."

The pope's hymn includes the twang of yearning for that perfect, forever love. That yearning, present in most people from every culture and religion, shows that a stable, faithful union is what responds to human nature and to God's plan for humanity.

"Lovers do not see their relationship as merely temporary," he wrote. "Those who marry do not expect their excitement to fade. Those who witness the celebration of a loving union, however fragile, trust that it will pass the test of time."

To turn that dream into reality, try a little tenderness, the pope advised. Tenderness is a virtue "often overlooked in our world of

frenetic and superficial relationships."

A loving gaze also is essential, he wrote. "How many things do spouses and children sometimes do in order to be noticed! Much hurt and many problems result when we stop looking at one another. This lies behind the complaints and grievances we often hear in families: 'My husband does not look at me; he acts as if I were invisible.' 'Please look at me when I am talking to you!' 'My wife no longer looks at me, she only has eyes for our children.'"

Pope Francis' ballad on family love, life and loss urges Catholics to be patient and merciful with themselves as well as with their spouses and children. "No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed," so all must learn to grow together, including by making frequent use of the words, "Thank you," "please" and "sorry."

"The right words, spoken at the right time, daily protect and nurture love," the pope wrote.

Finding the right words also is Pope Francis' exhortation to the church as a whole. While standing up tall for the family, the church needs to stop whining about how often its teaching on love and marriage is attacked, he said. "We should not be trapped into wasting our energy in doleful laments, but rather seek new forms of missionary creativity."

Family life always has been challenging, the pope wrote. Just read the Bible, which "is full of families, births, love stories and family crises."

But the Bible, he said, also holds out the promise of "the goal of their journey, when God 'will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore.'"

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope prays for refugees, brings 12 Syrians back to Rome

MYTILENE, Greece (CNS) -- Pope Francis' five-hour visit to Greece ended with him offering safe passage to Italy to 12 Syrian Muslims, half under the age of 18. The Vatican had kept secret the pope's plan to invite the members of three Syrian families to fly back to Rome with him April 16. Rumors began swirling in the Greek media a couple hours before the flight took off, but it was confirmed by the Vatican only as the 12 were boarding the papal plane. The Vatican Secretariat of State made formal arrangements with the Italy and the Greek governments to obtain the legal permits needed for the refugees to live in Italy, a Vatican statement said. The Vatican will assume financial responsibility for the families, who will be assisted by the Rome-based Community of Sant'Egidio. All 12 in the group, the Vatican added, had arrived in Greece prior to March 20, the date a European Union agreement with Turkey went into effect for returning most asylum seekers to Turkey. The children are between the ages of 2 and 17. After spending the morning with desperate refugees interned in a camp in Greece, Pope Francis and Orthodox leaders turned their attention and prayers to the sea, the final burial place of hundreds who died trying to get to Europe.

New nuncio to U.S. says he's ready to listen and learn

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the new nuncio to the United States, said he is ready to learn about the Catholic Church in the country and will try his best to be Pope Francis' emissary, particularly in promoting a church that is close to those who suffer. The archbishop, who had a private meeting at the Vatican with Pope Francis April 21, gave interviews the next day to the English and the Italian programs of Vatican Radio. The 70-year-old French native has been in the Vatican diplomatic corps for almost 40 years and said a nuncio's job is to help the pope fulfill his ministry of building up the local churches, respecting their diversity, while keeping them united with the universal church. "The difficulty or the challenge," he said, is "to listen, to be careful about what's going on, to understand, to exercise dialogue -- I think that's very important -- to discover the beauty, the richness of the culture of the people, the way the people live (and) to help the inculturation of the Gospel in a particular culture." At the same time, he said, a nuncio's mission is "to help the pope understand -- the pope and those that work with him -- to understand what's going on."

Inquiry into Dorothy Day's life next step in sainthood cause

NEW YORK (CNS) -- A canonical inquiry into the life of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, will begin soon and extend to the end of the year, according to the Archdiocese of New York, which is sponsoring her sainthood cause and is where Day oversaw Catholic Worker houses. The Dorothy Day Guild, established in 2005 to promote her life and works, said on its website that the names of 256 people had been submitted as potential eyewitnesses to Day's life. Of those, 52 have been chosen for interviews. "Because many of the eyewitnesses still live in voluntary poverty, caring for the poor, the archdiocese will assist with airfare and lodging for those requesting assistance." Some of the interviewees' memories go back to the 1940s. From the interviews, the archdiocese will gather the evidence and present it to the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes and to Pope Francis. If, after examining the information, the Vatican congregation and the pope recognize Day's heroic virtues, she will be declared "venerable," the next step in the canonization process. She now has the title "servant of God."

Wuerl: Politically correct 'choice' rhetoric hides ugly truth of abortion

By Mark Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - One day after Planned Parenthood's president, Cecile Richards, spoke at Georgetown University, Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl celebrated a University Mass for Life for college students at a nearby Catholic church, encouraging them to stand up for God's gift of human life.

A Georgetown student group's invitation to Richards, the head of the nation's largest abortion provider, to speak April 20 at the country's oldest Catholic university drew nationwide criticism and was countered by a week of pro-life activities at the school.

The events included panel discussions on the dignity of life and the importance of outreach to women facing crisis pregnancies, and talk by Abby Johnson, the former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic who is now pro-life and speaks out about the reality of that agency's abortion practices.

In his homily at the April 21 Mass at Epiphany Catholic Church, Cardinal Wuerl warned about a powerful politically correct movement and environment "all around us. ... It says to set aside such things as the value of human life and substitute the politically correct position that actually you should be free to choose to kill the unborn child. But the word of God says to us, 'Don't conform yourself to this age.'"

The congregation of nearly 150 people included students from local universities, along with faculty members, campus ministry staff, and young adults from the Washington area. Cardinal Wuerl was joined by five concelebrating priests who serve in

campus ministry.

A group of about two dozen Georgetown University students, along with faculty and staff members, met at their school's gates and walked several blocks to the Mass. At the church, the students joining them came from schools including George Washington University, The Catholic University of America, the University of Maryland, Howard University and American University.

The congregation was greeted by Father Adam Park, pastor of Epiphany Parish, who also is the chaplain at George Washington University's Newman Catholic Student Center. "Today in our culture when our Catholic faith is not always respected, we want to reaffirm our Catholic identity and witness the Gospel value of life," Father Park said.

While not specifically mentioning Georgetown University or the Richards controversy in his homily, Cardinal Wuerl did address related underlying issues.

The day before Richards was greeted by a standing ovation by Georgetown students at her speech on campus. In her opening remarks, she expressed hope that Hoyas for Choice, an unofficial student group on campus that advocates for keeping abortion legal would someday be recognized as "an official campus group" there, adding, "A girl can dream."

In his homily, Cardinal Wuerl encouraged students not to be "deceived by the politically correct rhetoric that uses words to hide true meaning. Those in favor of killing the unborn child often speak of 'the product of conception' as opposed to the child in the womb. They speak about 'facilitating the conclusion of the life cycle' instead of 'assisting a sui-

cide.' So it is with that buzz word 'choice.' When you use the word 'choice,' you have to complete the sentence. What is it you choose?"

He noted that students aren't free to smoke in the university cafeteria or park wherever they want without consequences. "Choice only makes sense when you complete the sentence," Cardinal Wuerl said. "The word 'choice' is a smokescreen behind which those killing unborn children take refuge. Every chance you get, blow that smoke away, so everyone knows what it is we're talking about."

In her Georgetown address, Richards -- whose Planned Parenthood organization provided 327,653 abortions in the United States in fiscal year 2014 -- compared the struggle for "reproductive rights" to the nation's history of fighting for civil rights.

Cardinal Wuerl in his homily said, "Do not ever be convinced by the rhetoric of liberation that killing unborn, innocent children is in any way similar to the great social justice struggles that our nation has faced -- many times enlightened by the Church's social teaching. Whether it was the fight against slavery, racial discrimination or unjust working conditions, the Church's proclamation of the dignity of all human life was at the center of the struggle."

Then the cardinal added, "Do not let anyone reduce for you the greatness of the American dream to the level of free contraceptives. We're worth so much more. The dream is so much bigger."

Cardinal Wuerl noted that the students had joined together at that night's Mass "because we share a very different view of life, one that recognizes it truly as a gift from God."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Understanding the nature of the Church

Today's readings give us very important lessons about the nature of our Catholic Church.

If we are to understand what Pope Francis is doing today, we need to pay careful attention to what the Holy Spirit said in the very first Council in Jerusalem and to what the same Holy Spirit is saying to us today.

Paul and Barnabas and Peter encountered shocking actions of the Holy Spirit in

their missionary work.

They found the Holy Spirit converting Gentiles before the Apostles got to them.

So what had happened to the law of Moses? The first Council in Jerusalem had to grapple with this. It was there that a courageous decision was made to welcome non-Jews into the Church without

requiring that they be circumcised or made to follow the law of Moses (except for

a few exceptions). Only the power of the Holy Spirit present at that council could have guided that decision. In speaking for the whole Church, they were preserving unity between the Jewish half and the Gentile half of the Body of Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares his apostles for his Passion. He tells them that when He leaves them, the Holy Spirit will teach them everything they need to know, and will remind them of everything He himself had taught them.

Jesus knew that all the

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Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

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John 14:23-29

need to baptize and preach the Good News to all the world.

Today, we Catholics are reminded today that the Holy Spirit still guides the Church to conform to the words of the Gospel even when some in the Church feel confused at what our Popes may be telling us. Trust the Holy Spirit, and be faithful to the gifts of our Confirmation. They urge us to protect the poor, the sick, the needy, and the stranger. We must always be loyal to faith in the Truth, while maintaining charity in the bond of Unity.



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MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Embracing the art of 'aging gracefully'

It seems odd, even a bit repulsive, when we encounter tales of elderly men running after women who are young enough to be their granddaughters. The wheelchair-bound billionaire oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall was 89 years old when he married the 26 year old Anna Nicole Smith. He had met the Playboy model and reality TV star in a strip club. Anna insisted that she really did love the old man, and wasn't in it for the money. With age should come wisdom. It's appropriate and fitting for older men to leave behind their former ways, and no longer live and act like college frat boys.

It's right to expect growth in self-control as we mature, and to expect a more reflective and sober approach to life.

Growing old invariably offers us the opportunity to redirect our focus, and as our body weakens, our mind and soul can be drawn to consider matters we may have previously avoided, like death and that which awaits us beyond death's threshold.

Our later years can power-

fully provoke us to come to terms with our destiny and with higher truths.

By letting our infirmities existentially speak to us, and coming to realize how true it is that we have no permanent dwelling here, we begin to grapple with that mysterious truth that heaven and home are synonymous

In a recent column, Father Ron Rolheiser, quoting James Hillman, speaks to the graces that aging and infirmity can bring our way:

"Why have God and nature so structured things that as we age and mature and are finally more in control of our lives, our bodies begin to fall apart, and we need a bevy of doctors and medicines to keep functioning? Is there some wisdom in the very DNA of the life process that mandates the breakdown of physical health in late life? Hillman says, yes. There's an innate wisdom in the process of aging and dying: the best wines have

to be aged in cracked old barrels. The breakdown of our bodies deepens, softens, and matures the soul."

I once overheard a hospital nurse chatting with one of her patients and was caught a bit off guard when she nonchalantly declared, with a little twinkle in her eye, "...when we get to be over 40, who doesn't have hemorrhoids?"

The comment, I thought, reflected a healthy, positive attitude toward aging and infirmity. Unavoidably, our bodies decline. Our strength wanes. We get hemorrhoids and warts and cancers and high blood pressure and male pattern balding.

In the midst of it all, we can accept our lot with grace and gratitude. A serene acceptance of our struggles, and even of the specific death that awaits us, is surely a great virtue.

But aging gracefully is not something many of us tend to do well. We resist the

idea. We may cling to the fantasy of eternal youth.

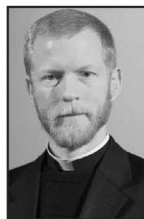
Some in our society even push the notion that we shouldn't have to put up

with the challenges of infirmity, and instead ought to receive help from the medical system so we can beat a hasty retreat to the exit.

By pushing for physician-assisted suicide, they encourage us to despise the good of our own lives and to reject the graces that arise from our struggles by choosing to

ingest any of a number of doctor-prescribed poisons.

On the other hand, by embracing our particular path into death, and by offering up our trials, we acquire a poise of soul and human maturity that orients us towards our destiny, a destiny in the hereafter that so many seem largely oblivious to. By letting our infirmities existentially speak to us, and coming to realize how true it is that we have no permanent dwelling here, we begin to grapple



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with that mysterious truth that heaven and home are synonymous.

Aging gracefully also involves recognizing and accepting the shortening of the time ahead of us and the lengthening of the time behind us. Even as we achieve a much-sought independence in our lives, we begin to cycle back towards a renewed dependence on others, on caregivers, family and the community, and we may even come to the realization that our own mind will have to be surrendered if dementia comes our way.

All of this can instruct us, if we accept it with grace, in the wisdom of relinquishing our own willfulness once again like little children, and returning to a humble framework of interdependence in our shared destiny with others and with God.

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AT THE MOVIES

THE JUNGLE BOOK

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Forest, fauna and beast never looked as good as they do in "The Jungle Book" (Disney), a lavish retelling of the 1894 collection of stories by British author Rudyard Kipling.

What makes this "live-action" 3-D adaptation particularly compelling is that, apart from the "man-cub" Mowgli (Neel Sethi), everything on screen, from the breathtaking jungle landscapes to the meticulously detailed creatures great and small, was created on a computer.

A cheeky line at the end of the credits, "Filmed in Downtown Los Angeles," attests to this surprising fact.

Hence, this "Jungle Book" has much in common with another in-house creation, Disney's beloved 1967 animated take on the tales. In fact, director Jon Favreau ("Chef") and screenwriter Justin Marks pay homage to that movie with moments of humor and by incorporating its toe-tapping tunes, "The Bare Necessities" and "I Wanna Be Like You."

A few scary sequences aside (the jungle is a dangerous place, after all), this version makes delightful, good-natured, heartfelt entertainment for the entire

family.

Kipling's basic plot endures: Mowgli, orphaned as a baby, is discovered by a kindly panther, Bagheera (voice of Ben Kingsley). He brings this child to a pack of wolves which raises him as one of their own, instilling a strict moral code and respect for family and other critters. Fortunately for Mowgli - and the audience - all of the anthropomorphic animals speak perfect English. But danger lurks in the guise of Shere Khan (voice of Idris Elba), a menacing tiger who threatens the peaceable kingdom. Man is a threat, he warns, especially the "red flower" he commands - fire.

Shere Khan demands that the wolves surrender Mowgli, now 10 years old, to him for killing. "How many lives is a man-cub worth?" he challenges.

Mowgli decides to leave home to protect his wolf family and, with Bagheera's help, makes his way toward the distant "man village." An accident separates the duo, and Mowgli is swept deep into the jungle, where he is

threatened by Kaa (voice of Scarlett Johansson), a seductive python.

All hope seems lost until Mowgli encounters a happy-go-lucky bear named Baloo (voice of Bill Murray). An unlikely friendship strikes up, which will serve Mowgli well in a showdown with Shere Khan and another would-be despot, King Louie (voice of Christopher Walken), boss of all primates.

"The Jungle Book" barrels to an action-packed conclusion that may frighten the youngest moviegoers. But ultimately it's all good escapist fun.

Besides possible scares, parents also may want to take note of a passing reference to a non-biblical creation story. This myth could serve as the opportunity to discuss, in an age-appropriate way, the Christian understanding of life's origins.

Amid the "sturm und drang" generated by most Hollywood blockbusters, "The Jungle Book" presents a welcome opportunity, as Baloo croons, to "forget about your worries and your



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

Neel Sethi stars in a scene from the movie "The Jungle Book."

strife."

The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The

Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested.

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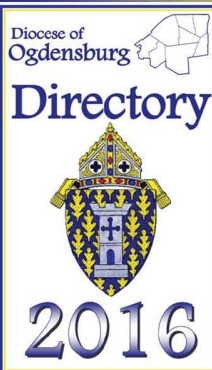
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ADIRONDACK

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Saranac Lake - The team that represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Adoration.

Date: May 6
Time: Immediately following the morning Mass.

Place: St. Bernard's Church
Features: Holy Hour with a short presentation in the evening with an opportunity to meet the team members, ask questions and receive resources from the World Meeting of Families. This is a regional event and everyone is invited.
Contact: Fr. Higman at 518-891-4616

FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Saranac Lake – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is recruiting new volunteers and has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

Date: May 3 and May 10
Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (both mornings are required to complete the training)

Features: If you are able to give some of your time to make elders' lives a little happier, help them enjoy their community more, or make things somewhat easier for them to live independently, please consider becoming a Mercy Care Friendship Volunteer. Anyone in the Tri-Lakes, Keene, Keene Valley, Wilmington, or other surrounding communities who is interested in becoming a Mercy Care Friendship Volunteer is invited to take the training in Saranac Lake. Mercy Care's Friendship Volunteer Training Program is free of charge but pre-registration is required.

Contact: To request registration information, please contact Jenn Grisi at Mercy Care by calling 523-5583 or e-mail jgrisi@adkmercy.org.

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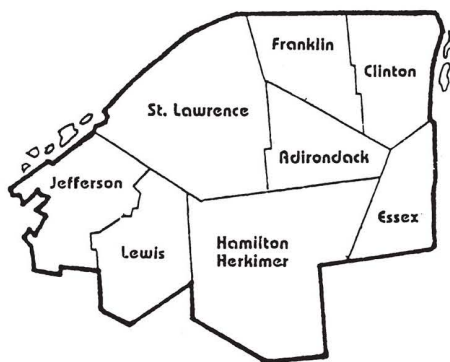
JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

Peru - Christian Music Pioneer and TV Host, John Michael Talbot, is coming to Peru.

Date: May 5 & 6
Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Church
Features: John Michael Talbot is a Christian music legend, best-selling author and host of The Church Channel's popular TV show "All Things Are Possible". A love offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot & the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

Contact: Jackie Torterilli 518-643-2435



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese". Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:
North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
e-mail news@northcountycatholic.org.

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

JEFFERSON

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

BAG SALE

Peru – Roger's Thrift store will be having a bag sale.

Schedule: April 28 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and April 29 and 30 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Features: Customers may fill a bag provided for \$5. Merchandise will include household items, toys, books, tools, etc.
Contact: Jean Ryan at 518-643-9386 or at jtr45@charter.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs
Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

FRANKLIN

SATURDAY DEVOTION

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

Time: after 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass
Place: St. Ann's Church
Contact: 518-856-9656

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

Carthage – 14th Annual Rosary Crusade to be held.

Date: May 13
Time: Mass at 5:15 p.m.; Exposition at 6 and the beginning of each hour for 7 hours in honor of our Blessed Mother's 7 sorrows.

Place: St. James Church
Features: We will pray three complete Rosaries EACH HOUR for a total of 21 Rosaries. Come for one, two, or all 7 hours. Those who join us in person and stay to pray for at least 3 hours at St. James Parish, will receive a free print of the painting Robet Renaud created for the Crusade; "The Greatest Is Love". Each hour is dedicated to specific intentions.
Contact: For more information, visit catholicsofcarthagecopenhagen.org

LEARN TO DISCERN

Watertown – Women of Grace will be hosting an event, Learn to Discern: Is it Christian, New Age or Occult?

Date: May 13
Time: 7 p.m. to 9
Place: Immaculate Heart Central High
Cost: Pre Registration Cost: Adults \$20 \$35 Couples Students \$10 At Door Cost: \$25 Couples \$40 Students \$10. Discounted Rates for women who attend this event as well as Young Women of Grace Program: Informational Gathering and Hand-s On Workshop for Facilitators/Teachers.
Speaker: Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, author and journalist, has joined Living His

Life Abundantly & Women of Grace as Staff Writer.

Features: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: mdillenback@womenof-grace.com or 315-771-1377 for more information or to register

YOUNG WOMEN OF GRACE

Watertown - Young Women of Grace Program: Informational Gathering and Hands-on Workshop for Facilitators/Teachers to be held.

Date: May 14
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
Cost: Pre Registration Fee \$25 including continental breakfast and lunch At door: \$30 Discounted Rates for women who attend this event as well as Learn to Discern: Is it Christian, New Age or Occult?

Speaker: Susan Brinkmann, author of the "Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity." Mary Dillenback and Sue Jacobsen co-developers of the newly published Young Women of Grace Facilitator/teacher Guide.
Contact: for more information or to register mdillenback@womenofgrace.com or 315-771-1377

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – There will be a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: May 14
Time: 4 p.m. to 7
Place: St. Mary's Parish Center
Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: April 28
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.

LEWIS

BRUNCH

Lyons Falls – Fr. Pascal Rys Knights of Columbus will be having an all you can eat pancake brunch.

Date: April 17
Time: 8 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. John's Church Hall
Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Lowville – Adoration and Benediction to be held.

Date: April 21
Time: 4 p.m. to 5
Place: St. Peter's Church
Features: One hour of Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, & Benediction.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of May will be held.

Date: May 1
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. All are welcome.
Contact: 348-6260.

CHICKEN BBQ

Lyons Falls – A Chicken BBQ will be held.

Date: May 3
Time: 2 p.m.
Place: Stewart's Shop
Cost: \$7 Half; \$10 Dinner
Features: Proceeds will go to St. John's and St. Martin's Altar and Rosary Societies.

ST. LAWRENCE

RUMMAGE SALE

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

Schedule: April 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Bag sale April 30, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Place: St. Mary's School Gym
Features: Clothing, household goods, and other items

SPRING RETREAT

Morristown - Spring Retreat Day . . .

"Nurturing the God-Seed Within" has been set.
Date: May 7
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: Cedarhaven located along the St. Lawrence River
Features: In springtime the gardener plants seeds and cares for them; at this retreat We day will consider ways that we might tend the God-Seed that the Sower has planted in us.
Cost: \$25 for retreat day (lunch included)/Additional \$25 for overnight with dinner and breakfast included.
Contact: Space is limited. To register call 315-212-6592 or email srbethssj@gmail.com by May 4

OBITUARIES

Altona – Roger A. Lucia, 91; Funeral Services April 13, 2016 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

Altona – Joseph S. Sorrell, 72; Funeral Services April 18, 2016 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

Black River – Kaycie Ann Beaver, Infant; Funeral Services April 23, 2016 at St. Paul's Church.

Black River – Charles H. Wilton, 87; Funeral April 20, 2016 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Brushton – Katherine M. (Jock) Scharf, 64; Funeral Services April 15, 2016 at St.

Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Champlain – Margaret (Maher) Viens, 89; Funeral Services April 21, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chateaugay – Helen M. (Smith) Widelski, 69; Funeral April 9, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Chazy – Barbara (Laramie) Carpentier, 78; Funeral April 14, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Croghan – Esther G. Mattis, 98; Funeral Services April 12, 2016 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brehm.

Dannemora – Carlton L. Gilroy, 95; Funeral at April 22, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Elizabethtown – Robert H. LaVigne, 88; Funeral Services April 11, 2016 at St. Elizabeth's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ellenburg – Harry P. Malark, 80; Funeral Services April 21, 2016 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Ft. Covington – Robert William Black, 80; Funeral Services April 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ft. Covington – Barbara J. (Drumm) Deschambault, 83; Funeral Services April 22, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Christine A. (Marsh) McIntosh, 58; Funeral Services April 22, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in the new St. James Cemetery.

Hogansburg – James Thompson, 95; Funeral Services April 14, 2016 at St. Regis Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Keeseville – Janice M. (Hamlin) McCulloch, 80; Memorial Services April 7, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Keeseville – Sally (Bennett) Ryan, 78; Funeral Services April 13, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in Port Douglas Cemetery.

Madrid – Stefanie (Hassler) Tischler, 83; Funeral Services April 7, 2016 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

Massena – Christine Dubois Comeau, 100; Funeral April 16, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Roy S. Rush, 88; Funeral Services April 11, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Carl J. White, 92; Funeral Services April 18, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morristown – Mary Katherine (Ward) Hackett, 84; Funeral Services April 23, 2016 at St. John's Church.

Morrisonville – Marie Magdeleine Bernadette (Laramie) Gennett, 91; Funeral Services April 7, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Chazy.

Norwood – Susan (Granger) Perry, 64; Funeral Services April 16, 2016 at St. Andrews Church

Ogdensburg – Gary T. Skelly, 78; Funeral Services April 11, 2016 at Notre Dame Church.

Ogdensburg – Sylvia J. (LaFave) Tebo, 78; Funeral Services April 14, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru – Josephine Lillian Meyer, 76; Funeral Services April 7, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Peru – Jean T. Clemon–Nelson, 53; Funeral Services April 13, 2016 at St. Augustine's Church

Plattsburgh – Rolland B. Barber, 81; Funeral Services April 8 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in Union Cemetery,

Plattsburgh – Alfred J. Bedard, 88; Funeral Services April 8, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Jane M. (Zygmunt) Buhr, 78; Funeral Services April 14, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Pointe AuRoche Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Elizabeth A. (Cloutier) Cole, 81; Funeral April 12, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Donald R. Cook, 66; Funeral Services April 9, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Plattsburgh – Mary Virginia Fitzgerald, 86; Funeral Services April 15, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. James Cemetery, North Creek.

Plattsburgh – Paul J. Kyea, 82; Funeral Services April 18, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Mary's Lake Cemetery, Cumberland Head.

Plattsburgh – Athelie M. (Dubray) Lashway, 86; Funeral April 7, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Daniel R. Mitchell, 85; Funeral Services April 9, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – John Serenko, 82; Funeral Services April 8, 2016 at Blessed John XXIII Newman Center Parish.

Port Henry – Jean (Stoddard) Yukalis, 81;

Funeral Services April 18, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Port Henry – Douglas Martin McLaughlin, 56; Funeral Services April 23, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Union Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Sandra (Beyrle) Cas-savaugh, 66; Funeral Services April 13, 2016 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery, Bloomingdale.

Sciota – Donald J. Dube, 70; Funeral Services April 19, 2016 at St. Louis of France Church.

Star Lake – William "Bill" Schmidt Hunter, PE., 85; Funeral Services April 9, 2016 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in Blair Memorial Park, Bellwood, PA.

Star Lake – Donald Pomerville, 85; Funeral Services April 7, 2015 at St. Hubert's Church.

Ticonderoga – Beth Ann (Feccio) Logan, 30; Memorial Services May 21, 2016 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in the Valley View Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Frances Ann Manning Bourbeau, 59; Memorial Services April 9, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Church.

Tupper Lake – Reta (Shurtleff) Shumway, 84; Funeral Services April 11, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in Gale Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Paul Joseph Thibault, 100; Funeral Services April 20, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Watertown – Nicholas R. Canale, 69; Funeral Services April 7, 2016 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Dr. Diana Reid Nemergut, 41; Funeral Services April 30, 2016 at Holy Family Church.

Watertown – Beverley J. (Seymour) Sugrue, 80; Funeral Services April 21, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Willsboro – Kenneth E. Coonrod, 89; Funeral Services April 12, 2016 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery



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Around

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ST. LAWRENCE

LIFECHAIN

Potsdam – Lifechain to be held.

Date: May 7

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 (Gather at 12:45 p.m.)

Place: Market and Main Streets (Meet in the parking lot across from the Roxy Theater to pick up your signs.

Features: Bring your whole family. Rain or Shine.

Contact: Dan Paladin & Christina Tartaglia; daniel.paladin@gmail.com; ckaralis@yahoo.com

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Plattsburgh – Bishop LaValley Will ordain Michael Jablonski as a transitional deacon

Date: May 28

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. John's Church

VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society, and Catholics from across the Diocese to pray for Vocations in this Year of Mercy.

Date: Oct. 11-13

Cost: Single Occupancy \$460, Double Occupancy \$335/each

Features: Itinerary Includes: Mass and tour at Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, Holy Hour, Mass and tour of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, visit to Norman Rockwell Museum, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch, buses with pick-ups in Water-

town, Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Plattsburgh, Schroon Lake. Space limited, sign up today! (Non-refundable payment due August 27. Any proceeds from the trip will be used for the promotion of Vocations within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.)

Contact: For more information contact Call Anne at (315) 353-2950 or Connie at (315) 265-2762.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Father Andrew Amyot will be hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Date: Oct. 31 – Nov. 10, 2016

Cost: \$2989 from Montreal Round trip Air from Montreal, taxes and airline surcharges, first class/select hotels, most meals, services of a professional tour director, and comprehensive sightseeing, all hotel services charges, portage fees and entrance fees.

Features: Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome

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

HAPPY EARTH DAY



Over 30 members of the Catholic Community of Burke & Chateaugay Youth Group celebrated Earth Day April 19 by painting flower pots and planting flowers in them. They also planted flowers in the front of the church. After their hard work they enjoyed pizza and snacks and talked about ways we can help care for our earth. Shown above are Ainsley Crawford, Drew Crawford and Luke Dalton at snack time.

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.

INSPIRE: CALLED TO LOVE

Lake Placid – The diocesan vocation summit With internationally known speakers has been set

Date: Sept. 25

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Olympic Center Complex

Features: INSPIRE: Called to Love, is a

free all day conference with keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron, the creator and host of the Catholicism series. Other speakers include George Weigel (biographer to Pope St. John Paul II), Mrs. Jennifer Fulwiler (author and radio host), Bishop Christopher Coyne (Bishop of Burlington, VT and Chairman of the USCCB Communications Committee). Come pray together and be inspired by our speakers and each other so that together we can cultivate a culture of vocations.

Contact: For more information, full schedule and to register, go to www.inspirecalledtolove.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Saranac Lake – The spring Rachel's Vine-

yard 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 and Father Thomas Higman

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 for more information about Rachel's Vineyard visit www.rachelvineyard.org and for local information www.rc-donny.org/pro-life.



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