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## Pope: God doesn't barter

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Salvation has nothing to do with the tidy business of bartering - earning God's love in return for good behavior, Pope Francis said. "If you do well you get a reward; if you do poorly you get punished. This is not the logic of Jesus," whose ability to love and forgive is

unconditional and infinite, the pope said May 11 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The pope reflected on the Gospel parable of the prodigal son, which teaches everyone is a child of God not because of one's merits or actions, but because of God's

"unchanging love and ready forgiveness."

The father patiently waits for his sinning son and rejoices with a celebration when he returns home, the pope said.

Even though the son tells his father, "I no longer deserve to be called your son"

because of the extent of his sins, the father immediately seeks to restore "the signs of his dignity," because in his eyes, he never stopped being his child, the pope said. No one can take away this dignity of being a child of God, "not even the devil," the pope said.

Rest in Peace.  
Fr. Edward  
E. Papp, 86



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## Clergy transfers

Three priests are retiring; five more receive new assignments in parishes across the diocese  
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## A NEW FRIEND



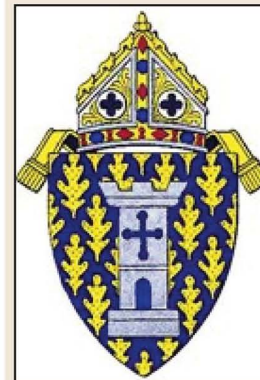
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Father Donald J. Manfred, pastor of the Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence in Massena, made a new friend during his post-Easter visit to Quito, Ecuador with Fathers Andrew J. Amyot and James W. Seymour. They visited Sister Cindy Sullivan, a Massena native who has ministered at the Working Boys Center in Quito for more the 40 years. At the end of their trip, the priests decided to assist the center with the purchase of a mini-van. Father Manfred, who is being transferred from Massena in June, has requested that any farewell gifts be donated to the cause. Full story, page 4.

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## DIOCESE SUES NY STATE

Over abortion mandates



The Diocese of Ogdensburg has joined the Albany diocese, Catholic Charities agencies of the dioceses of Brooklyn, Albany and Ogdensburg and other groups in filing a lawsuit against a branch of the New York state government and several health insurance companies challenging the constitutionality of making religious and other employers cover abortions for their workers. Two mandates from the New York State Department of Financial Services have been placed on insurers — without any legislative or regulatory enactment — that have the effect of forcing religious and other employers to pay for abortions in employee health plans. The complaint was filed May 5 at the New York State Supreme Court in Albany County.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## A week of joy... and mourning

The last weeks of May are always a priestly time of year in the pages of the NCC.

Traditionally, ordinations are scheduled in May bringing a month of anniversaries and annual meetings to determine where any new priests might be placed.

While there are no new priests this May (check back in October!), the bishop and his committee on assignments met this past week to fill vacancies left by three

priests who are retiring as pastors.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

This week's paper features the biographies of eight priests affected by the clergy transfers.

Next week we'll salute our 2016 jubilarians, those observing 25, 40, 50, 60 and 70 years of priesthood as they celebrate with their brother priests at the Presbyteral Assembly in Alexandria Bay.

This week of joy is tinged with a bit of sadness, though, as we mourn a priest

who has served the Diocese of Ogdensburg for more than five decades.

Father Edward E. Papp died May 13 at St. Joseph's Home where he had resided for the past several years.

Father Papp's many assignments never included one near my parish so I actually first met him when he moved into St. Joseph's next door to my dad.

This priest was a gentle man, much loved by the nursing home staff. He enjoyed old movies and attended daily Mass as often as he could.

Father Papp entered Wad-

hams Hall just a month after he was discharged from the navy during the Korean War.

After his ordination April 2, 1960 he served parishes all across the diocese.

His life was marked by love for his church, his country and his family.

We offer particular sympathy to his sister, Mary Molnar, another resident of St. Joseph's who was able to sit with Father Papp in his final moments of life.

Rest in Peace, Father Papp.

Your diocesan family is grateful for your life of service to the North Country church.

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

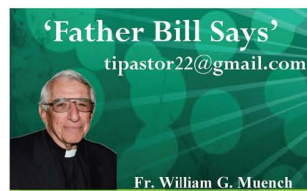
## Delightful days with future deacons

I spent last weekend at Wadhams Hall joining with the men who are candidates for ordination to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Several men from various parishes in the diocese are in the process of preparation to be ordained to the ministry of a deacon. They are attending classes and spending time in prayer so that they will be ready for this important ministry. Several of their wives attended this weekend, also. The wives were involved in some of the candidates' programs and, in addition, some other activities were planned for them.

Deacon John White and Sister Donna Franklin are directors for the program and I can guarantee you that they have developed a great, yet, joyful program.

The candidates gather for such weekends monthly to study subjects like sacred scripture, homiletics, canon law and liturgy. Integrated into the program is time for prayer and Mass. These weekends have given the candidates an opportunity to develop a strong community among themselves which will build great support for now and for



Fr. William G. Muench

the future.

As you probably know, deacons have been a vital part of the Church community from the time of the early Church. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the first apostles chose six to be deacons to help them in their ministry.

Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of one them, St. Stephen, who suffered martyrdom for his faith and teachings. St. Stephen stands as the patron of the dedication called forth from today's deacons.

You may know the place of the office of the deacon in our Catholic Church – but let me go over this again. Throughout the Middle Ages, the office of deacon became a step towards ordination, preparing a man for the priesthood. It was a transition.

The Second Vatican Council restored the permanent diaconate as a ministry. The Council also opened this per-

manent diaconate to married men – as well as those who have remained celibate.

The office has been limited only to men. However, let me add from my own experience that the wives of the permanent deacons are an important part of their ministry. They give a strong support and help to their deacon husbands.

I have worked in parishes side by side with several deacons and always found a solid partner in the life of the Church and of the parish. These candidates demonstrated to me the kind of dedication that we all hope for in the deacons of the futures. They are truly ready to accept the challenges of the diaconate in their parishes.

This weekend being with these candidates for the diocesan diaconate proved to be a source of confidence for me for the future of many parishes. The diocesan officials who oversee the permanent diaconate have the task of carefully analyzing each candidate to make certain this is the right person. Add to this the action of the Holy Spirit. This diaconate is a vocation. God is calling so many through the action of the Holy Spirit.

I have confidence in these fu-

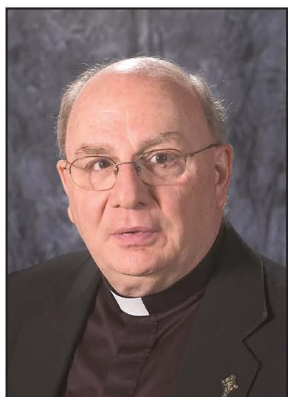
ture deacons as well as the numerous already ordained deacons throughout the diocese. They bring a new hope for me in their efforts to bring God to the people of the North Country.

Our deacons, as you know, are ministers of the Sacrament of Baptism as well as of Marriage. They also lead prayer services, Eucharistic services and funerals.

I plan to encourage our Bishop to give permission to our deacons to administer the Sacrament of the Sick. I have long realized and witnessed the wonderfully compassionate spirit of the deacons with the seriously ill, as well as with their families. What a perfect addition to this ministry for them that they would also be able to administer the Anointing of the Sick.

Finally, I noticed that the candidates have a class in homiletics. They will bring to their preaching so many gifts gained from the various careers that were part of their lives. These gifts will make them excellent spiritual guides.

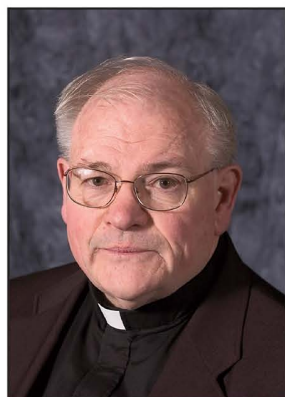
I encourage you to pray for our deacons and pray for these candidates. I pray that they will develop all that it takes to become sensational deacons.



Father McGuinness



Father Shurtleff



Father Manfred

## Bishop announces changes in clergy assignments

OGDENSBURG - After the May 12 meeting of the Committee on Assignments on May 12, 2016, Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced the following assignment changes for priests to take effect June 29, 2016:

- With the retirement of Father F. James Shurtleff as pastor of Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg, Father Joseph A. Morgan has been appointed pastor of Notre Dame in addition to remaining Vicar General and rector of St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Father Justin Thomas, a Herald of Good News priest, will remain parochial vicar at Notre Dame and St. Mary's.

- Father Mark R. Reilly, pastor of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church in Massena has also been named pastor of the Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence in Massena. Father Tojo Chacko, a Herald of Good News priest, will be parochial vicar St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church and also at the Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence.

- Father Donald J. Manfred, pastor of the Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence in Massena, has been named pastor of St. Stephen's Church in Croghan and St. Francis Solanus Church in Harrisville.

- Father Daniel L. Chapin, pastor of St. Stephen's Church in Croghan and St. Francis Solanus Church in

Harrisville, will be retiring with expected acceptance in mission work as an associate with Maryknoll.

- Father Theodore A. Crosby, pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain and St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg, has been named pastor of St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy and Sacred Heart Church in Chazy.

- Father J. Roger McGuinness, pastor of St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart, will be retiring.

- Father Thomas J. Higman, parochial vicar at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake, St. John of the Wilderness in Lake Clear, St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale and Mission at Assumption in Gabriels, has been named administrator of St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain and St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg.

Profiles of the priests follow:

### Fr. J. Roger McGuinness

Father McGuinness is retiring after serving as pastor in West Chazy since 2006 with additional responsibilities as pastor in Chazy since 2013.

A native of New York City, Father McGuinness was born July 11, 1939.

He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg and Christ the King Seminary

in Olean before his ordination May 22, 1965 by Bishop Thomas Donnellan.

He later received a master's degree in counseling from SUNY Plattsburgh, a master of divinity degree from Christ the King and a master's degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

During his early years as a priest, Father McGuinness served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Potsdam, in Lake Placid, at St. John's in Plattsburgh and at St. Patrick's in Watertown. While in Watertown, he also served as Newman chaplain at Jefferson Community College.

In 1973, Father McGuinness was named pastor in Raymondville. One year later he was appointed to the faculty at Wadhams Hall Seminary College.

For 16 years he served at the diocesan seminary as academic dean, director of the Community Service program, psychology teacher and spiritual director.

After leaving Wadhams Hall in 1989, Father McGuinness served as administrator in Keeseville and then pastor of Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh from 1990 to 1995 when he was named pastor of St. John XXIII College Community.

In 2004, he was named pastor at St. John's in Plattsburgh, a position he held

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## Funeral for Father Edward E. Papp to be held on Friday

NORFOLK – Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at a Mass of Christian Burial for Father Edward E. Papp, 86, May 20 at the Church of the Visitation.

Father Papp died May 13 at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

Priests of the diocese will concelebrate at the funeral Mass: Msgr. Harry Snow, pastor of St. Mary's Waddington/St. John the Baptist, Madrid, will serve as homilist.

Reception of the body at the church will be May 20 at 9 a.m. with Msgr. John Murphy officiating; calling hours will follow until 10:45 a.m.

Burial will be in the Church of the Visitation Cemetery in Norfolk.

Father Papp was born in Norfolk Sept. 6, 1929, son of the late Julius and Ethel Nagy Papp. After graduation from Norwood-Norfolk Central high school, he entered Wadhams Hall Seminary in 1952.

He completed his theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester in 1960 and was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral on April 2, 1960 by Bishop James J. Navagh.

Father Papp's first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. John's, Plattsburgh, later that year at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg; St. Mary's, Waddington; followed by St. Mary's, Clayton; and St. James, Gouverneur.

He was then assigned to St. Alexander's, Morrisonville; St. John's, Plattsburgh, and St. Agnes, Lake Placid.

In 1971 Father Papp was named administrator of



Fr. Papp

St. George's, Burke and later, pastor. He was later pastor of St. Mary's, Glenfield, and St. Rita's, Deferiet.

After a few months on a leave of absence, Father Papp returned as an associate pastor in St. Mary's, Brushton, then temporary administrator of St. Edmund's, Ellenburg, associate pastor in St. Mary's, Champlain.

In 1980, Father Papp was named temporary administrator at St. Mary's, Cumberland Head and then pastor at St. Therese in Newcomb. In 1982, he was associate pastor in St. Mary's, Ticonderoga; and St. Mary's, Brushton; and, in 1997, associate pastor in St. Mary's, Potsdam.

Father Papp retired in October of 2004.

Father Papp was predeceased by his brother, Charles and is survived by his sister Mary Molnar, and sister-in-law Lulu Papp.

A reflection on the life and ministry of Father Papp appears on page 2.

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*Human dignity and a work in progress in Ecuador*

# At the Working Boys Center

By Father Jay Seymour  
Episcopal vicar for pastoral personnel

I had the privilege of taking a post-Easter trip this past April to Quito, Ecuador accompanied by Fathers Don Manfred and Andy Amyot. For some years now, Sister Cindy Sullivan, a native of Massena, has urged Father Manfred to visit her at The Working Boys' Center (WBC) in Quito. Father Don, who will be leaving Massena after 14 years as pastor of The Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence, decided this would be a good time to take her up on the offer. He asked Father Amyot, who speaks Spanish, to join him and I invited myself to tag along.

Sister Cindy has been working in Quito since 1974 starting as a volunteer dental hygienist. Inspired by the people and the work being done at the Center, she decided to join the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Over 40 years later, she remains there still.

## Working Boys Center

The history of the Working Boys' Center is worth relating. In 1964 the local Jesuit Superior in Ecuador

### To make a difference

To help the Working Boys Center purchase a much needed mini-van, two retiring priests are urging donations be made in lieu of retirement gifts.

For Father Donald J Manfred, checks should be made out to K of C Council 1141, and sent to PO Box 46, Massena, NY 13662.

To honor Father F. James Shurtleff, checks may be made out to Knights of Columbus Council 258, and send 721 Hasbrouck Street, Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669.

Checks should include a notation that it is for the Working Boys Center



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Massena native Sister Cindy Sullivan, a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who ministers at the Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador, recently welcomed three visitors from the North Country - Fathers Donald Manfred, Andrew Amyot and Jay Seymour. Above, left she shows Father Amyot some of the beautiful countryside near Quito. In the photo at right, Father Seymour looks over some of the work done in the welding area of the WBC. The diocesan priests have offered to help the center purchase a mini-van which Sister Cindy identified as a major need. Information about making donations appears in the "Making a difference" box on this page.

instructed Jesuit Father John Halligan, to do a study on street children with the hope of alleviating some of the horrible consequences of poverty affecting them. Father Halligan chose to target shoeshine boys who were working in the streets.

It is important to note that these were boys not involved in delinquency but boys who were working in order to earn money to help their families. Father Halligan started in the attic of a Jesuit High School with numbers eventually reaching to over 200 boys, 30 of whom lived at the Center in clean but very cramped conditions.

A couple years after starting he was joined by Sister Mary Miguel Conway, a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who served as co-director. Together they

gave the boys a family atmosphere with tenderness and discipline providing meals, showers, and medical and dental care along with technical education in carpentry and shoe making. As a way of teaching responsibility and as part of their life-skill training there was also obligatory money saving.

In 1968 a grammar school was established and in 1974, as the work progressed and flourished, the Center moved to a downtown location in Quito.

In 1981, with the help of USAID, a second Center was established on the outskirts of the city. Both Centers are served by a committed and dedicated staff, some of whom were former students, and including young volunteers from the US and around the world.

of our area, the families form "mengas" or "work gangs" to build and improve their neighbors' homes.

It is hard to learn if you are hungry. Towards that end, The Working Boys' Center provides some 2,000 meals a day for these children and their families beginning with a 6 am breakfast and including snacks in the afternoon. Still, this is not about hand-outs but rather about giving a hand so that these families can learn life skills, find meaningful work and stand on their own with dignity.

It was pointed out that those boys who make it through the welding program have 100% placement in jobs and many others who would have no chance of improving their lives now have the skills that give them hope of a better life.

The center is attacking poverty through empowerment and with great success. In fact, the WBC has been named the best technical school in the country.

## Support the center

Over the course of our brief stay in Ecuador, we had a chance to visit some of the homes of the families involved with the center. Viewing some of the living conditions had a powerful effect on us Americans who take so much for granted. If it did not bring one to tears, it at least left me and others angry at the injustice of inequality motivating us to want to do something about it.

Supporting the center seemed like a no-brainer. At one of our last meals before our departure I asked Sister Cindy of one thing that was a priority need at the center. She spoke of the need for a mini-bus to transport small groups from place to place. The Center's current mini-bus is not road worthy leaving our small group and

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# SH Foundation awards 88 scholarships



Executive committee members of the Sacred Heart Foundation, Jayme St. Croix, president; Nancy McCabe, past president; and Thomas Bruno, vice-president, present a check for \$78,000 to Missionary of the Sacred Heart representative Father Vincent Freeh, MSC. The money will provide financial assistance to 88 MSC deacons and seminarians.

**WATERTOWN** - The Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors has announced that \$78,000 in scholarship awards for 2016 was approved at the March board meeting.

The Scholarship Committee reviewed applications from ten different Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC) Provinces located in eight different countries. Eighty-eight MSC deacons and seminarian students will receive financial assistance.

Through the generosity of our supporters since 1968, this is the highest annual award the Sacred Heart Foundation has given in scholarships.

The Sacred Heart Foundation raises funds through its annual membership drive, through memorial card do-

nations and from two major fundraisers: an annual Golf Tournament (Frank Caprara Memorial) June 15 at the Watertown Golf Club and annual Benefit Dinner Sept. 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Further information on the Sacred Heart Foundation and how to become a supporter is available at [www.sacred-heartfoundation.com](http://www.sacred-heartfoundation.com) or at the office at 315-782-3344.

The Mission of the Sacred Heart Foundation is to spread the word of God by raising funds which provide financial assistance for the education of those studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart anywhere in the world. Since 1876 the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have had a presence in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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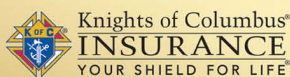
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# Working

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other small groups from the school to be catted around in a large, old, gas-guzzling city bus owned by the Center.

Discussing it afterwards, Fathers Manfred, Amyot and I decided we would try to do something about getting Sister Cindy that mini-bus.

Father Manfred has generously agreed to offer his farewell from Massena as a kick-off fundraiser. Rather than have people present him with a material gift or a gift of money, he is asking to use his farewell dinner at the K of C on June 3 to raise money for Sister Cindy's bus.

Soon after returning home from our trip I shared some of my experiences with my brother priests. Father Jim Shurtleff, who is retiring in June from Notre Dame in Ogdensburg, also decided to jump on board using his farewell from the parish for this purpose.

Just three days after leaving Ecuador, a devastating earthquake struck the country. The most affected areas were along the coast and although it was felt in the mountainous area of Quito, the damage there was mini-

mal. Still, the need of so many families to build and re-build their lives and to do so with dignity highlights more than ever the important work being done at The Working Boys' Center.

You readers of the *North Country Catholic* can help with this on-going work of our universal church. If you would like to support this effort and make a difference, you can send a donation or check made out to K of C Council 1141, PO Box 46, Massena, NY 13662 or to Knights of Columbus Council 258, 721 Hasbrouck Street, Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669. Please include a notation that it is for the WBC in appreciation of the work being done there as well as in gratitude for Fathers Manfred and Shurtleff and their years of service as priests.

If interested, you can find more information on the Center by just going on-line and typing "Working Boys Center, Quito." There is great information there including some wonderful YouTube clips. The WBC consider themselves to be "A Family of Families." By supporting them, you can be a part of that "Family" too.

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Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg,

P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.  
**Deadline for application is June 6, 2016.**

## Bishop's Schedule

**May 16-19** – Priests' Retreat at the Edgewood Resort in Alexander Bay

**May 19** – Council of Priests Meeting in Alexander Bay

**May 20** – 11 a.m., Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc. Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg  
4 p.m., Father John Looby's 50th Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay

**May 21** – 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams  
5p.m., Confirmation at St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge

**May 22** – 3 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga

**May 23** – 7 p.m., Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church in Watertown

**May 24** – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg with the Memorare Society  
7 p.m., Confirmation at Immaculate Conception Church in Brownville

**May 24** – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**May 25** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

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## Rest in Peace

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

**May 18** – Rev. John B. A. Legrand, 1891; Rev. Richard J. Cotter, 1928, Rev. Augustus J. Dumont, 1949

**May 19** – Msgr. Arthur M. Leary, 1968; Deacon Vincent J. Frattali, 2003

**May 20** – Rev. Robert Booth, 1939; Rev. Eugene Noury, O.M.I., 1961; Rev. P. Andrew L'Esperance, M.S.C., 1962

**May 21** – Msgr. John Pendergast, 1998

**May 22** – Msgr. Claudius Gobet, 1961  
**May 24** – Rev. Antoine A. Amyot, 1927; Rev. Julien Racette, O.M.I., 1937; Rev. Joseph O. Levesque, 1938; Msgr. George L. Murray, 1942

## 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming sessions: **June 9** – 6:30 p.m., Woodman Life Office, Boynton St., Plattsburgh

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## Environmental Stewardship

### "How he does not know"

When Jesus was asked what is the kingdom of God like, he responded: "A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing, how he does not know." Mk. 4:26-27

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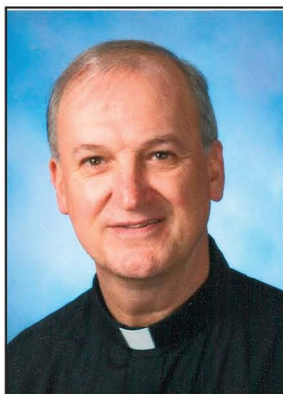
However, in "Laudato Si", Pope Francis reminds us "When we speak of the "environment," what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live." (139)

What would happen if rather than viewing the situation that involves the needs of humans and the needs of the environment, we viewed it as a challenge to our creativity to find a way that nurtures and protects both?

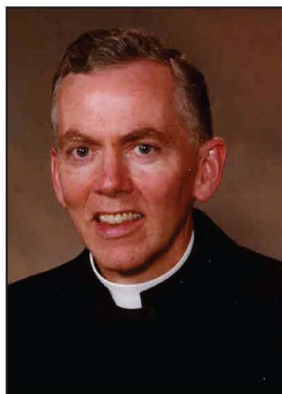
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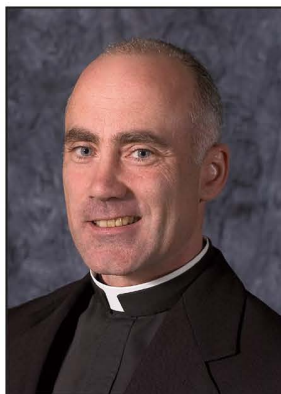
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Father Chapin



Father Morgan



Father Reilly



Father Crosby



Father Higman

## Clergy changes

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until being appointed pastor in West Chazy and then Chazy.

Through the years, Father McGuire's has served the diocese as vocation director, director of campus ministry and chair of the Committee for the Continuing Education of Clergy. He has been a teacher in the deacon formation program, Formation for Ministry program and has given missions and retreats and led clergy conferences in this diocese as well as in other states and Canada.

Father McGuinness has also taught at Plattsburgh State University in both the Upward Bound Program and the Honors Program for the past several years.

He has also been President of the Plattsburgh Interfaith Council for many years and is still a member of the council.

### Father F. James Shurtleff

Father Shurtleff, who is retiring, has served as pastor of Notre Dame in Ogdensburg since 1999.

He was born in Ogdensburg March 11, 1941, and studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary College, Christ the King Seminary in Olean, N. Y. and the North American College in Rome, Italy.

He was ordained Dec. 17, 1966, at St. Peter's Basilica by Bishop Francis F. Reh.

Father Shurtleff has served as assistant pastor in

Brownville, Holy Family in Watertown and Sacred Heart in Massena.

From 1972 to 1981, he served as bishop's secretary and assistant chancellor for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

In 1981, Father Shurtleff was appointed pastor in Colton until 1987 when he became pastor in Brasher Falls. One year later, he was given added responsibilities as pastor in Hogansburg.

In 1992 he became pastor at St. Joseph's in Malone, a position he held until his current assignment at Notre Dame.

Father Shurtleff also served the diocese as director of the Department of Worship.

### Father Donald J. Manfred

Father Manfred, new pastor in Croghan and Harrisville, has been pastor of Sacred Heart in Massena since 1998 and pastor of St. Lawrence in Louisville since 2002. In 2011, the two parishes were merged and he now serves as pastor of the Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence.

Born Dec. 12, 1940, in Somerville, Mass., Father Manfred grew up in the Potsdam area. He began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary and also studied at Christ the King Seminary in Olean, N.Y., and received a master's degree in history from Potsdam State University. He was ordained May 20, 1967 at St. Mary's

Cathedral by Bishop Thomas Donnellan.

Father Manfred served as an assistant pastor at St. Patrick's in Watertown and at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake.

In 1971, he was appointed executive director of the Bishop's Fund. A year later he was named assistant chancellor with additional responsibilities for the lay retirement fund.

In November, 1972, Father Manfred was named assistant pastor of St. Patrick's in Watertown. He has also served as administrator in Danemora and pastor in North Lawrence and at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake before moving to Massena.

The priest was appointed director of the newly formed permanent deacon formation program in 1976 and served in that position until 1985. He has also served the diocese as director of deacon personnel and continuing formation, as a member of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees and dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.

### Father Daniel L. Chapin

Father Chapin, pastor in Croghan and in Harrisville, is retiring but plans to continue active ministry as a Maryknoll associate.

Born Nov. 13, 1946 in Malone, Father Chapin grew up in North Bangor. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary in

Rochester before his ordination May 13, 1972 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

The priest served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Ogdensburg before beginning ten years of missionary work with the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate, serving at St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru, from 1976 to 1986. He was pastor from 1981 until returning to the United States.

Upon returning to the U.S., Father Chapin again served as parochial vicar at the cathedral for a short time until taking part in a sabbatical year at the Jesuit Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass.

While on sabbatical, he worked as a chaplain intern at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton, Mass., and then at Hotel Dieu and Kingston General Hospitals in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Upon his return to the diocese, he served as parochial vicar at Holy Family and priest chaplain at Jefferson Community College in Watertown until being named pastor in Clayton and LaFargeville in 1989.

In 2000, he was named pastor in Gouverneur with added responsibilities as pastor in Edwards in 2004.

He became pastor in Croghan in 2006 with additional responsibilities as pastor in Harrisville in 2013.

Father Chapin also served as part-time priest chaplain at Gouverneur Correctional Facility. He is currently head

of the Ecumenical Commission and director of Hispanic Ministry for the diocese.

### Father Joseph A. Morgan

Father Morgan, rector of the cathedral since 2010, will take on added responsibilities as pastor of Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

Named Vicar General in 2013, Father Morgan had previously served the diocese as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Pastoral Personnel, and Seminarians for the Diocese of Ogdensburg from 2001 to 2005.

Prior to that, from 1997, his title was Director of Priest and Pastoral Personnel; two years later was given added responsibilities as Director of Seminarians.

Father Morgan was born June 13, 1955, in Olean, N.Y., and moved with his family to Watertown as a child.

He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary College and the North American College at Rome.

He was ordained Sept. 5, 1981 by Bishop Brzana.

Father Morgan has served as an associate pastor in Peru and Notre Dame in Ogdensburg, an administrator in Ticonderoga, in Brownville and at Sacred Heart in Massena, pastor in West Chazy and pastor in Champlain.

In 2004, Father Morgan was named pastor in Heuvelton and pastor/priest moderator in Lisbon, and part time

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## SCHOOL DAYS.. SCHOOL DAYS



Father Scott A. Belina, parochial vicar at St. Andre Bessette Parish in Malone, offered a hands-on lessons on the sacraments as he baptizes "Isabella" for kindergarten students at Holy Family School.



Dr. Dana Barry, right, a professor at Clarkson University, led a program on ecology for fifth and sixth grade students at St. Mary's School in Canton during Earth Week in April. Dr. Barry is shown donating a copy of her book "Plan, Develop, Display, Present Science Projects" to St. Mary's principal Pam Neal.



Father Timothy Cnaan, pastor of The Church of St. John the Baptist in Plattsburgh, served as master of ceremonies for the third annual Seton Schools Gala April 16. The annual fundraising event, themed "Diamonds and Denim" this year, gathered nearly 200 people for a night of dinner, dancing, and both live and silent auctions. With Kneucraft Fine Jewelry as a co-sponsor, the gala raised over \$15,000.

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chaplain at Riverview Correctional Facility while maintaining diocesan responsibilities.

He moved to Lake Placid in 2005 to serve as pastor at St. Agnes Parish with additional responsibilities as pastor in Keene in 2006.

In addition, the priest served as vocation director from 1985 to 1987, served on the Priests' Personnel Committee and has been a Defender of the Bond for the Marriage Tribunal since shortly after ordination.

### Father Mark R. Reilly

Father Reilly, pastor at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's in Massena since 2014, will take on added responsibilities as pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence in Massena.

Father Reilly was born Dec. 7, 1963 in Syracuse. Upon graduating from high school in 1981, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered LeMoyne College.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from LeMoyne in 1985 and was on active duty from 1986 to 1992.

He entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1992 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Aug. 9, 1997, by Bishop Paul S. Loverde.

Father Reilly's first assignment was as parochial vicar in Saranac Lake. In 1999 he became spiritual Director at Immaculate Heart Central Jr./Sr. High school in Watertown and in 2006, was named pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills, St. Theresa of Avila Church in Theresa, and St. Joseph Church in Philadelphia.

In 2010, Father Reilly was named pastor in Saranac

Lake with parishes at Lake Clear and Bloomingdale and mission in Gabriels.

In 2005-06, he was called up for active duty as a navy chaplain to serve with the Marines in Iraq, and again was activated for service from August 2012 to August 2013 in Djibouti, Africa. He retired from the Navy Reserves on June 1, 2014.

### Father Theodore A. Crosby

Father Crosby, new pastor in West Chazy and Chazy, has been pastor in Lyon Mountain since 2007 and in Ellenburg since 2009.

A native of Phelps, N.Y., he was born March 12, 1970. After earning a bachelor's degree at St. John Fisher in Rochester, he began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg from 1992-94.

He then studied at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora before his ordination Aug. 12, 2000, by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito.

Father Crosby served as parochial vicar at Holy Family in Watertown, in Lowville, Glenfield and Houseville; and for the Malone Catholic Parishes before being named administrator in Lyon Mountain in January, 2007 and pastor in June of that year.

### Father Thomas J. Higman

Father Higman, new administrator in Lyon Mountain and Ellenburg, has served as parochial vicar at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake in 2014.

He spent his first two years as a priest as a parochial vicar for the Malone Catholic Parishes.

A native of Carthage, he was born Oct. 22, 1985. He studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, before his May 26, 2012 ordination by Bishop LaValley.

Father Higman currently serves as a member of the Council of Priests.

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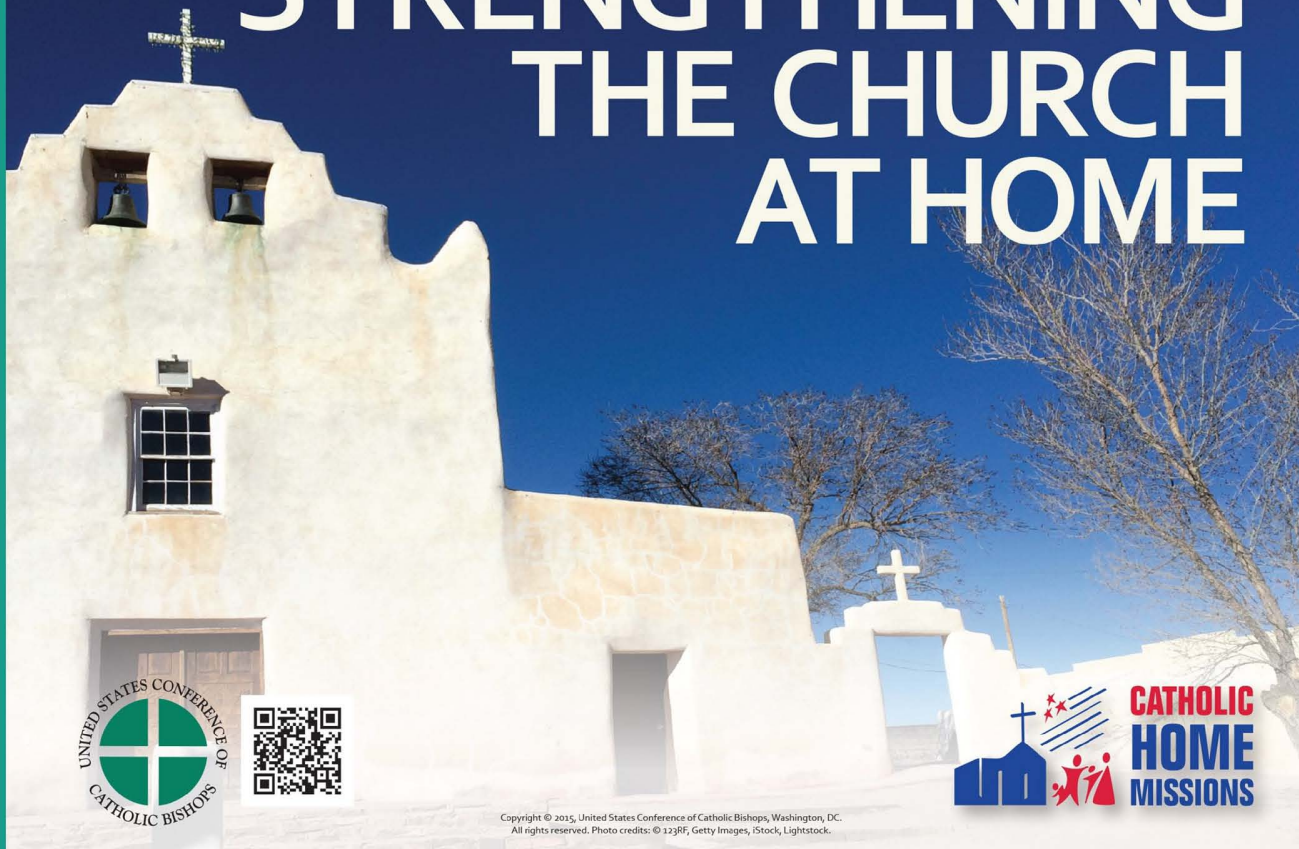
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## STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



*Pope says he will set up commission to study New Testament deaconesses*

# Women deacons?

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis told the heads of women's religious orders from around the world that he would set up a commission to study the New Testament deaconesses and he also insisted more can and should be done to involve lay and consecrated women in church decision-making at every level.

Asked if he would establish "an official commission to study the question" of whether women could be admitted to the diaconate, Pope Francis responded: "I accept. It would be useful for the church to clarify this question. I agree."

The pope spent more than an hour May 12 responding to questions posed by members of the International Union of Superiors General, repeatedly asking if they wanted further clarification and making funny asides or rephrasing his responses when it was clear they were not hitting the mark.

"I like hearing your questions because they make me think," the pope told close to 900 superiors general, representing almost 500,000 sisters around the world. "I feel like a goalie, who is standing there waiting for the ball and not knowing where it's going to come from."

Asked about deaconesses in the New Testament and the possibility of the modern



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Pope Francis embraces Sister Carmen Sammut, a Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa and president of the International Union of Superiors General, during an audience with the heads of women's religious orders in Paul VI hall at the Vatican May 12. During a question-and-answer session with members of the IUSG, the pope said he was willing to establish a commission to study whether women could serve as deacons.

church admitting women to the permanent diaconate, Pope Francis had said his understanding was that the women described as deaconesses in the Bible were not ordained like permanent deacons are. Mainly, he said, it appeared that they assisted with the baptism by immersion of other women and with the anointing of women.

However, he said, "I will ask the (Congregation for the) Doctrine of the Faith to tell me if there are studies on this."

Pope Francis also promised

to have the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments send the IUSG a full explanation of why women cannot give a homily at Mass.

While women can preach at a Liturgy of the Word when there is not a celebration of the Eucharist, he said, at Mass the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are parts of a whole and only one who is ordained can preside and preach.

The main part of the question was about the lack of influence women religious are given in church decision-making processes. Pope Francis said the obligation to listen to women in the parish, diocese and at the Vatican "is not a matter of feminism, but of right."

All the baptized -- women and men, lay or consecrated -- have been given gifts by the Holy Spirit for the good of the entire church, he insisted. The entire church suffers when some voices are

## Spokesman: pope did not say he'd ordain women deacons

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis "did not say he intends to introduce a diaconal ordination for women," and he certainly did not speak about the ordination of women priests, the Vatican spokesman said.

Pope Francis met members of the International Union of Superiors General, the leadership group for superiors of women's orders, May 12 and accepted a proposal that he establish a commission to study the role of New Testament deaconesses and the possibility of women serving as deacons today.

After some news outlets reported the pope was considering ordaining women deacons and comments were made about women deacons leading to women priests, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi issued a clarification May 13.

The spokesman insisted "it is wrong to reduce all the important things the pope said to the religious women to just this question."

Women and the diaconate "is a question that has been discussed much, including in the past, and that comes from the fact that in the early church there were women who were called deaconesses, who carried out certain services within the community," Father Lombardi said.

Pope Francis told the sisters that he thought it would be a good idea to form a commission "to take up this question again in order to view it with greater clarity," Father Lombardi said. "But one must be honest: The pope did not say he intends to introduce a diaconal ordination for women and even less did he speak of the priestly ordination of women. In fact, talking about preaching during the eucharistic celebration, he let them know that he was not considering this possibility at all."

excluded from the conversation, he said.

"Our desire is that the church talk with us -- like is happening now -- and not about us," one of the sisters told him.

"To talk about someone when they are absent is not evangelical," the pope said. In the meetings of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, "you must be present and I will tell the prefect this," he said.

"I never imagined there was such a disconnect, truly. Thank you for telling me so courageously and for doing so with that smile," he said.

However, Pope Francis warned the sisters about the danger of clericalism, which he described as "a sinful attitude," but one which is "like the tango, it takes two." There are priests who see themselves as lords of the church, he said, but there also are women and laymen "who ask to be clericalized."

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

**Calendar: From jubilee for priests to canonization of Blessed Teresa**  
VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- As the Year of Mercy continues, Pope Francis has a full calendar of jubilee events and special Masses with priests, the sick and people who regularly perform the corporal works of mercy. The calendar of papal liturgies in June, July and September also includes the canonization Sept. 4 of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata and the canonizations June 5 of Blessed Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad, who refounded the Bridgettine Sisters in the early 1900s, and Blessed Stanislaus Papczynski, founder of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. The calendar, released by the Vatican May 13, includes: Mass June 3, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the conclusion of the jubilee for priests; Mass June 5 for the canonizations of Blesseds Hesselblad and Papczynski; and Mass June 12 for the jubilee for the sick and persons with disabilities

**Religious life is about prophecy, not preservation, speakers say**  
ROME (CNS) -- Women consecrated in religious life and engaged in apostolic work must realize their vocation is not about building and maintaining great institutions, but about being prophetic witnesses of God's love, superiors general from around the world were told. The greatest challenge facing women religious today is not declining vocations in the West, insisted Divine Providence Sister Marian Ambrosio, former president of the National Conference of Religious in Brazil. Speaking May 11 at the assembly of the International Union of Superiors General, Sister Ambrosio said, "Our crisis does not depend on the fact that we are few," but on a mistaken view that preserving large institutions where the Gospel was shared in the past is key to remaining faithful to the founding charism of the religious order. Referring to the assembly's theme, "Weaving solidarity for life," she asked the almost 900 superiors of religious orders to think about the differences between a woman who sits at home at a loom weaving cloth and one who presses buttons on a massive machine in a factory, producing hundreds of yards of fabric that all looks the same.

**Health care is a right, not a privilege, pope says**  
VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Catholic Church is not a fancy medical clinic for the rich, but a "field hospital" that -- often literally -- provides the only medical care some people will ever receive, Pope Francis said. "Health is not a consumer good but a universal right, so access to health services cannot be a privilege," the pope said May 7 during a meeting with members, volunteers and supporters of Doctors with Africa, a medical mission begun by the Diocese of Padua, Italy, 65 years ago. In many parts of the world, especially in Africa, the pope said, basic health care "is denied -- denied!" -- to too many people. "It is not a right for all, but rather still a privilege for a few, for those who can afford it. Access to health services, to treatment and to pharmaceuticals is still a mirage," Pope Francis told the group, which includes dozens of young doctors who volunteer their services in Uganda, Tanzania, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Angola, South Sudan and Sierra Leone.

## Dioceses, other groups file suit over New York state abortion mandates

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) - The Albany and Ogdensburg dioceses, Catholic Charities agencies and other groups have filed a lawsuit against a branch of the New York state government and several health insurance companies challenging the constitutionality of making religious and other employers cover abortions for their workers.

Two mandates from the New York State Department of Financial Services have been placed on insurers -- without any legislative or regulatory enactment -- that have the effect of forcing religious and other employers to pay for abortions in employee health plans.

In a complaint filed May 5 at the New York State Supreme Court in Albany County, the plaintiffs charge that the requirements represent "an invidious governmental coercion of religious institutions, employers and individuals, and, if unchecked, will result in further dangerous incursions on religious freedom and liberty of conscience."

"Anyone of goodwill who values religious liberty or our country's cherished freedoms should be deeply concerned by the actions of the state," said Albany Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger. "The Department of Financial Services, without any authority by the Legislature, has taken it upon itself to force religious organizations and individuals with strong conscientious objection to abortion to fund this procedure which, in every case, kills a developing unique human person.

"We simply cannot live with this policy, and unfortunately have been left with no choice but to bring this action," he said in a statement. "I am proud to stand with my brothers and sisters in an ecumenical expression of unity

in challenging this unconstitutional infringement on religious faith and practice."

### Diocese of Ogdensburg is among the plaintiffs

The suit refers to two distinct mandates on insurance providers. In one, the Department of Financial Services, which regulates the insurance industry, issued "model language" to insurers that requires their individual and small group health plans include coverage of so-called "therapeutic" and "nontherapeutic" abortions.

The suit charges: "The model language abortion mandate directly coerces religious employers, religiously affiliated employers, objecting secular employers and individuals to fund, provide and cooperate with the morally offensive procedure."

A second mandate, previously undisclosed by the financial services division, came to light only during plaintiffs' communications with that department objecting to the "model language" mandate. In the undisclosed mandate, plaintiffs charge, abortion coverage "is encrypted in health insurance contracts under the rubric of 'medically necessary' surgery. This hidden coverage was never disclosed to plaintiffs or other employers who may have conscience, moral or religious objections to abortion."

In his May 12 column in the Albany diocesan newspaper, *The Evangelist*, Bishop Scharfenberger wrote: "What is objectionable in the mandates is not only that they force us to fund and participate in actions that are gravely immoral and contrary to our religious beliefs and conscience, but also that they were promulgated and

enforced under color of law, without our knowledge and in clear violation of the law."

He also noted that some dioceses and religious agencies in New York state are self-insured and not currently affected by such a mandate.

But, he said, there is no guarantee that "the mandates currently being dictated by one regulatory agency might not be coerced through some other state action."

The plaintiffs seek judicial intervention for both declaratory judgment on a number of state and federal constitutional grounds, as well as injunctive relief.

All of the plaintiffs hold strong religious and moral objections to abortion. Some are religious organizations, while one is a lay employee of a religious organization -- Renee Morgiewicz, who works for the Catholic Diocese of Albany -- and one is a privately held business, Murnane Building Contractors in Plattsburgh.

Other plaintiffs include the Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg; the trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany; the Sisterhood of St. Mary, which is an order of Anglican/Episcopal women religious; the Catholic Charities agencies of the dioceses of Brooklyn, Albany and Ogdensburg; St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church Society of Amherst; First Bible Baptist Church in Rochester; and Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Teresian House Nursing Home in Albany.

The defendants are Maria T. Vullo, acting superintendent of the Department of Financial Services; Capital District Physicians Health Plan; Blue Shield of Northeastern New York; United-Healthcare of New York; MVP Health Care; Excellus Health Plan; and the Independent Health Association.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Exploring the mystery of the Holy Trinity

The world we live in is full of beauty and mystery. We are always questioning "why" and "how".

There is one in particular that is beyond the rest. It's the mystery of the Holy Trinity—three Persons in one God.

Just as a rose doesn't have a "why", neither does the Holy Trinity have an answer to our "why" or "how", it just exists as the foundation of all that is.

When Moses asked what God's name was, God responded, "I am who am!"



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

We must just accept the mystery, thank God for being God, and find in its reality the only reason for joy and hope!

So let's take a fresh look at Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As Persons, their work is that of Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Although we attribute the creation of the world to God the Father, both the Eternal Word and the Holy Spirit were sharers in that stupendous event. And all three Persons enjoyed it!

Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us that God danced and played with

delight at the results.

It is the nature of God to rejoice and to love the creatures that sprang forth. All three Persons in the one God have never stopped loving us, despite our traitorous betrayal of their love.

The second reading from St. Paul to the Romans assures us that our faith in Jesus Christ leads to our justification. That brings us a reason to hope through patience in our afflictions. Patience leads to endurance, and endurance to fulfillment. "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given us".

In the Gospel, Jesus re-

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READINGS

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

veals to his apostles and to us, the very intimate relationship that He holds with both the Father and the Holy Spirit, making God a Trinity of Persons.

He urges his disciples to stop relying solely on His physical presence and to be prepared for their astounding new role of life "in the Holy Spirit" that will expand their minds and hearts to "all truth".

The Holy Trinity is not a distant truth, for we are temples of the Holy Spirit and possessed of the truth, the power, and the love of the Trinity. May we be caught up even now in the and joy of that life!

Each Trinity Sunday, we only scratch the surface of this great mystery of our faith. It is enough for us to believe in and cling to the great gifts of peace, unity, and love which is our heritage now and in the life of heaven. In gratitude and faith, let us begin and end every prayer with greater faith and reverence "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen". It is our signature sign of belief.

## VOICE OF FAITH

## Seeking the great mercy of God our Father

By Amanda Conklin  
Contributing Writer

"1...2...3...Ok, you didn't listen, get in time-out."

These are words I utter numerous times a day to my 1.5 and 2.5 year old. Sometimes it baffles me how they can do something wrong, be scolded, and put in time-out, only to get down and do the same thing 15 minutes later.

Being toddlers, they act

truly repentant, hug the offended party and certainly don't like the punishment of time-out, yet they seem to always end up in similar naughty situations.

It struck me, when pondering this during a moment of frustration, that we really don't change much in this area as we become adults. As Catholics, most of us commit similar sins over and over.

We know it is wrong, we know the consequences, we

repent, ask forgiveness, are forgiven, we try to reform our ways, and yet, often times, we turn right around and commit the same sin two weeks later. We all have certain crosses that we struggle with in a particular way. This is where the beautiful image of God the Father comes into play.

I can tell you, that as a mother, no matter how frustrated I may be, no matter how many times my children do the same thing

wrong, I will always forgive them when they come to me with arms wide open, looking up at me with big eyes.

God the Father is the same way. He will always forgive a repentant child seventy times seven, no matter what the sin.

In a beautiful image from one of my favorite saints in her autobiography: *Story of a Soul*, St. Therese of Lisieux highlights this powerful reality of God as our Father:

"Your arms, My Jesus, are the elevator which will take me up to Heaven. There is no need for me to grow up; on the contrary, I must stay little, and become more and more so."

Later she paints a beautiful image of God's great mercy: "No one can make me frightened anymore, because I know what to believe about His mercy and His love; I know that, in the twinkling of an eye, all those thousands of sins would be consumed as a drop of water cast into a blazing fire."

This is particularly power-

ful during this Year of Mercy. I encourage all Catholics to take advantage of God's great mercy in the Sacrament of Confession.

This is also a time in the Church to receive a plenary indulgence as we are in a jubilee year. When we sin and go to confession, we are forgiven. However, temporal punishment still remains (purgatory is the traditional understanding of the Church when additional purification is needed).

This is why offering Masses for deceased loved ones and friends is a wonderful, loving, practice.) A plenary indulgence erases that temporal punishment. During this Jubilee of Mercy, one way to receive a plenary indulgence is to pass through a designated Holy Door, (there are many throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg,) go to confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the Holy Father and his intentions. May we all ask for God our Father's great mercy during this special year in our Church.



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## AT THE MOVIES

# MONEY MONSTER

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

Forty years ago, Peter Finch gave an Oscar-winning performance in the black comedy "Network." He played Howard Beale, a crazed television news anchor who exhorts his audience to shout out, "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

The film exposed the superficiality of TV and its seductive (and often pernicious) effect on viewers. It highlighted the medium's potential to lull the public into passivity, disposing them at the same time to make foolish choices.

"Money Monster" (TriStar) might best be thought of as the poor stepchild of that 1976 movie. It offers a similar allegory on the power of

the media, along with an up-to-the-moment indictment of Wall Street machinations and corporate greed.

George Clooney stars as Lee Gates, host of the eponymous TV program on which he peddles investment advice. Surrounded by Vegas-style dancers, loud music, and bold graphics, Gates whips his audience into a frenzy as he ticks off the most promising stocks and bonds.

"Without risk there is no reward!" he says with Beale-like passion.

Clearly, Gates relishes his status as something of a mash-up between Jim Cramer of CNBC's "Mad Money" and P.T. Barnum. His antics are viewed with chagrin, however, by Patty (Julia Roberts), his ever-patient producer (and erstwhile girlfriend).

Gates gets more spectacle

than he bargained for when, in the midst of a live episode, a gun-wielding intruder bursts into the studio. Kyle (Jack O'Connell) has a bone to pick with Gates: He lost his life savings by following a bum tip on Gates' show.

The young man demands to know why a much-hyped stock, Ibis Clear Capital, mysteriously went south, losing \$800 million in a single day for small investors like himself.

Kyle straps a bomb on Gates, and amid much shouting and angst (also Beale-worthy), a tense hostage drama unfolds in real time on screens across the world.

The ever-resourceful Patty senses that things are not what they seem. And it's soon clear that Ibis' CEO, Walt Camby (Dominic West), has some explaining to do.



CNS PHOTO/SONY

Julia Roberts and George Clooney star in a scene from the movie "Money Monster."

Entertaining, but evanescent, "Money Monster" turns out --ironically enough -- to partake of the same strengths and weaknesses that generally characterize the medium it sets out to skewer.

The film contains occasional violence, brief semi-

graphic sexual activity, and frequent profane and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

## History Channel brings 'Roots' to new generations

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** - Man's inhumanity to man looms large on the small screen in "Roots."

As did its famous predecessor, this new adaptation of Alex Haley's multigenerational saga traces an African-American family's long journey from slavery to freedom.

Together, Haley's 1976 novel and the ABC miniseries that aired the following year represented a cultural phenomenon, sparking popular interest in a neglected aspect of American history.

Now this eight-hour series, produced by The History Channel, brings Haley's story to a new generation of viewers, and is likely to have a similarly striking impact on its audience.

Presented in two-hour installments, "Roots" will be

simulcast on four consecutive nights beginning Monday, May 30, 9-11 p.m. EDT across The History Channel, A&E, Lifetime and LMN.

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This lavish adaptation raises the bar considerably over its disco-era precursor, with a more serious tone, strong performances, and on-location filming in Africa and the American South.

As played by Laurence Fishburne, Haley (1921-1992) recounts a riveting tale he claimed was based on his own family history -- and into which he blended oral tradition and the written records he uncovered through years of research.

Scholars have subsequently disputed Haley's faithfulness to the facts.

"My ancestors would be assembled from millions of slaves, all of them seeds of American families living today," Haley explains. "Millions of men and women who struggled to survive and fought to be free every day."

"Roots" opens in 1750 in the river region of The Gambia in West Africa, where a son is born to Omoro Kinte (Babs Olusanmokin) and his wife, Binta (Nokuthula Ledwaba). Kunta Kinte (Malachi Kirby) grows to manhood and is trained as a proud Mandinka warrior.

Kidnapped by a rival faction in 1767, Kunta is sold to British slave traders and shipped with hundreds of fellow Africans to North America. There he is sold to a cruel Virginia plantation owner named John Waller (James Purefoy).

A fellow slave -- and tal-

ented musician -- known as Fiddler (Forest Whitaker) takes Kunta under his wing. But the young man refuses to accept his plight and tries, unsuccessfully, to escape. After his final attempt, Kunta is maimed by his captors.

Nursed back to health by the kindly Belle (Emayatzy Corinealdi), Kunta becomes resigned to his fate. The two marry and have a daughter, Kizzy (Anika Noni Rose).

Kunta is determined to pass on his proud African heritage and customs to his daughter, instilling in her the will to survive, the quest for freedom and the importance of family -- threads of a legacy that passes from generation to generation.

Across the backdrop of American history, from the Revolution through the Civil War, "Roots" follows the trials and tribulations of Kizzy and her descendants, including her son, Chicken George (Rege-Jean Page),

and his son, Tom (Sedale Threatt Jr.), who was Haley's great-grandfather.

"Roots" is upsetting to watch, unflinching in its portrayal of the cruelty and humiliation suffered by millions of slaves over more than a century.

Torture, rape, mutilation and murder are all graphically depicted, as is the wrenching emotional horror of family members being forcibly separated, never to see each other again.

Given so much disturbing content, the series can only be recommended for mature adolescents if treated as a starting point for parent-guided family discussions. These should lead to a fuller examination of a painful period in American history. They should also reinforce Judeo-Christian morality concerning the intrinsic value of each human life, the inherent dignity of each individual and the God-given equality of all.

## ADIRONDACK

## NAVE CONCERT

**Saranac Lake** - The Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble (NAVE) will give a performance of choral masterworks for organ and chamber choir.

**Date:** May 22

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

**Place:** Saranac Lake United Methodist Church.

**Features:** The concert will feature organist Benjamin A. Stone as well as mezzo-soprano Angela Brown and tenor Christopher Gould performing Magnificat by Gerald Finzi and Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, Op. 9. NAVE, under the musical direction of Andrew M. Benware, is a chamber choir of professional and amateur singers that performs choral music from a variety of periods and styles

## CLINTON

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Peru** - St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 30th annual charity golf tournament.

**Date:** June 17

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** Adirondack Golf and Country Club

**Cost:** \$300

**Features:** The four-person scramble will be followed by an awards dinner in the clubhouse.

**Contact:** Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 643-0242 or email gnetlombard@charter.net

## YEAR OF MERCY

**Ellenburg Center** - A special Year of Mercy presentation to be held.

**Date:** May 21

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** Adirondack House of Prayer

**Features:** "Christ Shows Mercy to Sinners"

**Contact:** Lunch reservations required: 518-594-3253 or 315-483-4143

## FOR LAY MINISTERS

**Morrisonville** - Commissioned Lay Ministers Association of the Clinton, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer Deaneries to have Spring event.

**Date:** June 3

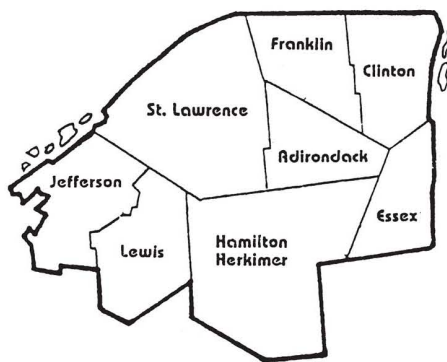
**Time:** 5 p.m. to 8

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

**Features:** Msgr. Leeward Poissant Will speak on "The Power and the Wisdom" The evening will begin with a social and light refreshments.

**Cost:** \$10

**Contact:** Jeannie Grizzuto, 315-393-2920, Pre-registration is required by May 23



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## SETON GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Plattsburgh** - Seton Catholic is holding Carpenter Memorial Golf Tournament.

**Date:** May 27

**Time:** 11 a.m. shotgun start

**Place:** The Barracks Golf Course

**Features:** 3-person team scramble followed by BBQ and awards at Seton.

**Contact:** Mary Forbes to register a team or sponsor a hole at 518-561-4031 or mforbes@thesetonschools.org

## HEALING MASS

**Dannemora** - A Healing Mass to be held.

**Date:** May 24

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

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

**Features:** Confessions will be heard from 6 p.m. to 6:30. People are invited to receive the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. There will be an opportunity for individuals to be prayed over by members of the prayer group.

## FESTIVAL OF CARS &amp; BAZAAR

**Moers Forks** - First Festival of Cars & Annual Bazaar to be held.

**Date:** June 5

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Ann's Grounds

**Features:** Big ticket; Pull Tabs; Theme baskets; entertainment; crafts; food; Pre-registration \$10 or \$15 day of the show (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

**Contact:** To pre-register your vehicle or for more information call 518-236-5632

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Plattsburgh** - Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday,

Thursday, and Friday.

**Place:** St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

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

**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

## ESSEX

## 8TH ANNUAL NUN RUN

**Ticonderoga** - St. Mary's School is holding its The 8th Annual Nun Run

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** Registration 9 a.m.; Run and Walk at 10

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children, \$5; Family, \$20; T-shirts, \$10

**Features:** Prizes, free raffle drawing & barbecue

**Contact:** Call school: 518-585-7433

## FRANKLIN

## FR. JOHN LOOBY JUBILEE

**Chateaugay** - The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay will celebrate Father John Looby's 50th anniversary of priestly ordination

**Date:** May 20

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Patrick's

**Features:** The Mass, With Bishop LaValley presiding, will be followed by a Hors d'oeuvres reception at the K of C

**Contact:** RSVP by either emailing Angel Wilcox at ccbc@twcny.rr.com or call her in the office at 497-6673.

## WMOF FAMILY MISSION

**Malone** - The World Meetings of Family Mission is a day of prayer for families.

**Date:** June 3

**Time:** 12:05 p.m. to 8:30

**Place:** Notre Dame Church

**Features:** Program begins with Mass and continues with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day, and concludes with a Holy Hour from 7 p.m. to 8. Members from the team that represented the diocese at the World Meeting of Families will be on hand to make a presentation, to speak and to offer free books, other resources.

## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

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

**Date:** June 8-20 (Closed Sundays)

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

**Place:** Notre Dame parking lot

**Features:** Furniture, household goods, tools, baby items, toys, books, bedding, miscellaneous.

## 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

## JEFFERSON

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** - An Ecumenical Bereavement meeting to be held.

**Date:** May 23

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

**Speaker:** Francee Calarco, co-owner of Calarco's Funeral Home. Ms. Calarco has been a funeral director for 32 years and is active in community service.

**Topic:** "Remembering your loved one at memorial programs".

## LAY MINISTERS DINNER MEETING

**Watertown** - The Assoc. of Commissioned Lay Ministers the Jefferson-Lewis Deaneries invites Commissioned Lay Ministers or Candidates of the Jefferson-Lewis Deaneries to attend the "Spring 2016 Dinner Meeting".

**Date:** May 19

**Time:** Event begins Mass at 5:15 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Motherhouse

**Speaker:** St. Ellen Rose Coughlin on "Celebrating Mercy in Our World"

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Contact:** RSVP by May 13, 2016 to: Jeanne Grizzuto, Secretary @ 315-393-2920, ext. 1412 or mail: jgrizzuto@rcdony.org

## FR. LABAFF CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

**Clayton** - Masses of Thanksgiving on the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the

Priesthood of Fr. Arthur LaBaff are set

**Date:** May 27 at 5 p.m.; May 29, 9 a.m.

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

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** May 26

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

**Place:** St. Anthony's Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

## IHC OPEN HOUSES

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

**Primary School:** May 23 at 6:30 p.m.; call 315-788-7011 to make an appointment for Kindergarten screening

**Intermediate school:** July 19 and Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

## HEALING MASS

**Clayton** - St. Mary's Church will hold its annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** 11 a.m.

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

**Features:** During Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered and immediately following Mass will be prayer teams, to pray for individual needs. A social time, with refreshments, will take place in the Parish Center. The Tetrault family will be available to share stories about their grandfather, Antoine.

**Contact:** St. Mary's Parish Office at 315-686-3398 or visit the website www.stmarysclayton.org

## DINNER FOR TWO

**Evans Mills** - The parishioners of St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. Teresa's will be celebrating a Dinner for Two.

**Date:** May 21

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 8:30

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish center

**Features:** The dinner is free and open to all married and engaged couples. It will be an enriching evening with dinner and guest speakers Stephen Tartaglia, Director of Family Life for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and his wife Christina, who will be speaking on the topic of marriage and family life.

**Contact:** You must register in advance - seating is limited. For a reservation form or more information call: Laura Fitzpatrick at (315) 629-4678

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# Another great year for MCA



The Mission Office would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the children in our diocese who are receiving/have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation over the coming days and weeks. This is such an exciting time of year in the lives of young Catholics. These steps continue our children down the path of a life in Christ as Catholics. It is much work and effort to get them onto this path. Our children are so blessed to have had supportive family and dedicated catechists prepare them for these blessed days.

Saint John Paul II says, "Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian Doctrine imparted in an organic and systematic way into the fullness of Christian life."

The sacraments are an essential component. Pope Francis continues to remind us that "Baptism makes us missionary disciples". Being a missionary disciple requires one to be active in the primary mission of the Church – to spread the Good News to all nations. Forming students to know and respect Christ and care for those less fortunate in the developing lands is the goal of MCA. MCA serves to "animate and provide" for the youngest missionary disciples, much like those receiving Holy Communion and Confirmation this month. We strive to make sure that they learn that we are all created equal in God's image.

The Mission Office, while promoting the MCA program, strives to live by the teachings of Matthew, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Pope Francis chose that beatitude for World Youth Day. He emphasized that becoming poor in spirit makes you realize your own inferiority through recognizing God's greatness. This is the goal of MCA. Thank you to our students, teachers, schools and parishes that participated this year once again in our MCA program and for promoting the message of MCA and more importantly, Pope Francis. God Bless!

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## OBITUARIES

**Black River** – William P. McLean, 79; Funeral Service May 10, 2016 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

**Black River** – Sherry W. Perkins, 83; Funeral Services May 13, 2016 at St. Paul's Church.

**Cadyville** – Marjey E. Hulbert, 87; Funeral Services May 13, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Canton** – Richard F. Sheridan Sr., 88; Funeral Services May 11, 2016 at O'Leary Funeral Home.

**Carthage** – William F. Soules, Jr., 74; Funeral Services May 12, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in Hillside Cemetery, Champion.

**Champlain** – Rene Bedard, 60; Funeral Services May 13, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rouses Point.

**Chateaugay** – Royal "Roy" Holt, 79; Funeral Services May 14, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** – John W. "Jack" Martin Sr., 76; Funeral May 10, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Ellenburg Depot.

**Constable** – Edward LaRose; Funeral Service May 13, 2016 at St. Francis of Assis Church; burial in Burke Center Cemetery.

**Coopersville** – Irene J. (Racine) Tetreault, 85; Funeral May 9, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Croghan** – Albert "Dennis" Barbarito, 58; Funeral Services May 12, 2016 at Scanlon Funeral Home.

**Gouverneur** – Richard L. Desjardins, 78; Funeral Services May 11, 2016 at the

Green Funeral Home; burial in East River-side Cemetery.

**Harrisville** – Myrtle M. Chartrand, 85; Funeral Services May 16, 2016 at St. Francis of Solanus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Harrisville** – Keith R. LaDuc, 32; Funeral Services May 13, 2016 at St. Francis Solanus Church.

**Hogansburg** – Cecelia Delormier Sylvester, 96; Funeral Services May 11, 2016 at St. Regis Church.

**Lowville** – Margaret (Roy) Mealus, 83; Funeral Services May 9, 2016 at Sundquist Funeral Home.

**Massena** – Clara Ann (Potvin) Dywan, 92; Funeral Services May 14, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Shirley M. (Elliott) Taillefer, 79; Funeral Services May 13, 2016 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

**Mineville** – Richard P. Cawley, 84; Funeral Services May 14, 2016 at Church of All Saints.

**Ogdensburg** – Hazel M. (Gebo) Lalonde, 90; Funeral Services May 14, 2016 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Ogdensburg Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Martha J. (Garcia) Bartoszek, 84; Funeral Services May 11, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville.

**Plattsburgh** – Donald O. LaTour, 77; Funeral Services May 9, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Judith Marie Ryan, 76; Memorial Services Sept. 2016 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – James W. Wardner, DMD, 66; Funeral Services May 4, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in Lake Cemetery, Cumberland Head.

**Port Leyden** – Noreen C. (Leichty) Smith, 80; Funeral May 6, 2016 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** – Leo George Fuller, 81; Funeral Services May 13, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

**Watertown** – Marie (McDonald) Carbone, 77; Funeral Services May 13, 2016 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

**Watertown** – Sharon M. (O'Neil) Patterson, 80; Funeral Services May 12, 2016 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**West Chazy** – Doris M. Giguere-Lambert, 85; Funeral May 9, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Westville** – John Nason, 68; Funeral services May 7, 2016 at Our Lady of Fatima; burial in St. Francis of Assis Cemetery.

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## JEFFERSON

### ST. JOHN BOSCO OPEN HOUSE

**Watertown** – St. John Bosco Preschool to have an open house for potential new families.

**Date:** May 26

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. to 1:15

**Place:** IHC Primary School

**Features:** Visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about the programs for 3, 4, and 5 year olds.

**Contact:** 315-788-7011 for more information

## LEWIS

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

**Houseville** - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of June will be held.

**Date:** June 5

**Time:** 3 p.m.

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

**Features:** Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

**Contact:** 348-6260 for information.

### ST. PETER'S MAY FESTIVAL

**Lowville** - Plans for St. Peter's May Festival have begun.

**Date:** May 20, 21 and 22

**Place:** Lewis County Fairgrounds

**Features:** Friday is the Grand Opening at 5 pm; Carnival rides featuring Saturday matinee with unlimited rides from 1 p.m. to 5. The Festival will feature homemade food specialties including shiskabob, pizza, chili, hot dogs, hamburgers, fried dough, pie & ice cream. Other booths will include "This-N-That",

a giant bake sale, and games. On Saturday, craft fair opens at 11 a.m., calk Walk at 2 p.m., Mass will be celebrated on the grounds at 4 p.m. On Sunday, a chicken barbecue from 11 a.m. until all are gone! Pre-sale tickets available, please call the office (376-6662). At 3 p.m., the drawings begin for cash totaling \$2000.

### K OF C BRUNCH

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

**Date:** May 22

**Time:** 8 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. John's Church Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Lowville:** One hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, Benediction.

**Dates:** May 26

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 5

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

## ST. LAWRENCE

### LAUDATO SI

**Colton** - The parishes of St. Mary's in Potsdam and St. Patrick's in Colton will be offering a program on the Papal encyclical, "Laudato Si'."

**Date:** May 26, June 2, 9 June 16

**Time:**

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

**Features:** The topic will be "Caring for God's Creation." The sessions will have guest speakers.

**Contact:** Molly Amoriell (265-4850) or e-mail Aileen O'Donoghue (aodonoghue@stlawu.edu).

### HEALING MASS

**Raymondville** – St. Raymond's Church will host a Healing Mass.

**Date:** June 7

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Features:** Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 6 p.m. During Mass there will be Communal Anointing of the Sick with optional private group prayer after Mass.

**Contact:** 384-4242

### SPRING GETAWAY RAFFLE

**Ogdensburg** – St. Joseph's Home to have a Spring Getaway Raffle.

**Drawing date:** June 17

**Cost:** \$3 each or 2 for \$5

**Features:** Over \$1000 value. One ticket wins it all. Akwesasne Mohawk Resort Overnight stay for 2; \$25 Resort Rewards Akwesasne Mohawk Casino; Cape Air – Round trip tickets for 2 Ogd.-Boston; The Place Gift Card; Hosmer's Marina Gift Card; Buster's Family Restaurant Gift Card; 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, Gift Card; Bonnie Castle Resort Dinner Gift Card; Wine & Beer Cruise for two Uncle Sam's Tours; Singer Castle - Four tickets for two to tour; Basta's Flowers, bouquet of roses; Remington Art Museum Gift shop Items

**Contact:** 315-393-3780 to reserve your raffle tickets.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

**Potsdam** – Corpus Christi Regional Celebration to be held.

**Date:** May 29

**Time:** 2 p.m.

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

**Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley will be the main celebrant. Mass & Eucharistic Procession as we celebrate the Body & Blood of the Lord. Members of parish societies and Catholic organizations are invited to attend in the robe & regalia of your group for the liturgy. Refreshments & fellowship will be enjoyed immediately following the procession.

**Contact:** Groups attending are asked to contact the Potsdam parish office at 315-265-9680 for planning purposes.

### FOR SR. RITA FRANCES

**Ogdensburg** – Memorial Mass to be held for Sister Rita Francis Brady, GNSH

**Date:** June 3

**Time:** 4 p.m.

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

## LOOK WHO'S 95... AND 90!



Parishioners of the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay recently celebrated the birthdays of 95-year-old Edgar Lancot and his 90-year-old wife, Jeanne. A message from the parish said, "We would like to extend our birthday wishes to this faith filled couple, Jeanne and Edgar Lancot. May God bless them with good health and happiness for all their days."

**Features:** A Memorial Mass for Sister Rita Frances Brady, GNSH, will be offered on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bishop Terry LaValley will be the celebrant. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus. Priests are invited to concelebrate and all friends are welcome.

### FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

**Saranac Lake** – Come celebrate family at Family Guggenheim.

**Date:** First Session August 11-14, Second Session August 18-21, Third Session October 7-9

**Features:** A four day get away in the beautiful Adirondacks where you will be able to hike, swim and praise with other faithful families! You will enjoy engaging workshops, free time for the beach and nature and rest, fishing, liturgies, family rosary, campfires, a variety show, prayer, and lots of time to play.

**Contact:** Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader dleader@rcdony.org 315-287-2874

### 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 we can cultivate a culture of vocations.

**Contact:** For more information, full schedule and to register, go to [www.inspirecalledtolove.org](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.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 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 or for more information about Rachel's Vineyard visit [www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life).

### 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

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