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## Pope: We can't ignore the poor

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - How Christians treat the poor is the clearest demonstration of their relationship with God, Pope Francis insisted. "To ignore the poor is to despise God! And we must learn this well: To ignore the poor is to despise God!" the pope said

May 18 during his weekly general audience.

The pope focused on the Gospel parable of the rich man and Lazarus and said the story is a reminder of the "harsh reproach" that will come at the final judgment for those who ignore the

needs of the poor. Lazarus represents both "the silent cry of the poor of all time and the contradiction of a world in which vast wealth and resources are in the hands of a few," the pope said.

By excluding Lazarus, the

pope said, the rich man "made himself the center of everything, closed in his world of luxury and waste." In the parable, the rich man has no name, he noted, while Lazarus' name - which means "God helps" - is mentioned five times.

## Bishop names new chancellor

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has announced the appointment of James Crowley as Chancellor of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and Delegate for Pastoral Ministers.

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Mr. Crowley, a parishioner of St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, is a graduate of Wadhams Hall Seminary College and a permanent deacon candidate.

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## Rest in peace, Deacon Schmidt

Bishop LaValley presided at May 19 funeral Mass of Deacon William G.

Schmidt at St. Patrick's in Watertown

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## CONGRATULATIONS, JUBILARIANS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Seven of the ten priests of the diocese celebrating special anniversaries in 2016 were able to take part in the Jubilee Mass held May 18 during the diocesan Priests' Retreat at the Edgewood Resort in Alexandria Bay. Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York was the retreat leader. Pictured, seated from left, are Father Leo A. Wiley, celebrating 60 years of priesthood; Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy, 70 years; Father Richard S. Sturtz, 60 years; and Father John J. Looby, 50 years; standing, Father Garry B. Giroux, 40 years; Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Father Arthur J. LaBaff, 50 years; and Father Kris C. Lauzon, 25 years. Profiles of the jubilarians begin on page 4.

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## CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

Draws record numbers



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., pauses as he speaks at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast May 17 in Washington. The 12th annual prayer breakfast drew a record high of about 1,300 attendees to a downtown Washington hotel. Ryan, a Catholic, said that people of faith have the responsibility to "advocate for their faith," not only through good works, but on spiritual realms - one being through prayer. In addition to highlighting the importance of prayer, Ryan also emphasized the need to advocate for the government to safeguard religious liberty. "Religious liberty is going to make a comeback," he said. "There is a growing need for faith in this nation."



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# Seventy years of sensational service

Back in 1946, Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, like all Americans, welcomed a return to normalcy after World War II came to an end.

Elections that year gave majorities to Republicans in the House and Senate as President Truman, a Democrat, sat in the Oval Office. The first meeting of the United Nations took place in Long Island in October. *It's a Wonderful Life* with Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed was released in December and the first America saint – Mother Frances Cabrini – was canonized in July.

That year – 70 years ago – was of great significance in our part of the country as well.

That was the year that saw the launching of the *North Country Catholic* and, sixth

months later, the launching of the one and only Msgr. Robert McCarthy as a priest.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

We can give great credit to Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart for having the vision to establish a diocesan newspaper and, more importantly, to ordain a young man who would touch thousands of people around the world with his faith.

Our fifth bishop didn't know, of course, that Msgr. McCarthy would become internationally known as the Carny Priest but clippings that fatten the *NCC's* "Father McCarthy" file tell the tale.

In 1993 interview, as he retired, Msgr. McCarthy shared the story of the growth of his unique ministry.

Back in 1961, when he was pastor in Gouverneur, the

young priest knew a lot of people who couldn't afford to go to the county fair so he went looking for free tickets.

"Jim Quinn, a good man, gave me lots of tickets," Msgr. McCarthy remembered. "The next year, Jim phoned the rectory and told me that the carnival workers had been hurt by people who called them thieves. Their children had been refused baptism. I offered to instruct and baptize the children."

The carnival workers "have a grapevine of their own," Msgr. McCarthy said. "I was asked to conduct a funeral service of a carnival worker in New York City. The word spread and I was invited to Tampa, Miami, Chicago. It really grew into something big."

Big enough to be recognized by more than one pope.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI named Msgr. McCarthy to the Pontifi-

cal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Itinerant People.

In 1979, he was invited to a private audience with Pope John Paul II who knew of his work with the migrants.

Now that he's approaching his 98th birthday, Msgr. McCarthy's ministry to carnival workers comes in his prayer for them and for all of us.

To say that we are grateful for the 70 years of Msgr. McCarthy's priesthood – as well as the decades of service of all of our jubilarians – is such a woeful understatement.

Their biographies, featured throughout the pages of this week's *NCC*, give only a glimpse of the service and pastoral devotion that these priests have given to the people of the North Country. Well done good and faithful servants. We look forward to having you in our midst for many years (and decades!) to come.

## A special time to pray for our priests

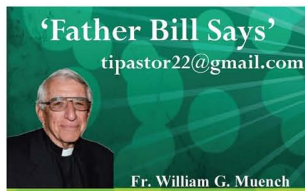
I have had the honor of celebrating a few jubilee anniversaries in my time. Each year we priests celebrate our priesthood with the anniversary of our ordination; we also rededicate ourselves as priests at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday at the Cathedral with our bishop.

Certain years, like 70, 60, 50, 40 and 25 are, by tradition, jubilee years.

Each year at our spring Diocesan Priests' Meeting, we hold a special Mass and banquet in honor of those who are celebrating their jubilees.

This year, although the Spring Priests' Meeting was a retreat (led by Cardinal Timothy Dolan) we still had our jubilee celebration. This is a time to brag a bit and to recognize the many years that have been piled up. This year it was especially joyful to celebrate the 70th anniversary for one of our priests – Monsignor Robert McCarthy. Congratulations, Father Mac.

As I remember my jubilee



Fr. William G. Muench

years, I know that I celebrated with gratitude. My prayers were prayers of appreciation for all that God allowed me to accomplish during my years as a priest.

Today, I continue to be grateful to God for the guidance and help to live out my ministry as a priest. I am grateful for the challenges that the Holy Spirit has placed before me over the years. I am grateful for the many wonderful, loving people who have supported and helped me and been part of my ministry.

During this year's retreat, I prayed, in a special way, for all of my brother priests, in a special way, remembering and praying for those celebrating their jubilees.

May God continue to support us all and keep us healthy and dedicated to our priesthood. May God continue to fill our diocese with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, filling all priests and parishes with the love of our God.

The jubilee is not about years – how many we have put in. Actually, the celebration of the jubilee may be about just one day. I know that I remember with intense gratitude one of those perfect days, when God chose me to bring love and peace to someone, a moment when I truly helped change a life, a time of making someone a better person.

I was blessed by the Holy Spirit to be in the right place at the right time and helped to say the right thing. Of course, I hope there were many such days with many people helped.

Yet, that one day will still stay with me as outstanding and special.

It is such a great day when I can celebrate a priest friend's jubilee. It is a meaningful op-

portunity for me. I find it such a special moment when I can demonstrate my gratitude for this priest's ministry and offer my support and congratulations.

As I take this time to offer my thanks and congratulations to our priests here in the North Country, I remind myself to add my remembrance of the deceased priests of our diocese, especially those who have died recently.

One of the more impressive ceremonies of our Spring Meeting is an evening time of prayer to remember and pray for our deceased priests, especially those who have died during the past year. As his name is called out a candle is lit for each priest and deacon in remembrance. It is a special and important moment.

Let me take this opportunity to invite you to join us in your prayers for the priests of your diocese, remembering, in a special way those special priests who are celebrating their jubilees.



# Bishop appoints James Crowley new chancellor

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced the appointment of James Crowley as Chancellor of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and Delegate for Pastoral Ministers.

Mr. Crowley will succeed St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw in those positions.

Sister Jennifer has been appointed Superior of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown effective Sept. 1.

"I am most grateful that Mr. Crowley has accepted this appointment," said Bishop LaValley, "Jim brings a record of service to the Church, a love of the Church and a wonderful set of skills to the position."

The appointment will begin on June 6, and will give Mr. Crowley the opportunity to work with Sister Jennifer to learn the details and the work involved in these positions.

Mr. Crowley graduated from Wadhams Hall Seminary College, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies. Since 1989, Mr. Crowley has operated C3 - Crowley Computer Consulting, where he has been involved in computer, network and software consultation, training, sales and service.

Mr. Crowley has also served the Church in various capacities. He has served on various committees at Wadhams Hall Seminary College and St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy.

Mr. Crowley has served on the Pastoral Council at St. Mary's Cathedral for more than 20 years, and currently serves on the transition team for the linkage of the Cathedral and Notre Dame Parishes in Ogdensburg. He

also worked on the staff at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake and as director of Sports Camp in Ogdensburg.

Mr. Crowley is currently in the Deacon Formation program, and hopes to be ordained a deacon in October 2017.

Mr. Crowley resides in Ogdensburg with his wife, Rita, and their three daughters, Allison, Bethany and Margaret.

He is active in the community and has coached in the Lisbon girls soccer league and Kiwanis youth soccer league. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

"I am honored and humbled that Bishop LaValley has asked me to serve as Chancellor and Delegate for Pastoral Ministers," Mr. Crowley said. "I appreciate his confidence and this opportunity to serve the Diocese and the people of God in the North Country."

"I look forward to working with Bishop LaValley and his staff, he said.

As Chancellor, Mr. Crowley will safeguard and maintain the diocesan archives, oversee the maintenance and use of the Guggenheim Center in Saranac Lake, direct the Office of Cemeteries for the diocese, oversee maintenance and upkeep of the diocesan campus, and will make annual reports to the official Catholic directory, the USCCB and the Vatican.

Mr. Crowley will also serve as the Diocesan spokesperson and liaison to the media.

In his role as Delegate for Pastoral Ministers, Mr. Crowley will serve non-ordained pastoral ministers by providing workshops, days of prayer, and opportunities for lay ministers to network on an ongoing basis.



James Crowley

# Funeral held May 19 for Deacon William G. Schmidt

WATERTOWN - Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at a Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon William G. Schmidt, 93, May 19 at St. Patrick's Church.

Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, concelebrated with priests of the diocese and fellow deacons assisting. Father

Arthur J. LaBaff, former pastor at St. Patrick's served as the homilist.

Deacon Schmidt died May 15 at Samaritan Keep Home where he had resided since April. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery.

Deacon Schmidt was born in Utica May 16, 1922, son of James H. and Eleanor Clark Schmidt. On Oct. 9, 1942, he entered the US Army. He served in Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern and Southern France, Rhineland and Rome-Arno. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Service and the Good Conduct Medals. He was honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1945.

After his service, he began college and received his B. S. in physical therapy from Ithaca College on June 4, 1949 and a master's degree in education from Syracuse University.

In 1949 he married Sara Vivian Phelps at Holy Family Church in Fulton. In 1952 the couple moved to Watertown where Deacon Schmidt became the

first licensed physical therapist in the city. He became Chief of Physical Therapy at Mercy Hospital and also maintained a private practice in physical therapy. He enjoyed gardening and caring for his land and camping.

In 1985 he was ordained a permanent deacon by the Diocese of Ogdensburg and had served as president of the St. Lawrence Society, the Ogdensburg Diocese's organization for Deacons. He was a communicant and deacon at St. Patrick's Church.

In his ministry Deacon Schmidt enjoyed serving his church and diaconate by visiting the sick and home-

bound and was very devoted to his ministry.

In addition to his wife, S. Vivian, he is survived by his seven children, John and Sheila Schmidt, Cheverly, MD; Mary and Francis Navarra, Watertown; Therese Schmidt, Brooklyn; Mark and Denise Schmidt, Syracuse; Robert Schmidt, Hudson Falls; Margaret and James Sullivan, Baldwinsville; and Thomas and Vanessa Schmidt, Manhasset, Long Island; twenty-one grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; sister, Dorothy O'Toole, Utica; brother-in-law, Bruce B. Phelps; several nieces and nephews including James Wiley Schmidt and companion, Manny Gonzalez, Deborah and William Marscher, Linda and Peter Russell and Carol Hoyt.

Deacon Schmidt was predeceased by his grandson, Andrew Schmidt, his brother and his wife, James and Margaret Schmidt and brother-in-law, Howard O'Toole.

Donations may be made to either St. Patrick's Church, 123 S. Massey St., Watertown, NY 13601 or to a charity of your choice.



Deacon William Schmidt



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Bishop LaValley is shown with the senior priest of the diocese, Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy, who is observing 70 years of priesthood in 2016. Msgr. McCarthy was ordained Oct. 19, 1946.

## Carny priest and pastor observes 70th anniversary

Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy, celebrating 70 years as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, spent 21 of those years as pastor of Holy Family Church in Watertown.

A native of Potsdam, he was born July 1, 1918, graduated from Potsdam High School and attended Potsdam State Teachers College for one year before beginning studies for the priesthood.

He studied at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester before his ordination Oct. 19, 1946, by Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart.

Early in his priesthood, Msgr. McCarthy served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Canton; assistant pastor at Holy Family, Watertown; and pastor in Old Forge, West Leyden, Colton and South Colton.

He was director of the Catholic Youth Council from its beginning in 1958 to 1966 and named diocesan director of the Apostleship of Prayer in 1966.

On May 19, 1960, Msgr. McCarthy was named a Papal Chamberlain (Chaplain of His Holiness) with the title monsignor.

In 1961, he was appointed pastor at St. James in Gouverneur and, in 1972 pastor of Holy Family, a position he held until his retirement in 1993.

In addition to his ministry within the diocese, Msgr. McCarthy was internationally known as the "Carny Priest." For decades, he provided liturgical and sacramental services to carnival workers across the United States.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI named Msgr. McCarthy to the Pontifical Commission for

the Pastoral Care of Itinerant People.

He was also named the official chaplain for the 60,000 carnival workers in the United States.

In 1979, he was honored with a private audience with Pope John Paul II who knew of his work with the migrants.

Msgr. McCarthy was also credited with bringing the Precious Blood Sisters to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in the 1960s and providing financial support to the contemplative religious order with contributions from the carnival workers.

The priest also served as chaplain for the State Police Troop B, based in Oneida.

Msgr. McCarthy, who will celebrate his 98th birthday July 1 currently resides at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown.

To our beloved Pastor Emeritus

# Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy



**Congratulations on celebrating 70 years in the priesthood!**

The parishioners of Church of the Holy Family, Watertown



## FOLLOW ME

# 'We thank God for the gift of one another'

In the first Harry Potter book, *The Philosopher's Stone*, Harry finds himself at one point in a room with a mirror. When he looks into the mirror he sees not just himself but his parents standing behind him. They are smiling at him with great love in their eyes.

**I'm so very proud and humbled to minister with you because the pastoral pastures, they are a changing, and you are determined to smell of your sheep however they come or go**

As you remember, Harry is an orphan whose both parents were killed by the evil wizard at the very beginning of the story, when Harry was only four. Harry is entranced with the mirror and keeps on returning to the room at every possible opportunity.

Then one day the mirror was gone, and Harry is distraught. Out of the shadows, steps his wise and kindly headmaster, who explains to Harry that the mirror shows what a person most deeply desires. Its danger is, as with Harry, that it encourages people to lose themselves in fantasy rather than reality. So, the headmaster arranged for the mirror to be removed to another room where it would not be so easily accessible.

He wants Harry to return to reality but not in any way embittered because of his sense of loss or the impossibility of his dreams. It is more that he wants the experience to prepare Harry for the trials ahead, for at the end of the book the evil wizard will tempt Harry with the offer of his parents' return, if only Harry will hand over the philosopher's stone. Harry must have both the wisdom and the courage to resist the temptation.



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

**Bishop LaValley delivers the homily at the May 18 Jubilee Mass held at the Edgewood Resort in Alexandria Bay. The Mass, during which priests celebrating 70, 60, 50, 40 and 25 years of ordination were honored, took place during the diocesan Priests' Retreat May 17-20. Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York served as the retreat leader.**

God's presence among us is ultimately mysterious. It can certainly not be confined to any one human explanation or idea. Jesus uses the parables in the gospels to offer us hints or illustrations as to some of the important but differing aspects of His presence.

Sometimes we would like God's presence to be much more cut and dried. God would appear to us, show us the way through life and make all our problems and anxieties disappear. Boy, wouldn't we sometimes like Him to be in that mirror where we can gain some reassurance and certainty from Him?

The difficulty with such a desire is that it does not allow us to grow. It is as though, like Harry in front of the mirror, we want to step out of life and just look on to an image of comfort. In our mirrors we envision dreams of what the perfect parish would be like. Perhaps, we long for how it used to be.

We have our wishes for how the Church, the Dio-

cese of Ogdensburg should be. If only God cooperated more, or even the Bishop! But God, my brothers, wants us to win our spurs in the messiness and marvels of ministry.

We are to live out the unique gift of the life given to each one of us, and through that living to come into our own special and personal relationship with God. Our road to holiness and fulfillment is through our lived priestly ministry. We are challenged not to become discouraged, distraught or disillusioned because, perhaps that image in our mirror seems, more and more, an unrealizable fantasy, a fleeting illusion. No, we embrace the chaos and contradictions of life in all its challenging mixture of good and evil, proclaiming the truth of our faith.

And, on occasions such as tonight, we have men who we honor whose priestly lives challenge each of us not to be afraid or hesitant to make such proclamation. Let me give you one example. I hadn't been ordained

very long at all when I heard about this man called the Carny Priest. Everybody said that he had traveled to Burbank or somewhere in that area of southern California to be on a television show: *To Tell the Truth*. Such TV personalities as Orson Bean, Peggy Cast, Harry Morgan, Kitty Carlisle, and Bill Cullen would quiz and then try to determine which of the three contestants was actually the Carny Priest.

Well, as you well remember, Msgr. McCarthy could fool no one. Truth be told—He was the Carny priest through and through. There was no hiding it!

You know that we exude who and whose we are through our presence to people. Truth be told, each of us happily reveals who we are - priest of God - through and through. There is no hiding it! That's why our pastoral approachability is so important as we seek to welcome our neighbor to worship with us. Yes, we labor and struggle, but, as St. Paul reminds the Colos-

sians, it is God's power that we exercise within us.

As Cardinal Dolan reminded us, we must be self-possessed, Christ-possessed. It is His Spirit that encourages and challenges us in our ministry, particularly when our pastoral vision seems an impossible dream. Sometimes we feel like the lamb among wolves in a society that seems increasingly hostile to the Church and Christ's teachings.

I'm so very proud and humbled to minister with you because the pastoral pastures, they are a changing, and you are determined to smell of your sheep however they come or go.

Despite our occasional fears to the contrary, we are not alone. We have the presence of God living in and through us. Even when we lose our way we are reassured that God is there, turning everything to our good. It is as we grow in our awareness of this happening, we can enlighten the lives and ministries of our brother priests as well as the lives of all the folks with whom we live and minister. Life is truly a journey to be lived, a gift to be unwrapped. Yes, the road is filled with many challenges, heartaches and joys. Through it all we, as individuals, grow to learn more and more about ourselves and our

God. We thank God for the gift of one another. As companions on this journey called life, we thank God we have one another along the way. Tonight, we especially express gratitude to these Jubilarians whose lives of service and holiness cause us to rejoice and spur us on in our ministry to God's holy people. And we thank God for holy men such as Cardinal Dolan whose inspiring leadership instills such hope, courage and joy within our priestly hearts. May God be praised... forever may God be praised!



## PARISHES HONOR THEIR PASTOR



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Father Kris Lauzon, pastor in Keeseville, AuSable Forks and Wilmington, was honored by his parishioners on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of priesthood during a special Mass held April 30 at St. John the Baptist Church in Keeseville. He is shown above leading one of the altar servers back to the altar after they had walked through the church to bless the congregation.

## Fr. Kris Lauzon

*Thank you for your service to Holy Name, St. Matthew and St. Margaret's Church for the last five years.*



*We've received the blessing of your answering God's call to enter the priesthood 25 years ago.*

### Bishop's Schedule

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

**May 26** - 7 p.m., Confirmation at Holy Family Church in Watertown

**May 27** - 5 p.m., Father Arthur LaBaff's 50th Anniversary Mass at St. Mary's Church in Clayton

**May 28** - 11 a.m., Deacon Ordination of Mr. Michael Jablonski at St. John's Church in Plattsburgh

**May 29** - 2 p.m., Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam

**May 31** - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg  
2 p.m., Meeting with the Priests of St. Lawrence Deanery at St. Mary's Church in Canton

**June 1** - 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in Malone

### Rest in Peace

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

**May 25** - Rev. J. Hector Mignerone, 1958

**May 26** - Rev. Thomas J. Kelleher, 1889; Rev. Steven H. Gratto, 2012

**May 27** - Rev. J. Rosario Jalbert, O.M.I., 1938; Msgr. Wilfred Allen Nugent, 1991; Rev. Andrew R. Mulvaney, 2013

**May 29** - Rev. Arthur C. Kenny, 1945; Rev. Hervé Racette, O.M.I., 1948

**May 30** - Rev. Heliodore Valois, 1952

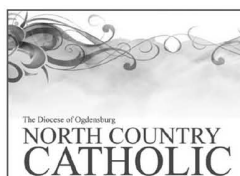
**May 31** - Rev. John J. Dean, 1930; Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993

### 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 is the Trinity Related to Ecology?

Pope Francis tells us that "For Christians, believing in one God who is Trinitarian communion suggests that the Trinity has left its mark on all creation." He quotes St. Bonaventure who teaches us that "each creature bears in itself a specifically Trinitarian structure, so real that it could be readily contemplated. . . ." "The Father is the ultimate source of everything, the loving and self-communicating foundation of all that exists. The Son, his reflection, through whom all things were created, united himself to this earth when he was formed in the womb of Mary. The Spirit, infinite bond of love, is intimately present at the very heart of the universe, inspiring and bringing new pathways. The world was created by the three Persons acting as a single divine principle. . . when we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity." *Laudato Si* #238, #239

Let us pray his prayer: . . . Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love.

Teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made.

God of love, show us our place in the world as channels of Your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in Your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference that they may love the common good and advance the weak and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with Your power and light, help us to protect all life; to prepare for a better future for the coming of Your Kingdom of Justice, Peace, Love and Beauty!  
AMEN"





# Two 60-year jubilarians are honored

Two priests of the diocese - Father Richard S. Sturtz and Father Leo A. Wiley - were honored for 60 years of priesthood at the Jubilee Mass and dinner held May 18 during the diocesan priests' retreat in Alexandria Bay.

## Father Sturtz

Father Sturtz, who retired in 2014, has been offering pastoral service in Ogdensburg since that time. He resides at Notre Dame rectory and serves as chaplain at St. Joseph's Nursing Home.

Before his retirement, Father Sturtz was pastor in Schroon Lake and Olmstedville for 19 years, from 1995. Previously he had served as pastor in Morrisonville and Treadwells Mills. He was also pastor in AuSable Forks from 1983 to 1988.

Father Sturtz has spent most of his priesthood on staff of Wadhams Hall Seminary College. He was the librarian from 1957 to 1983 and also served as spiritual director and teacher at the seminary.

The priest was born Jan.

16, 1931 in Lowville. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Catholic University before his ordination May 19, 1956 by Bishop James J. Navagh. He also earned a degree in library science at Catholic University.

Father Sturtz first assignment was as assistant pastor in Brownville. In 1957 he was appointed as librarian and professor at Wadhams Hall. One year later, he was assigned to serve as the secretary to the bishop while remaining as librarian. After only six months he returned to full time duties at the seminary where he remained for more than a quarter of a century.

Father Sturtz was honored at the Wadhams Hall graduation in 1996 with the Bishop Conroy Founder's Award. Under his guidance the Wadhams Hall library grew from 3000 volumes to nearly 100,000.

## Father Wiley

Father Wiley retired in 2006 after serving 16 years as pastor in Croghan and

now resides at Holy Family rectory in Watertown. He often provides pastoral care in Henderson and Adams.

A native of Cape Vincent, he was born April 15, 1931.

After completing seminary studies at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, he was ordained May 19, 1956 in Ogdensburg by Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg.

The priest served as assistant pastor at St. Joseph's in Malone, St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, St. John's in Plattsburgh, Sacred Heart in Massena and St. Mary's in Clayton. In 1968, he was named pastor in Indian Lake.

Other parish assignments have been administrator in Willsboro and pastor at St. Mary's in Massena, Notre

Dame in Ogdensburg, Lyon Mountain and Croghan.

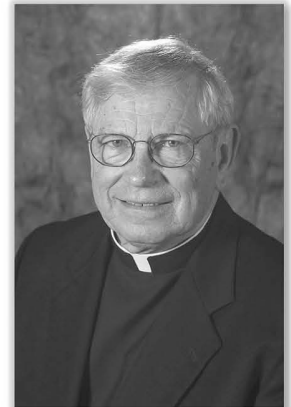
Father Wiley has served the diocese as a pro-synodal judge for the tribunal for 1975 to 1980, chairman of the Liturgy Committee and of the Department of Worship 1976-79, a member of the priests' senate 1967-70 and 1976-78, and as Dean of Lewis Deanery.

Fr. Richard S. Sturtz

Congratulations on your 60th Jubilee!

May God forever bless you.

Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg



*Congratulations, Monsignor McCarthy,  
on your 70th Anniversary of Ordination*



*Thank you Monsignor  
for having been God's  
generous instrument in  
bringing our  
Community to the  
Diocese of Ogdensburg.*

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Precious Blood watch  
over this living Chalice  
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Congratulations



Fr. Terrence R. Patterson  
On celebrating your  
50th Anniversary



# Fr. LaBaff: in the words of a parishioner

By David Morse  
Contributing writer

On Saturday, May 28, 1966,  
Arthur J. LaBaff of Massena,

was ordained into the priest-  
hood at St. Mary's Cathedral  
in Ogdensburg with four  
other men.

Today, he is the last of  
these men still actively serv-

ing in the Diocese of Ogdens-  
burg.

A graduate of Sacred Heart  
Grade School in Massena and  
a 1958 graduate of Massena  
High School, Father LaBaff  
entered the seminary at Wad-  
hams Hall in Ogdensburg  
shortly after graduating high  
school.

After two years at Wad-  
hams Hall, he was assigned to  
Christ the King Seminary  
in St. Bonaventure University  
in Olean, NY, studying two  
years of philosophy and four  
years of theology.

At that time he was one of  
approximately 250 men  
studying to become priests.  
That number has dwindled  
over the years to well under  
50 men.

Father LaBaff was ordained  
by Bishop Thomas Andrew  
Donnellan in a ceremony  
that featured some monu-  
mental changes to the  
Roman Catholic Church. The  
hymns were sung in English  
as were the Ordination In-  
structions from the Bishop,  
instead of in the usual Latin.

This Mass was also con-  
celebrated with the priests fac-  
ing the congregation, both  
new to the Roman Catholic  
Church.

As the Catholic Church in-  
stituted these monumental  
changes, Father LaBaff em-  
barked on an amazing 50-  
year journey of service and  
devotion.

Father LaBaff was first as-  
signed as parochial vicar (as-  
sistant pastor) at Our Lady of



Father Arthur LaBaff was all smiles as he prepared for his ordination May 28, 1966. On this page, David Morse, a parishioner of St. John's in LaFargeville, writes about what he calls "Father LaBaff's amazing 50 year journey of service and devotion."

Victory, Plattsburgh, where  
he served from 1966 to  
1968. He then had assign-  
ments at Notre Dame in Mal-  
one and St. Mary's Cathedral  
in Ogdensburg.

Father LaBaff then served  
as pastor at St. John the  
Evangelist in Morristown and  
Our Lady of Grace in Brier  
Hill, Saints Phillip and James  
in Lisbon, St. Patricks in  
Chateaugay and St. Jude's in  
Brainardsville, Notre Dame in  
Malone, and St. Patrick's in  
Watertown.

In 2009, he was transferred

to St. Mary's in Clayton and  
St. John the Evangelist in La  
Fargeville and serves both  
parishes to this day.

Father La Baff has also  
served as diocesan youth di-  
rector, founding the Guggen-  
heim Summer Camp in 1972.

He has been director of  
the Bishop's Fund, an assis-  
tant chancellor, a Dean in the  
Franklin and Jefferson  
County Deaneries, a Diocesan  
Consultor, member of the  
Council of Priests and of the  
Priests Personal Commit-  
tee.

Throughout his life and ca-  
reer, Father LaBaff has shown  
a great devotion to his fami-  
ly, the church, the parishes  
he has served, and to all peo-  
ple. He has changed many  
lives, and continues to do so.

## Parish celebrations

On Friday, May 27 at 5 p.m.  
at St. Mary's Church in Clay-  
ton, the parishioners of St.  
Mary's in Clayton and St.  
John the Evangelist in La  
Fargeville, invite all to partici-  
pate in spirit of Christian Joy  
in a Liturgy of Thanksgiving  
on the 50th Anniversary of  
Ordination to the Holy Priest-  
hood of their pastor.

On Sunday, May 29 at 9  
a.m. at St. Mary's Church in  
Clayton, the parishioners of  
St. Mary's and St. John's will  
also celebrate Father LaBaff's  
50th Anniversary of Ordina-  
tion to the Priesthood with a  
Mass of Thanksgiving, with a  
reception immediately fol-  
lowing the service. Everyone  
is welcome to these two cel-  
ebratory Masses.

## Congratulations



Fr. Peter G. Helfrich  
On celebrating your  
40th Anniversary

## ✠ FR. LABAFF ✠



Congratulations on celebrating 50 years of  
Eucharist and Service in the priesthood.  
We are so blessed to have you as our pastor.

St. Mary's Church, Clayton  
&

St. John the Evangelist Church, LaFargeville

*Congratulations and thank you to Father Kris Lauzon, as you celebrate 25 years of loving and serving the congregations of the North Country. We salute your devotion to the twenty-three communities you have called 'home and family', plus the campers and staff at Camp Guggenheim, and we say*

*Thank You, just for being there to calm, encourage, lead, guide, and direct those in your care.*

*The heartfelt words in your homily at your celebratory Mass really summed up the shepherding of the flock God has given into your care and how your heart has been warmed and fed by the people's response.*

*May God continue to bless you, as you labor on for His beloved people and the path he has chosen for you.*

*In Gratitude and love,*

*Patty Francisco  
Tupper Lake.*



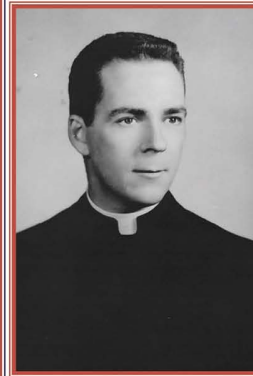


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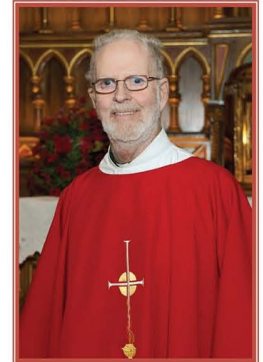
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*50th Anniversary*

2016



The People of the Parishes of St. Patrick's, Brasher Falls  
and St. Lawrence, North Lawrence  
extend our prayerful best wishes and congratulations to

## Rev. Garry B. Giroux



**On his 40th Anniversary.**

Thank you for your dedication to our parishes and the  
Diocese of Ogdensburg

**CELEBRATE!**

St. Peter's and your  
friends wish you many  
blessings.

# Congratulations

## Fr. Leo A. Wiley



*On celebrating 60 years  
in the priesthood.*



*The Catholic Communities of:*

*St. Cecilia's Church, Adams • Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson  
Church of the Holy Family, Watertown*



# Priests honored for 50 years of ministry

Father John J. Looby, celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest retired in 2015, and currently lives at St. Francis rectory in Constable.

He was born Oct. 8, 1939 in Ogdensburg. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's in Baltimore before his ordination May 28, 1966 by Bishop Thomas A. Donnellan.

Father Looby has served as assistant pastor in Waddington, Saranac Lake, Keeseville and St. John's in Plattsburgh.

He joined the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate in 1973 and served as a diocesan missionary in Mollendo, Peru for two years.

Upon his return to the diocese, he was named administrator in Altona and then pastor in Black Brook and Wilmington, at St. Joseph's in Massena, St. Thomas More, Canton, and at Port Henry with additional responsibilities as administrator in Westport.

In 1989 he was named pastor in Dannemora until 2004 when he became pastor in Cumberland Head, then Ellenburg and then, in 2009 administrator for the Catholic Community for Burke and Chateaugay.

In 2010, after the installation of Bishop LaValley, Fa-

ther Looby was made pastor in Burke and Chateaugay, a position he held until his retirement.

## Fr. Mundy

Father Patrick W. Mundy is also celebrating 50 years of priesthood. He is retired and residing at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh.

Father Mundy was born Dec. 6, 1937, in Brooklyn and studied for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Minor Seminary in Peterborough, N.H., the College of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Washington, D.C.; and Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Albany.

He was ordained May 28, 1966 by Bishop Thomas Donnellan.

Father Mundy spent 14 years of his priesthood in service to Catholic Charities. In 1967, he was named assistant secretary of the organization in charge of the Watertown office.

He continued his education from 1969 to 1971 at the Fordham University School of Social Science and then was named director of the Plattsburgh Catholic Charities office, a position he held until 1981.

Father Mundy's pastoral assignments have been as assistant pastor at St. Mary's

Cathedral in Ogdensburg, St. Anthony's in Watertown and St. John's in Plattsburgh; temporary administrator in Keeseville and, from 1981 to 1994, pastor in Bloomingdale. He also served the diocese as Vicar for Religious.

In 1994, he served as administrator for a short time in Potsdam and at the Newman Center in Plattsburgh before beginning studies in January 1995 to become a missionary for the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate.

He worked in Mollendo Peru until May, 2003, when the diocesan mission closed.

Upon his return to the United States he served as administrator and then pastor in Keene and Wilmington.

In 2006, he was named pastor of St. Johns and John XXIII College Community parishes in Plattsburgh until 2008 when he took a leave of absence. He resided at Mount Saviour Monastery in Pine City, NY until returning to the diocese in 2013.

## Fr. Patterson

Also celebrating 50 years as a priest is Father Terrance Patterson who was born in Ogdensburg May 8, 1940. He studied at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's in Baltimore before his ordination May 28, 1966



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop LaValley is pictured with three of golden jubilarians of 2016, Father John Looby, left; Father Patrick Mundy and Father Arthur LaBaff.

by Bishop Donnellan.

The priest served as an assistant pastor in Potsdam, Morrisonville and St. Alphonsus, Tupper Lake. He was name pastor in Redwood in 1973 and Watertown regional religious education director the following year. He also serves as pastor in Evans Mills and chaplain at Jefferson Community College.

Father Patterson left Jefferson County in 1979 to become pastor in Constable. In 1981 he took a leave of absence for health reasons. He was names pastor in Hopkinton in 1982 and retired for health reason in 1983.

(Father Arthur J. LaBaff, a fourth golden jubilarian, is profiled in an article on page 8.)

# Fathers Giroux, Helfrich mark 40th anniversary

Two priests of the diocese are celebrating 40th anniversaries of ordination this year – Father Garry B. Giroux and Father Peter G. Helfrich.

Father Giroux has served as pastor in Brasher Falls and North Lawrence since 2010.

A native of Massena, he was born April 14, 1950. He received a bachelor's degree from Wadhams Hall Seminary-College and a master of divinity degree from Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y.

He and his identical twin brother, Father Harry Giroux, were ordained priests on May 1, 1976 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana. Father

Harry died Feb. 3, 2012.

Father Giroux later earned a master's degree in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame and a JCL degree in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

In September, 2007, he completed the certificate program in Catholic Social Teaching at the Catholic University of America.

Father Giroux has served as assistant pastor at Notre Dame in Malone and St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake. He was pastor in Louisville from 1985 until 1987 when he became Director of Diocesan Relations for The

Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Upon his return to the diocese in 1990, Father Giroux became pastor of the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River.

He was named pastor in Potsdam in 2002, a position he held until his current assignment in Brasher Falls and North Lawrence.

Father Giroux has also served the diocese as secretary to the bishop and associate chancellor as well as executive secretary of the diocesan Department of Worship.

He was Diocesan Coordina-

tor for the Year of Faith Initiatives, a member of the Diocesan Envisioning Team and currently serves as the Diocesan Coordinator for the Vocations Summit.

## Father Helfrich

Father Helfrich, also celebrating 40 years of priesthood, was born June 3, 1949, in Rochester.

He studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew's High School Seminary, St. John Fisher College, St. Bernard's Seminary all in Rochester and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY.

Father Helfrich was incardinated into the Diocese of

Ogdensburg at the time of his ordination as a transitional deacon Dec. 3, 1975.

He was ordained a priest May 1, 1976 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Helfrich has served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart, Massena; in Au Sable Forks, Keeseville, Brasher Falls; St. Joseph, Massena; Holy Family, Watertown; and Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh.

In 1986 Father Helfrich was named pastor of St. Therese and St. Henry, Newcomb and Long Lake; and, in 1994 St. Francis Solanus, Harrisville.

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Archbishop offers prayers at memorial Mass for those in uniform

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services prayed for those U.S. service men and women who have lost their lives in battle for the nation's veterans at a special noon memorial Mass May 15, Pentecost Sunday. About 2,500 Catholics gathered in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington to pay tribute to men and women in the armed forces, and particularly to those who have "paid the ultimate price for American liberty. We remember those who have died since our last archdiocesan celebration... Our prayer extends to all of those who have fallen in combat, as a result of illness or old age, as well as, an earnest uplifting to a loving Father of those who still bear the effects of war in their bodies or minds," the archbishop prayed. "This gesture of communion also includes an earnest petition for those who mourn the loss of loved ones young and old," he continued. "The divine love that inflames our hearts reaches out to those who experience the emptiness of those whose presence is no longer the same and to those who care for our dear veterans."

## USCCB abuse audit warns of complacency

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The annual report on the implementation of the U.S. bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" warns against complacency in dioceses, and the firm contracted to conduct audits of dioceses and parishes said there was "plenty of room for improvement" in implementing two of the charter's articles. In remarks prefacing the report, Francesco C. Cesareo, chairman of the National Review Board, the all-lay group that tracks for the bishops how dioceses address clergy sexual abuse, said this year's audit results "continue to demonstrate the progress that has been made in ensuring safe environments for children in the church. The bishops need to be acknowledged for keeping the protection of children and young people in the forefront of their leadership by continually enhancing their efforts to comply with the charter," Cesareo said. However, he also warned that the U.S. church's progress can "foster a false sense of security" that can "lead to complacency. Such complacency can lead to a minimalist approach to the charter, which can be seen simply as a series of requirements that need to be checked off, as opposed to an implementation that renders the charter fully operative," he said. One example Cesareo gave was that "while every diocese has a diocesan review board, thereby complying with the charter's requirement, in some cases the diocesan review board rarely meets or had not met in several years."

## Service, not power, is the true Christian path, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Those who seek only power and greatness, especially within the church, follow a different path than Jesus, who told his disciples to serve and not to be served, Pope Francis said in a morning homily. Preaching May 17 during Mass in his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the pope said Jesus speaks a language of humiliation, death and redemption, while others "speak the language of climbers" who only thinking of rising to the top of the heap. "The greatest is the one who serves the most, the one who is always at the service of others, not the ones who boast, who seek power, money, vanity and pride," he said, according to Vatican Radio. The pope focused his homily on the day's Gospel reading (Mk. 9:30-37), in which the disciples argued about who was the greatest among them. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus tells them.

# Auriesville Shrine could have new ownership; plans for its future are underway

By Kate Blain  
Catholic News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) - Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger of Albany likes to term the future of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville a "concelebration."

As when priests celebrate a Mass together and each recites one portion of the prayers, he explained, various entities will be collaborating to ensure the shrine's future.

However, the bishop cautioned that some of the information circulating in the secular media about plans for the shrine is premature: The planning process is still underway and is likely to continue for some time.

"The process could take the entire summer," confirmed Carmine Musumeci, former New York state deputy of the Knights of Columbus and a leading member of the Friends of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine Inc., a foundation of concerned Catholics formed by the Albany bishop.

The new not-for-profit organization currently has seven board members and several other interested parties participating in conference calls and other communications to discuss the shrine's future, Musumeci told The Evangelist, Albany's diocesan newspaper.

Not all of the participants are local; board members include Father Terry Brennan, a priest who ministers to Native American communities in New Mexico with a devotion to St. Kateri Tekakwitha; and John DeJak, co-editor of a forthcoming book, "With God In America," featuring the writings of Jesuit Father Walter Ciszek. The priest wrote extensively while he was on retreat at the Au-

riesville shrine; his cause for sainthood is being considered.

Bishop Scharfenberger said he'd like to see the organization attain 503(c)(3) non-profit status. If the planning process for the shrine continues, its ownership could eventually be transferred to the Friends of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine.

However, the Jesuit order would retain its cemetery for priests and brothers on the shrine grounds, the cemetery's related buildings and the portion of the property known as the "Martyrs' Ravine," where St. Isaac Jogues buried the remains of his fellow missionary, St. Rene Goupil, after he was martyred in the 17th century.

The ravine, where pilgrims to the shrine often pray, "is a sacred space important to the Jesuit community," noted Bishop Scharfenberger.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs covers 400 acres in Auriesville on the site of the 17th-century Mohawk village of Ossernenon, where the "Lily of the Mohawks," St. Kateri Tekakwitha, was born. Also called the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, the site includes a massive coliseum used for outdoor liturgies, several chapels, Stations of the Cross, a visitors' center, picnic areas and the Jesuit cemetery.

The Jesuit order, facing a decreasing number of priests and the significant cost of the shrine's upkeep, decided last year to discontinue staffing the site. The Jesuits have continued to provide for maintenance of the grounds through a company called Parish Property Management Inc.

Musumeci said the current annual operating budget for the shrine is about \$400,000 to \$450,000 and that the shrine is "self-sufficient," with cash flow and donations

covering expenses.

A fundraising campaign and radio-a-thon last year raised more than \$2 million for necessary repairs and renovations to several of the shrine's buildings.

After Bishop Scharfenberger expressed interest last year in keeping sacramental ministry alive at the shrine, the Jesuit order offered to transfer ownership to the Albany Diocese. But in early May, the bishop reiterated, as he has stated previously, that "I don't think the shrine can just be managed by one ecclesiastical entity."

Keeping the shrine open, he said, is not a matter of "just transferring it" to another owner. In fact, Musumeci said he would like to see all eight Catholic dioceses in New York state involved in the shrine; to that, the bishop added religious orders and others nationwide.

A statement in an area newspaper that the Albany Diocese would be sending priests to celebrate Masses at the shrine every day is not only premature, Bishop Scharfenberger said, but does not account for the priests from outside the diocese who have expressed an interest in participating.

"I'm hopeful that will happen," he added.

The bishop envisions the shrine's future as focused on four things: evangelization; remembering the saints martyred there; honoring St. Kateri Tekakwitha and her connection with the Native American community; and continuing the tutelage and support of the Jesuit community in relation to the site.

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Celebrating a central mystery of our faith

Today, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, celebrates a central mystery of our faith, Christ, Son of God, as sacrificial food for the world.

All three readings speak about some important events in the Bible that led up to the greatest gift Christ left us, the sacrifice of the Mass.

The first reading tells us about a very successful rescue mission. Abraham, who is not really a military man nor a king, with only a couple of hundred men, bravely rescues his nephew, Lot, who has been taken prisoner by a conspiracy of foreign kings.

Another king,

Melchizedek of Salem, is so grateful for this action that he invites Abraham to a royal banquet, offering him bread and wine, and a special blessing. Abraham, in turn, shows his gratitude by making a covenant with this pagan priest, offering him a tenth (a tithe) of all his property.

Through the centuries, this meal was never forgotten.

The second reading is also an important one, for it's the first sacred writing to speak of what Jesus did at the Last Supper, and to tell us of the very words Jesus spoke in instituting the Holy Eucharist.

Of course, later, the

Gospels would tell us the full story of that sacred night. Jesus tells us that He himself will be the very food of sacrifice for the salvation of the world, and commands the apostles to do this over and over until the end of time.

All four Gospels contain the great story of the multiplication of the loaves of bread and a couple of fish that fed over five thousand. Jesus "took, blessed, broke, and gave" the food on that hillside, just as he would later do in the Upper Room - but with an important difference.

By his action this time, he changes the food into his own Body and Blood. And that four-fold action of Jesus is just what the priest does at every Mass.

Our Holy Father, Pope

MAY 29

**Feast of the Body  
and Blood of Christ**  
READINGS

Genesis 14:18-20  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11b-17

Francis, teaches us that eating of the food of Eucharist keeps us from being torn from him in despair as "cowards - of our sinfulness".

He tells us that we are cowards of our own sinfulness "when we are not obedient to the Word of the Lord, when we do not live brotherhood between us, when we race to occupy the first places, when we do not find the courage to witness

to charity, when we are unable to offer hope."

Feeding on the Eucharist, we are "inserted into a way that does not admit division." "The Christ, present in our midst, in the signs of bread and wine, requires that the power of love exceed every laceration, and at the same time it becomes communion with the poor. support for the weak, and fraternal attention to those who are struggling to carry the weight of everyday life."

When we are in despair of our sinfulness, we "let our Christian dignity be watered down". We become affected by the "idolatries of our time" We become mediocre Christians.

Feeding on Eucharist will "deliver us from our sins and give us back our dignity."



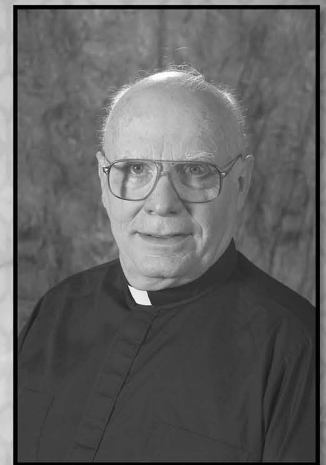
Monsignor  
Paul E.  
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# Fr. John Looby

Thank you for your faithful service to the  
people of God.

*Happy 50th Anniversary.*

St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, St. Francis, St. Patrick's, St. George's and  
Our Lady of Fatima Churches





## AT THE MOVIES

# THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

Take an addictive phone app, contrive a plot to "explain" motivations, chuck in puns, brief potty humor and lengthy slapstick sequences, and you have the inane 3-D animated adaptation "The Angry Birds Movie" (Columbia).

That may sound like a harsh assessment of cheerful, largely inoffensive kiddie fare. So let's put it this way: Which would you rather do, play "Angry Birds" and hurl tiny flightless fowls at evil green pigs - which will at least focus your mind, however fleetingly - or watch a screenful of birds discuss their feelings for 97 minutes?

Among those emotions, in keeping with Hollywood's endless emphasis on individuality, is a central character's determination to

dissent from the preternatural cheerfulness he finds all around him.

"Why do we have to agree?" Red (voice of Jason Sudeikis) asks the other inhabitants of Bird Island. "Why does it matter that we're not the same?"

Sometimes, the film concludes, it's important to have a warrior mindset. Especially so when the island's eggs are at risk from invading pigs who want to enhance their diet with yolky goodness.

That certainly squares with just war theory, and viewers of faith willing to squint sufficiently can even read a pro-life message into the movie's premise.

Red takes an anger management class, which proves futile but does supply him with a duo of new pals, both endowed with superpowers: Chuck (voice of Josh Gad) has the gift of great speed, while Bomb

(voice of Danny McBride), as his name implies, can explode at will.

The pigs, led by Leonard (voice of Bill Hader), seduce the island's residents with endless parties as a preliminary to their egg theft. To thwart them, Red and his friends seek out the Mighty Eagle (voice of Peter Dinklage), the only denizen of the island who can fly. But he's too out of shape to be of any help, at least until the threat to the community's future becomes more obvious.

From there, things progress along lines that the more than three billion people worldwide who've downloaded the app will find familiar. Co-directors Clay Kaytis and Fergal Reilly, working from a script by Jon Vitti, stage rescue sequences involving a giant slingshot that enables the birds to "fly" and hyperkinetic stunts once they land



CNS PHOTO/SONY

Chuck, voiced by Josh Gad, and Red, voiced by Jason Sudeikis, appear in the animated movie "The Angry Birds Movie."

in the pigs' complex lair.

The straightforward plot is unlikely to confuse - and the scenes of combat unlikely to frighten --any but the very youngest children. Accompanying adults, on the other hand, may well find themselves anxious for a speedy conclusion.

The film contains mildly scary action sequences and fleeting scatological humor.

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

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

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



SCHOOL PHOTO

Father Kevin McEwan, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Ticonderoga, is seen in the outside crowning in early May with the school's May Queen, Kylee Bennett and her attendants, Sara Zelinski and Talandra Hurlburt, eighth graders at St. Mary's School.



SCHOOL PHOTO

The children of Holy Family School in Malone line up to take part in their annual May Crowning ceremony May 20.



**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, awards dinner in the clubhouse.  
**Contact:** Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 643-0242 or email gnetlombard@charter.net

**SUMMER PROGRAM AT OLA**

**Ellenburg Center** - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer program for the summer has been announced.  
**Schedule:** Each first Saturday through Nov. Rosary will begin at 11 a.m. (with confessions available) and Mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch.; Each third Saturday (Except Aug.) there will be a retreat day on a theme of Mercy starting at 10 a.m. with Mass and lunch. Reservations are required. The House of Prayer will be opened each weekday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Contact:** For reservations or information call 518-594-3253 or email olahouse@gmail.com

**FOR LAY MINISTERS**

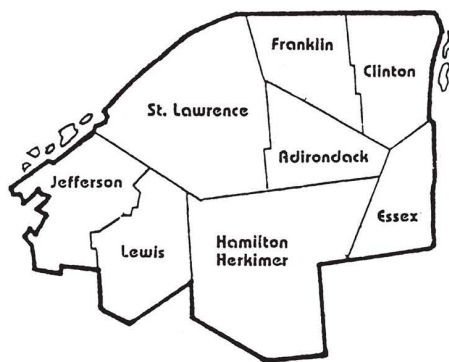
**Morrisonville** - Commissioned Lay Ministers Association of the Clinton, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer Deaneries to have Spring event.  
**Date:** June 3  
**Time:** 5 p.m. to 8  
**Place:** St. Alexander's Church  
**Features:** Msgr. Leeward Poissant Will speak on "The Power and the Wisdom" The evening will begin with a social and light refreshments.  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Contact:** Jeannie Grizzuto, 315-393-2920, Pre-registration is required by May 23

**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

**FESTIVAL OF CARS & BAZAAR**

**Moers Forks** - First Festival of Cars &



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 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
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Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

**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

**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**

**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 7p.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.

**JEFFERSON**

**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.

**HEALING MASS**  
**Clayton** - St. Mary's Church will hold its annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.  
**Date:** June 11  
**Time:** 11 am.  
**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 at 315-686-3398 or website www.stmarysclayton.org

**NFP CLASSES**  
**Watertown** - The Diocesan NFP Office will offer a 3-part series of Natural Family Planning classes.  
**Date:** June 4; July 9; July 23  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Sacred Heart Church (former school building)  
**Cost:** \$50 fee covers all materials; scholarships available.  
**Features:** Instruction in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning. NFP is an entirely safe, healthy, effective (99%), and morally sound means of family planning. Three-part learner-centered approach educates couples to identify and interpret the cyclic signs of fertility, and to use that knowledge to postpone or to achieve pregnancy.  
**Contact:** Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli for more information, or to register, at 518-483-0459 or api-etropaoli@rcdony.org.

**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 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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:** 6:30 p.m.  
**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

**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

**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  
**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.





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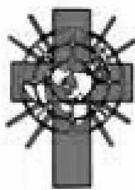
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 Reverend Peter G. Helfrich

25 Years

Reverend Kris C. Lauzon



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## OBITUARIES

**Adams** – Paul T. Smith, 85; Funeral Services May 20, 2016 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Brownville** – Donald E. Jewett, 78; Funeral Services May 16, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Parish Road Cemetery.

**Colton** – Joyce M. (Butterfield) Russell, 73; Funeral Services May 21, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Dorothy J. (Bosley) Alton, 96; Funeral May 21, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Keeseville** – Gary M. "Monk" Passino, 60; Funeral Services May 20, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Richard J. Dean, 68; Funeral May 18, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Beaches Bridge Cemetery.

**Malone** – Edward J. "Ted" Reville, 63; Funeral Services May 20, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Massena** – Stephen M. Martell, 86; Funeral May 21, 2016 at Church of Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Richard J. Moser, 84; Funeral Services May 21, 2016 at Phillips Memorial Home.

**Massena** – Blanche A. Santimaw, 94; Funeral May 21, 2016 at St. Mary's Church;

burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Margaret J. (Lawless) Abare, 80; Funeral Services May 18, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Independence Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Shirley J. Fountain, 81; Funeral Services May 19, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

**Morrisonville** – Losia (Martin) Potter, 102; Funeral Services May 21, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Saratoga National Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – James P. Downs, Sr., 83; Funeral Services May 19, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Richard Fredrick Hameline, 89; Funeral Services at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Andrew's Cemetery, Mt. Stewart.

**Plattsburgh** – Roosevelt Williams, 80; Funeral Services May 20, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Sackets Harbor** – Patricia (Hummel) Hare, 82; Funeral Services May 21, 2016

at St. Andrew's Church.

**St. Regis Falls** – Verick "Mickey" James DeCarr, 87; Funeral May 20, 2016 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Theresa** – Christina Marie (Turturro) Thornton, 85; Funeral Services May 21, 2016 at St. Theresa of Avila Church.

**Waddington** – Geraldine E. (Hallada) Adams, 86; Funeral Services May 18, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Watertown** – Kay (Williams) Alteri, 74; Funeral May 18, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Donna (Patchen) Berman, 64; Funeral Services May 17, 2016 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

**Watertown** – James "Vince" Marra Sr., 90; Funeral Services May 23, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Louis I. Papineau, 97; Funeral Services May 20, 2016 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

## THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name a priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

(With ecclesiastical approval)

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...)

Amen.

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Bishop LaValley is shown with 40-year jubilarian Father Garry Giroux after the May 18 Jubilee Mass. Father Giroux was ordained May 1, 1976 along with his identical twin brother Father Harry Giroux who died in 2012.

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# Father Lauzon celebrates 25th anniversary as a priest

Father Kris C. Lauzon, pastor of the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew, AuSable Forks and Black Brook, with its mission of St. Margaret's in Wilmington; as well as the Catholic Community of Keeseville, is celebrating 25 years as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg this year.

Father Lauzon was born July 23, 1958 in Cornwall, Ont. and was raised in Massena. He graduated from Canton College and worked for six years as a draftsman for Dynapower in Watertown.

He began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall

Seminary-College and earned a theology degree from Christ the King Seminary before his ordination May 25, 1991 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Lauzon has served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh, and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg and in Carthage and Copenhagen. While in Ogdensburg he was also chaplain at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. He also served as administrator in West Leyden.

In 2000, Father Lauzon was named pastor in Hogansburg with added responsibilities

as pastor in Fort Covington and Bombay in 2001.

He was named pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh in 2003 and St. Alphonsus and Holy Name parishes in Tupper Lake, in 2004.

Father Lauzon began service in AuSable Forks in 2009, first as administrator and then, in 2010, as pastor, and was given added responsibilities as pastor in Keeseville in 2014.

Father Lauzon currently serves the diocese as a member of the Council of Priests and chair of the Committee for the Continuing Education of Priests.



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Father Lauzon, flanked by Deacon John Lucero of Keeseville, left, and Deacon Gerald Savage of Tupper Lake, celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest with his parishioners April 30. A Mass was held at St. John the Baptist in Keeseville and a reception followed at the Holy Name parish center in AuSable Forks.

# 40 year jubilarians

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From 1994 to 1998, Father Helfrich also received a special assignment with the Carmel of St. Joseph in Saranac Lake and was Spiritual Director for the Lay Carmelites of Saranac Lake and Malone.

From 1998 to 2002, he served as a supply for the Tri-Lakes area,

In 2002, Father Helfrich was given permission to assist brother (Father Fred Helfrich) at Holy Spirit, Penfield - Webster and be supply priest as needed in the Diocese of Rochester.

Since May 2013 he has been an assistant to the Rochester Latin Mass Community.

Father Helfrich also serves

as assistant chaplain at Monroe Community Hospital, spiritual director to Holy Name of Mary Praesidium of the Legion of Mary; and helper (as needed) to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Rochester.

He has a Life Honorary Membership in the Knights of Columbus and in the Welsh Society.