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## Mercy: it's a way of life

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Mercy is not an abstract concept but a lifestyle that invites Christians to make an examination of conscience and ask themselves if they place the spiritual and material needs of others before their own, Pope Francis said.

A Christian who chooses

to be merciful experiences true life and has "eyes to see, ears to listen, and hands to comfort," the pope said June 30 in St. Peter's Square.

"That which makes mercy alive is its constant dynamism to go out searching for the needy and the needs of those who are in spiritual

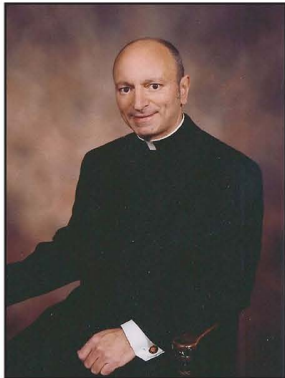
or material hardship," he said.

By being indifferent to the plight of the poor and suffering, Pope Francis said, Christians turn into "hypocrites" and move toward a "spiritual lethargy that numbs the mind and makes life barren."

"People who go through

life, who walk in life without being aware of the needs of others, without seeing the many spiritual and material needs are people who do not live," he said. "They are people who do not serve others. And remember this well: One who does not live to serve, serves nothing in life

## Rest in peace, Father George Maroun



Funeral services set for July 6 in Tupper Lake, Father Maroun's hometown

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## NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly publication of the *North Country Catholic* continues; the next issue of the diocesan paper will be dated July 20

## A CENTURY OF CELEBRATION



PHOTO BY JUSTIN SORENSON

Bishop LaValley was a guest of honor at the 100th annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel celebration sponsored by St. Anthony's Church in Watertown June 24-26. Bishop LaValley took part in Sunday's religious procession and then presided at Benediction at St. Anthony's. Above he is flanked by two women who have celebrated their Italian heritage at nearly every Mount Carmel festival. At left is Josephine Leone who is 100 years old and, at right, is 99-year-old Vita Messina. More photos on page 7.

## FAREWELL TO THE URSULINES

Order to leave diocese after 118 years



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Ursuline Sister Christine Denesha, shown in this 1990 photo, was among scores of religious women from her community who have served Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg - predominantly in the Malone area - since 1898. Because of the shortage of sisters, the Ursulines will leave the North Country this month. Bishop LaValley will preside at a Mass of Thanksgiving July 17 at Notre Dame Church in Malone.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Rest in Peace, Father George

I know I join thousands of his friends across the diocese who are still in shock over the news of the death of Father George Maroun.

And, I'm sure nearly every one of them has a story to share about this extraordinary priest who left us too soon.

Personally, I still quake a bit at the 40-year-old memory of riding in the back seat of Father George's little car after accepting a ride from Guggenheim back to Ogdens-

burg where we both lived at the time. He had learned to drive in the mountains and traveled through them with speed and confidence.

I just got greener and greener by the mile.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

My ride with Father Maroun wasn't quite so bumpy as years went on and he embraced his life as a missionary and pastor.

During his 26 years in the Diocesan Mission Office, he made sure that I was an enthusiastic partner in his efforts to share the

news about the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate and other mission work of the diocese.

His passion was infectious – how could I ever turn down a story suggestion he had for me?

Father Maroun's life was marked by so much love – for his church, his family, the missions, his Lebanese heritage and his Tupper Lake home.

And, sadly, Father Maroun's life was also marked by illness and pain as he faced Parkinson's disease and cancer.

But they never diminished his priesthood.

"The mission experience has

helped me to cope with Parkinson's," he told me in a 2005 interview. "I have to give total control of my life to God as I did when I was a missionary. When we have less control over our lives, we allow God to do our work and, in the end, we are far more effective."

Father Maroun was certainly an effective priest for the people in Carthage, Copenhagen, Ogdensburg, Watertown, Norfolk, Mollendo, Wadhams Hall and anyone who was blessed to know him.

Rest in peace, Father George... Padre Jorge.

You will be sorely missed.

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Understanding God's call to us

I finished the homily last Sunday and, to my surprise, the Offertory song that the music people had chosen fit perfectly into the theme I used in the homily.

I know this happens often but on that day it was so great I couldn't help but smile.

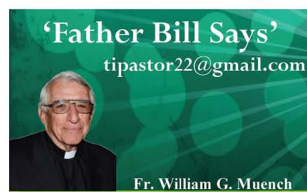
My homily at the Masses centered on our vocation as a Catholic and Christian. We believe and have great faith that God wants to be a copartner with us in life.

Each day the Lord calls us and leads us with many opportunities to live as dedicated Christians and disciples of Jesus. The Lord invites us to follow him, to live like Jesus, bringing happiness and love to others, to all others – to family, friends even to strangers that we might meet today.

I hoped that the people would come to realize that their prayers at each Mass should be for the grace to hear and understand God's call to us so that we would recognize our vocation for that very day and have the fortitude to act on it.

Each day God surprises us with many opportunities to live out our vocation.

So, on that Sunday, I was surprised at how well the Offer-



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tory song fit into this message of vocation so perfectly. I hoped that all the folks would follow the words to the music as it would help them understand this message.

I often encourage everyone at Mass to at least follow the words of the songs – they are such beautiful prayers. Some folks tell me they skip the songs because they are not singers. I usually nag them to follow the songs like prayers.

On that day, the song chosen for the Offertory was entitled "The Summons" written by Kevin Grove. You may know it – so today I would like to share some of it with you.

The First Verse: "Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

As we sing our words are the words of Jesus, the invitation of Jesus to follow him, when he calls our name as he does so often each day.

The song reminds us that Lord calls us to be ready to demonstrate in our lives God's great love for us. We are a loved people. I am called in love to see God in each person I meet – friend, family, even stranger. This is a vocation for all of us, disciples of Jesus.

This is the call of the Lord. In this way the life and love of Jesus will grow in us, a love that others will recognize in the way we live our lives.

Our hope is that they discover through us God's great love for them.

Second Verse: "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare – should your life attract a scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

Again, these are the Lord's words. The Lord inviting and challenging us. With the words "leave yourself behind," Jesus calls us to eliminate selfishness in our lives. We do this because the Lord has called us

by our own name. He truly knows us. Because we are called, we are ready to care for all, the good and the bad.

We help others best by seeing God in them. As a disciples of Jesus, we are ready to demonstrate to others, the power of prayer, the reflection of God's love. We have been called.

Fifth Verse: (As usual, the last verse is the most powerful) – "Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show. Thus, I'll move and live and grown in you and you in me."

Now, the words are our own words. Our prayer is always that God grows in us so that we experience fully God's great love for us and our readiness to live in that love.

Our prayer is that we become new in the Lord. We are transformed and truly become a new person bursting forth with the love of a disciples of Jesus, showing everyone the love we have discovered in the Lord.

Then we will truly move in the Lord, live in the Lord, grow in the Lord who will grow in us. We have been called.

# Funeral held July 6 for Father George F. Maroun

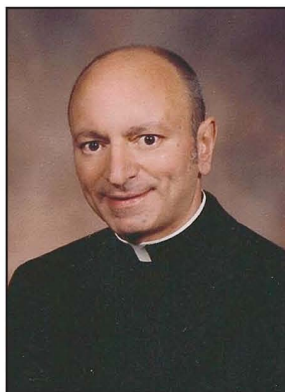
TUPPER LAKE – Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at a Mass of Christian Burial for Father George F. Maroun, 67, July 6 at 11 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church with priests of the diocese concelebrating.

Father Maroun died June 30 in Saranac Lake; burial was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

The fourth son of Camil and Naivie Maroun, Father Maroun was born Sept. 25, 1948, in Tupper Lake.

He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College in Ogdensburg and Christ the King Seminary on St. Bonaventure University in Olean. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 4, 1974 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Maroun served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg and Holy Family in Watertown before joining the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate. He served the Diocesan Mission Office for 26 years. He was assistant director from 1978 until being named director in 1984, a position he held until 2004



Fr. George F. Maroun

highlighting his dedication and love for missionary service.

Father Maroun served in Mollendo, Peru at St. Martin de Porras Parish from 1982 until his return to the United States in 1988. He continued to visit the South American mission regularly.

After a short sabbatical leave, Father Maroun was named parochial vicar at St. Anthony's in Watertown and, in 1989, pastor in Norfolk.

In 1994, Father Maroun was appointed to the faculty of Wadhams Hall Seminary-

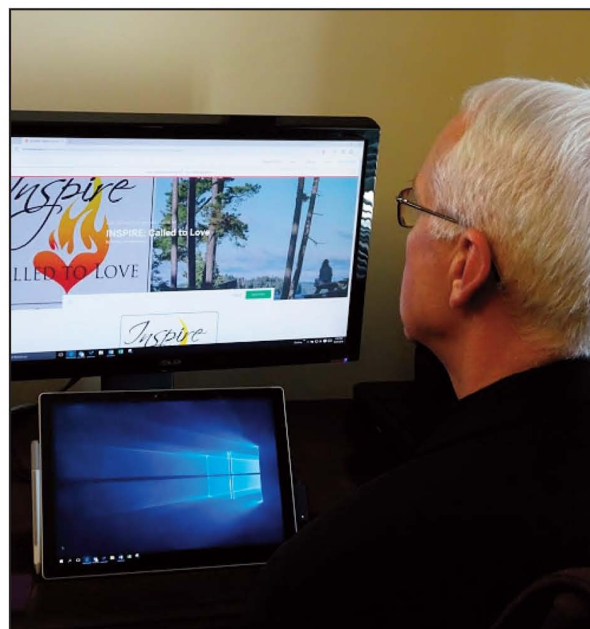
College where he served as spiritual director and assistant professor of language and religious studies.

Finally, he served the people of St. James Minor Church in Carthage and St. Mary's Church in Copenhagen as pastor from 2002 until his retirement in 2015 for health issues. At that time, he moved to St. Bernard's rectory in Saranac Lake.

Father Maroun is survived by his brothers, Majeed and his wife Heather, Dr. William C. and Carol Fuller, and Camil G. and his wife Ellen, as well as a large extended family.

Memorial donations be made to St. Martin de Porras Parish (checks should read Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg - MPDO), St. Augustinian Academy in Carthage or the Heritage Fund of St. James Minor Church in Carthage.

## INSPIRE: IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!



Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown entering his registration for the *INSPIRE Called to Love* diocesan summit to be held Sept. 25 in Lake Placid. The event will feature Bishop Robert Barron as keynote speaker as well as breakout sessions led by George Weigel, Bishop Christopher Coyne and Jennifer Fulwiler. Bishop LaValley has designated July 9-10 as Parish Registration Weekend for *INSPIRE*. Parishes will have all the necessary forms for registering adults and well as youth for the youth rally and children for childcare.



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or use the paper forms at  
your church this weekend.

\*Some parishes will be choosing an alternative weekend.

# Funeral held June 30 for Sr. Yvonne Therese Cusson, SSJ

WATERTOWN – A Mass of Christian Burial for St. Joseph Sister Yvonne Therese Cusson, 71, was held June 30 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Father Kris Lauzon, pastor of the Roman Catholic Communities of AuSable Forks and Keeseville, was the main celebrant.

Sister Yvonne Therese died June 25 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

The daughter of Oliva J. and Beatrice Yvette (Fecteau) Cusson, she was born in Berlin, N.H., Jan. 24, 1945. She attended schools in Boston Spa, N.Y., Fort Covington, and was a 1963 graduate of Immaculate Heart Academy High School.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph at Mater Dei College, Ogdensburg, Sept. 7, 1963. Sister Yvonne graduated from Mater Dei College, Potsdam State College, and Nazareth College, Rochester.

Sister Yvonne Therese taught in the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Ogdensburg at St. Andrew's School, Norwood; St. Patrick's School, Port Henry; Holy Name School, AuSable Forks; Sacred Heart School, Watertown; St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga; and St. Augustine's School, Peru.

She took a sabbatical at Ain Karim, Fairfield, Penn., as an associate member of the retreat staff and then served as Motherhouse Superior and Buildings and Grounds at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

Sister Yvonne returned to AuSable Forks to serve as pastoral associate at Holy Name School and at the Roman Catholic Communities of AuSable Forks and Keeseville until she moved back to the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Sister Yvonne Therese is survived by her five brothers

Gerard (Bertha), Hooksett, N.H.; Maurice (Veronica), Hooksett, N.H.; John (Marie) Pembroke, N.H.; Albert (Nancy) Florida, and Leo (Julie), Merrimack, N.H.; and six sisters Angele LeMay (Paul), Greybull, WY; Goffstown, NH, Claudette LeMay (Denis), Las Vegas; Rita Troiano (Michael), Hooksett, N.H.; Jeannette Bergerson (Philip), Merrimack, N.H.; Florence Fitts (George), Concord, N.H.; Rose Marie Cusson, Manchester, N.H.; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Church of the Holy Name, 14203 Rt. 9N, AuSable Forks, NY 12912, Holy Childhood Association (Diocese of Ogdensburg—Propagation of the Faith), 622 Washington St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669, or Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 1425 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



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Deacon John D. Lucero led a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Au Sable Forks on the feast of Corpus Christi May 29.

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## Msgr. Murphy named dean

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has appointed Msgr. John R. Murphy, pastor of the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk, St. Andrew's Church in Norwood, and St. Raymond's Church in Raymondville, as Dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.

He succeeds Father Donald J. Manfred who now serves as pastor in Croghan.

Msgr. Murphy, a native of Saranac Lake was born Oct. 4, 1947. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and the Gregorian University in Rome before his ordination July 2, 1973 in Rome by Bishop James Hickey.

Father Murphy's first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh and head of the religion department at St. John's

Central School.

In 1976, he was named assistant chancellor of the diocese and assistant pastor in Canton.

He returned to Rome in 1978 and earned a degree in moral theology from Academia Alfonsiana. He later earned a master's degree in church administration from Catholic University in Washington.

Upon his return to the diocese in 1982, Father Murphy was named vice-chancellor and administrator in Morris-town and Brier Hill.

Later that year, he was named chancellor for the diocese and pastor of Morris-town and Brier Hill.

Msgr. Murphy served the diocese as chancellor from 1982 to March 1990. He was also pastor in Madrid from

1988 until his appointment as pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam from 1990 to 1994.

In 1992, he was named a Monsignor by Pope John Paul II. He also served the diocese as dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.

In 1994, Msgr. Murphy was named Moderator of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services. He served as administrator in Canton for a short time in 2002 and was named pastor in Heuvelton and Lisbon in 2003 before becoming full-time Moderator of the Curia later that year.

In 2011, he was named administrator of the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk and St. Raymond's Church in Raymondville.

In 2012, he was named pastor in Norfolk and Raymondville with additional responsibilities as pastor in Norwood.



Msgr. John R. Murphy

*Third grade teacher from St. James School in Gouverneur is honored*

## Kelly Sternisha chosen as Teacher of the Year

By Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ  
Superintendent of Schools

**OGDENSBURG-** Kelly Sternisha, a teacher at St. James School in Gouverneur, has been named the 2016 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

She was honored June 30 during a luncheon hosted by Bishop Terry LaValley at the Bishop's Residence

Mrs. Sternisha has been a member of the faculty at St. James since 1987. In her application for the position, she wrote, "I heard of your school from a friend and believe it contains the kinds of classrooms in which I would like to teach, an atmosphere conducive to learning."

At St. James, Mrs. Sternisha experienced this "atmosphere conducive to learning" and chose to commit herself to St. James School and its mission for 29 years as a third grade teacher.

During her years at St. James, Mrs. Sternisha has embraced many changes in education with a positive and



PHOTO BY LINDA ROSS

Bishop LaValley presents a plaque to Kelly Sternisha of St. James School in Gouverneur signifying that she is the 2016 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Others who joined the June 30 luncheon at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg were, back from left, Clara Cummings, principal; Father Shane Lynch, pastor; Pam Ballantine and Karen Donahue of the diocesan education office; and Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, vicar for education.

"can do" approach.

In nominating Mrs. Sternisha, Clara Cummings, principal at St. James, stated, "Some would think that going on 29 years teaching 3rd grade might get a bit bor-

ing, but not in Mrs. Sternisha's classroom. Her students look forward to traditional activities and a hands on approach which make learning relevant and fun. Mrs. Sternisha continu-

ously looks for new ways to improve her lessons and to reach each child. She is very organized and has strong management skills.

"Mrs. Sternisha is also one of the first people at school

in the morning, one of the last to leave at night, and often comes in on week-ends," Mrs. Cummings said. "She works diligently to know each of her students' individual leaning needs and strives to bring out the best in each of them. Mrs. Sternisha is always dependable, organized, respectful and truly a reflection of Jesus.

Mrs. Sternisha is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh with a degree in Elementary Education, N-6 grade. Her commitment to St. James includes responsibilities that reach beyond her classroom. She is a mentor teacher who works with new teaching staff and serves as vice principal.

She was joined at the June 30 luncheon by Mrs. Cummings, Father Shane Lynch pastor of St. James, Gouverneur; Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, Vicar for Education; Karen Donahue, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and Pam Ballantine, Assistant Director of Catholic Education for Christian Formation and Catholic Schools.

## Diocesan pilgrims prepare for World Youth Day

By Marika Donders  
Diocesan director of New Evangelization

Later this month, from July 23 to August 1, a small band of young adults will be traveling from the North Country to Krakow Poland to participate in World Youth Day 2016.

The group consists of eight young people, two priests (Father Bryan Stitt and Father Scott Belina, and me, Marika Donders, the director of the New Evangelization Marika Donders.

World Youth Days were started with an international gathering of young people with St. John Paul II in Rome in 1984, who then created an annual event to be celebrated in Rome and locally in dioceses around the

world. International gatherings take place every three years. Recent World Youth Days have taken place in Toronto (2002) Cologne (2005) Sydney (2008) Madrid (2011) and Rio de Janeiro (2013).

For many pilgrims, the anticipated highlight of the event is the vigil prayer service on Saturday and closing Mass with the Holy Father and millions of other young Catholics on Sunday.

World Youth Days focus on calling young people to mission in the Church, encouraging them not to be afraid to go out and be disciples.

Many young people have found their vocation at World Youth Days, whether to priesthood, religious life, marriage or simply being ac-

tive lay people who make a difference in their parishes, dioceses and communities.

**World Youth Days focus on calling young people to mission in the Church, encouraging them not to be afraid to go out and be disciples.**

World Youth Day is a pilgrimage and as such draws young people to offer their joys and struggles and receive grace upon grace.

Those who participate in this pilgrimage as young adults continue on their journey of faith the rest of their lives always seeking to encounter Jesus in the Church and in the world,

building bridges of faith and trust.

At World Youth Day, the pilgrims meet young Catholics from around the world and realize that the Church is bigger than their parish, their diocese and their own home country. World Youth Day allows the young people who participate to encounter Christ in each other and truly come to understand the universal-ity of our faith.

The eight young adults in the North Country group are Samantha Bashaw, Leagon Carlin, William Corbett, Anna Fisher, Kevin McCullough, Carter Pierce, Emily Stauble and Lillia Wooschlager. They have spent the past two years fundraising and preparing.

The group will gather the

night before departure in Schroon Lake in to begin to get to know each other. Then on July 23 will take a van service down to JFK Airport and fly out to Krakow, Poland.

If you have any prayer intentions that you would like us to take with us, please email them to Marika Donders at [mdonders@rcdony.org](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org).

And of course, we would appreciate your prayers for our pilgrims, for a safe journey and a fruitful pilgrimage.

PS: If the Wi-Fi in Krakow allows, we hope to be able to share photos and updates of our journey as we travel. Please check the Diocesan Facebook page ([facebook.com/dioceseofogdensburg](https://facebook.com/dioceseofogdensburg)) for updates.

# Rites held for Sr. Veronica M. Louis

ALLEGANY, N.Y. - A Mass of Christian Burial for Franciscan Sister Veronica Mary Louis, a Lewis County native, was held May 12 in the Chapel of St. Elizabeth Motherhouse, followed by burial in St. Bonaventure Cemetery.

She died May 8, 2016 in the St. Clare Community of the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse

Born Veronica Jane Louis Sept. 1, 1922 in Castorland, she was the daughter of Loren and Laura Hirschev Louis. In Castorland, she attended grade school at Castorland P.S. from 1928-36 and graduated from Lowville Academy High School in 1940.

She was received into the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse on August 15, 1946 and professed her final religious vows on August 16, 1953.

Sister Veronica Mary dedicated the next 70 years of her life to the Mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany.

She was soon stationed in Brazil for a ministry of teaching, serving at times as a primary teacher and principal in the parish schools of Pires do Rio, Anapolis, Ceres and Cristalândia over the next 20 years.

In the late 1960's, Sister Veronica Mary was missioned to Alto Beni, Bolivia, where she continued to teach catechetics for several years. She later accepted future assignments in La Paz and Tarija, Bolivia ministering as school principal and serving

multiple terms in Regional leadership while in residence at two religious houses.

She returned to the U.S. in 1979 and accepted the role of Field representative for the St. Elizabeth Mission Society, where she provided support to fundraising efforts over the next 18 years. Sister Veronica helped to enable hundreds of grant awards that to this day, carry on the Franciscan Sisters' dedicated missionary work for the poverty-stricken in Jamaica, Brazil and Bolivia.

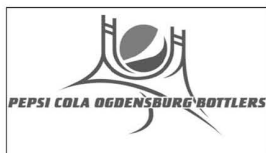
Sister Veronica frequently offered programs on the missions at Catholic schools and religious education programs in the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Sister Veronica retired from active ministry in 2009 and was welcomed home by her sisters at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse in Allegany. She continued a ministry of volunteering whenever there was a need in the house.

Sister Veronica Mary is predeceased by her parents and brothers, James, Robert and William, as well as a sister, Pauline Richardson. She is survived by her sister, Helen Louis and several nieces and nephews.

## To Report Abuse

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



## Bishop's Schedule

July 7 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

July 9 – 4 p.m., Installation of Rev. Mark Reilly as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Massena & St. Lawrence Church in Louisville at Sacred Heart Church 6 p.m., Mass at St. Lawrence Church in Louisville

July 10 – 7:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony Church in Inlet 9 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony Church in Inlet 11 a.m., Mass at St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge

July 11 – 4 p.m., Mass with the Seminarians of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

July 12 – 8 a.m., Mass with Morning Prayer with the Seminarians of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

July 13 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

July 14 – 9 a.m., Meeting with Sisters of the Cross Leadership at the Brzana Conference Room in Ogdensburg

July 15 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

July 16 – Family Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte, Vermont

July 17 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. John Bosco Church in Malone 11 a.m., Farewell Mass for Ursuline Sisters at Notre Dame Church in Malone

July 18 – 7:15 a.m., Novena & Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

July 19 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence 4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

July 20 – 5 p.m., Silver Jubilee Mass for Sister Maria Flavia D'Costa at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown

## Rest in Peace

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

July 9 – Rev. John Rogers, 1887; Rev. Joseph H. Emard, O.M.I., 1924

July 10 – Rev. Mary Ignatius Grom, 1936; Rev. John F. McNamara, 1971; Deacon Victor Fisher, 1999; Rev. James A. Delbel, 2013

July 12 – Rev. James Salmon, 1835; Rev. John J. Brennan, 1881; Most Rev. Albert Pascal, O.M.I., 1920

July 13 – Rev. George Garand, 1941

July 15 – Rev. John Conlon, 1881; Msgr. Armand Dussault, 1963; Rev. Joseph F. Quinn, 1970; Rev. Joseph F. Dowd, 1983

July 16 – Rev. Eugene Carroll, 1882; Rev. H. T. Regan, O.S.A., 1937; Rev. James Torsney, 1958; Rev. Joseph L. Quinn, 1970

July 18 – Msgr. Joseph Domina Brault, 1966

July 19 – Rev. Francis E. Gilbert, 1939; Rev. James Karlton Dewey, 1963; Rev. Arthur J. Trudel, 1967; Msgr. Donald M. Kelly, 1969; Rev. Thomas A. Moody, 2010

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated July 20

## Environmental Stewardship

### What difference has it made?

What are people around the Diocese saying about the impact of *Laudato Si* on their lives?

"*Laudato Si*" has legitimized my concerns with global warming. I work on environmental issues as part of my job; thus I have known about global warming for several years. But, outside of my job, the issue has often been trivialized or relegated to the province of "tree-huggers" and "enviro-nuts". The encyclical places the issue of global warming squarely into the area of morality, and the Pope calls on each of us to respond according to our moral sensibility. Francis' call takes the issue from the outside – the arena of debate – and moves it inside, to the arena of my own morality. The question changes from "Is global warming important?" to "What am I going to do about global warming?"

**John Tenbusch, St. Mary's Parish in Waddington**

"The change that *Laudato Si* has brought an awareness of environmental concerns. The need for change is NOW. Becoming involved in the Faith and Ecology group has helped me realize the enormous threat to our earth. So personally I have eliminated purchasing plastic water bottles, paper products, becoming better informed on recycling, and purchasing vehicles that are hybrids to name a few changes."

**Faye Martin, Watertown Faith and Ecology Group**

"I think that Jack and I would say that *Laudato Si* has served as a reminder regarding the use of our precious resources and the little things we can do each day to safeguard those resources. Facilitating a discussion group on *Laudato Si* was very fulfilling for us, and provided an opportunity to re-examine our viewpoints and political views in light of the preservation of our earth."

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# Lay ministers hear about 'The Power & Wisdom'

By Patricia Marie  
Contributing writer

MORRISONVILLE— Fifty-two commissioned lay ministers from the Clinton, Essex, Hamilton-Herkimer deaneries gathered June 3 to participate in a spring event hosted by the Eastern Region Commissioned Lay Ministers' Association (ERCLMA). The group held its first event in January.

The evening was entitled "The Power and the Wisdom" - a two part event in which the main speaker, Msgr. Leonard Poissant offered the first talk and keynote address.

Although Father Poissant is retired, he continues to teach and to share his unique perspective of theology, humor and spiritual insight as it relates to commissioned lay ministers' service to others.

He helped the lay ministers to understand that "power and wisdom" can be, (and often times are), mutually and equally important regarding love and mercy.

One of Father Poissant's current responsibilities is as a facilitator/instructor for the CLM program which he has undertaken for many years. He teaches the eight-week course on Moral Theol-



Kelly Donnelly, diocesan youth ministry director, led a session at the June 3 program hosted by the Eastern Region Commissioned Lay Ministers' Association.

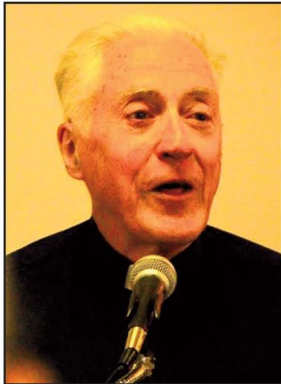
ogy in the second year of Formation for Ministry.

The second part of the June 3 program featured three concurrent break-out sessions: Father Poissant talked about the ministry of outreach. Eastern Regional Director of Faith Formation, Pam Ballantine spoke about catechesis and Kelly Donnelly, the new diocesan Director of Youth Ministry spoke about her area of expertise regarding today's youth ministry.

Light refreshments were prepared by the Catholic Daughters, Sts. Kateri and Andre #2663 Morrisonville.

ERCLMA's fall event will be held in Peru Oct. 14, featuring Bishop Terry LaValley as main celebrant for Mass and keynote speaker.

All commissioned lay ministers, including those in other associations of the diocese are welcome to attend. Information will be emailed from the diocesan Formation for Ministry office.



Father Lee Poissant Was the keynote speaker at the ERCLMA spring event.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN SORENSEN

For 100 years, the Italian community of Watertown has sponsored a Feast of Mount Carmel to celebrate their heritage in their new home. Along with entertainment, rides, games, fireworks and food, the weekend festival has always included a religious procession in which a statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is carried on a platform through the streets of Watertown. Members of the Men's Mount Carmel Society are shown walking alongside the statue during the procession.



Bishop LaValley led the marchers in the rosary during the procession and in benediction which followed at St. Anthony's Church.

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Religious community to leave North Country this month

# The Ursulines - 118 years of service

Submitted by the  
Ursulines of the Eastern Province

St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursulines (1535) encouraged her sisters to "respond to the needs of the times."

The Ursulines have heeded these words from the original invitation of Bishop Henry Gabriel, the second Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, to the present day.

In June 1898, Sister Stanislaus Janisse, originally from the Ursuline Monastery in Chatham, Ontario, accompanied by three sisters, arrived in Malone. It was then that the mission of the Ursulines began to take root in the North Country.

## Open St. Joseph's Academy

The founding Ursuline sisters purchased the Hawley property on Elm Street in Malone and less than a year later had opened St. Joseph's Academy to a hundred students. The Academy was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1904; by the time it closed in 1976 it had graduated more than 2000 students.

A large convent, housing both sisters and school boarders, was completed in 1906 at 111 Elm Street. All the sisters worked hard – in addition to teaching and caring for the boarders, they did most of the cleaning, tending furnaces, cooking, canning and preserving.

The generosity of the



Generations of Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, particularly in the Malone area, have been blessed by the presence of the Ursuline Sisters who arrived in the North Country in 1898. Due to the declining number of sisters, the religious order will be leaving the diocese this month. Bishop LaValley will preside at a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ursulines July 17 at Notre Dame Church in Malone. Shown in traditional habits, in this Ursuline historical photo, are Sisters Veronica Malone, Constance Marie Kelly, Jane Mennis, Robert Rozon, Stasia Hollahan and Angela Chauvin.

townspeople in contributing to their garden produce helped the community to survive. Rural families were eager to send their daughters and sons to St. Joseph's to obtain a solid education in the only Catholic school in the area.

In the space of about 15 years some 20 young women, including many graduates of the School, joined the founding members as Ursulines. This remained their home until they moved to the new convent at 90 Elm Street.

Expansion and growth con-

tinued after the first class graduated from St. Joseph's in 1908.

In 1923 sisters staffed Notre Dame School, which many years later became Holy Family School.

## Beyond boarding, day schools

From their earliest days the Ursulines reached beyond their boarding and day schools by offering religious education in the surrounding Malone parishes and to various town in the North Country.

Ursulines staffed the Malone District School of Religion, and served as pastoral associates in St. Mary's, Fort Covington; St. Patrick's, Chateaugay; St. Francis of As-

sisi, Constable, in addition to the Malone parishes in Notre Dame, St. Joseph's and St. John Bosco.

The closing of St. Joseph's Academy in 1976 offered other opportunities to become involved in numerous new ways of ministering to the needs of the area.

Among these ministries was involvement with Pastoral Outreach Services, an ecumenical organization that worked with the elderly, sick and homebound. The sisters also taught at North Country Community College, in the Malone public schools, and the Montessori program.

In addition, Ursulines were actively involved in the Permanent Diaconate Program, Caring Friends Hospice, Community Action Agency of Franklin County, North Star Behavioral Health Services, the Holistic Care Center of Malone, and Franklin Country Prison Ministry.

They also served on numerous civic and ministerial boards, and peace and justice organizations.

The sisters also expanded their ministry to other parts of the diocese, establishing Ursuline communities in Witherbee/Mineville and Lisbon. While in these parishes the sisters continued to reach out to the needs of the people and worked very closely with clergy, religious, and laity to spread the Gospel.

## Leaving in July

In July 2016 the Ursulines will be leaving Malone due to declining numbers of sisters. The Ursulines may no longer have a physical presence in Malone and the Diocese of Ogdensburg, but their spirit, legacy, and mission will surely continue in the thousands of lives they have touched since 1898.

Ursuline alumni, outstanding members of their local communities, continue to carry on the tradition and values of Ursuline education. Ursuline Lay Associates, who have been integral to the Ursuline Mission, continue to reflect the charism of St. Angela Merici in their lives and in the pastoral activities in which they are engaged.

Malone has been described and experienced as "a place where one can grow and give life to others." The Ursuline Sisters, who have been ministering to the North Country since 1898, have witnessed to this and express their gratitude for the opportunity to have been able to serve as an integral part of the Malone and larger North Country community and Diocese of Ogdensburg for these past 118 years.

In the spirit of St. Angela Merici, they have faithfully responded to the needs of the times by their commitment to the Gospel and to the people of the North Country. In recognition of the ministry of the Ursulines, Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at a Liturgy of Thanksgiving July 17 Notre Dame Church, Malone.

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## THE URSULINES... FROM 1898 TO 2016



St. Joseph Academy students of the early 1900's are ready for a parade. Under the direction of the Ursuline Sisters, SJA was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1904; by the time it closed in 1976 it had graduated more than 2000 students.



Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, is shown with the Ursulines who lived in Malone in the early 2000s. In front are Sisters Rita Beach, Priscilla Maloney and Constance Kelly; back, Sisters Mary Thomas Maloney and Marie Paul Denesha; Msgr. Dennis Duprey, pastor of Notre Dame Church in Malone; Sister Christine Denesha, Bishop Barbarito; and Sisters Ann Pe-

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## Military families depend on chaplains for more than spiritual guidance

# For God and country

By Chaz Muth  
Catholic News Service

GREAT FALLS, MONT. (CNS) - As U.S. Air Force Maj. Justin Secrest organizes moving boxes in the family garage, his wife, Jennifer, surveys the kitchen to see what she can do without before the movers come in a few weeks to take their belongings to their new home near Kansas City, Missouri.

It will be the 13th move that the couple has made in their 24 years of marriage.

Frequent moves are a fact of life when one or both spouses in a family have military careers, and though the physical transport of their belongings to a new home at Whiteman Air Force Base is a manageable task, it's the saying goodbye to friends that never gets easy, 46-year-old Jennifer Secrest told Catholic News Service as she was packing up her home of a few years at the Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls.

The golden-haired mother of two adult sons and a teenage daughter in high school became misty-eyed when she talked about leaving the life her family has made in northwest Montana, the friends who will stay behind and the Catholic Church on base in which she has immersed herself.

"We say goodbye to a lot of

people," Jennifer Secrest said as she fought back tears.

### The military chaplain helps families with unique challenges that don't necessarily impact most people in civilian parishes

Her husband recognizes the emotional toll these moves have on his wife and said he has built up some barriers to protect himself from the impact of the frequent change in assignments.

"There are some great things about military life, but there are definite hardships," Maj. Secrest said. "It's a strange life and it's definitely not an easy life."

The biggest constant the Secrests said they have had in this "crazy life that is the military," is the church and the relationships they have forged with various chaplains along the way.

"Our family has benefited so much from the church and we've been very fortunate to have close ties with Catholic chaplains over the years," Maj. Secrest said. "Yes, the religious aspect has been important to us, but the presence of the church in our lives has kept our foundation strong during some very difficult times."

Frequent deployments have required the 46-year-old major to be away from the family sometimes for a year at a time.

Jennifer Secrest figures that her husband's absences from the family total about five years in all.

The Secrests' situation is common among military families, making the presence of the chaplain that much more important, said Father John Reutemann, the Catholic chaplain at Malmstrom.

The military chaplain helps families with unique challenges that don't necessarily impact most people in civilian parishes, Father Reutemann told Catholic News Service during a May interview at the Montana Air Force Base.

Frequent relocations, deployments, family separations, dangers associated with war -- and at Malmstrom, the stress of guarding and being so close to the largest number of nuclear missiles on U.S. soil -- are just some of what military families cope with.

Joyce Flores' husband, Army Maj. Rufino B. Flores Jr., has been deployed to Afghanistan four times during the course of the past several years.

The young couple is currently stationed at Fort Bragg

in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where they celebrated his latest homecoming last December.

The dangers Maj. Flores' war-zone missions have carried their own levels of stress on the young mother of three small children.

Though she is thrilled each time her husband returns home, reintegration isn't as easy as one may think, Joyce Flores told CNS during a March interview at Fort Bragg, as her 7-year-old son was preparing for his first confession at one of the chapels on base.

"Being on his own for such a long time during the last deployment, I found that when he returned, he had forgotten what it was like to be a part of a whole family," she said. "He was responsible for himself and his gear and his mission, and his day-to-day life didn't include taking care of children, helping with household chores and helping the kids with homework."

It was a difficult transition for Maj. Flores when he returned. He had to come to grips with the fact that he had four other people in the house who depended on him, Joyce Flores said.

"It took me a little while to realize that he wasn't in that mindset and that it wasn't automatic the way it had been after other deployments," she said.

Joyce Flores also said that since she had spent the entire year he was gone taking care of the family needs, she didn't reach out to her hus-

band for help when he returned and he sometimes watched while the family went on with daily life, wondering where he fit in.

Their Catholic chaplain at Fort Bragg, Father Lukasz J. Willenberg, said reintegration is one of the biggest stresses military families endure following deployments and he tries to provide support when a mother or father returns from war.

"Soldiers return home, sometimes with different issues, and it can be a real challenge to adjust," Father Willenberg said. "The combat zone changes them. But also, as they are away, the kids are growing up; the spouse left behind has to adjust to the new normal. After 12 months, there are two people who are now slightly different who have to learn how to deal with each other again, how to rediscover one another."

Sometimes Father Willenberg provides these couples with counseling himself and other times he refers them to reintegration seminars and retreats offered by the Army.

"I encourage them to set up a date night or something special just for the two of them," he said, "to get away and rediscover each other."

The Catholic Church is invested in helping families stay together and to keeping marriages intact, Father Willenberg said, and so is the military, because armed forces service men and women function better when their home lives are stable.



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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Catholic Church has right to be heard in public square, says cardinal

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Catholic Church's teachings on morals and social justice not only have a right to be heard in the public square, but add to creating a better society for all, Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl said during an address at the American Enterprise Institute. "There are fundamental truths against which our judgments and our legislative decisions should be measured, and to which we are all called to conform," Cardinal Wuerl said. "This is not an imposition of narrow moral judgments, but a recognition of right and wrong, of basic fundamental human values." Cardinal Wuerl made his remarks June 23, when he gave a keynote address at the institute's daylong conference, "Catholic Thought and Human Flourishing: Culture and Policy." The American Enterprise Institute, a Washington-based think tank that examines government, political, economic and social welfare issues, hosted the gathering to explore what it called "the intersection of Roman Catholic thought and U.S. public policy and culture." Cardinal Wuerl, during his talk, lamented what he called an "assertion of the primacy of the secular" in today's society, which "tempts us to transfer authorship and ownership of all human life to ourselves."

## Shared faith should lead to joint action, pope and patriarch say

YEREVAN, Armenia (CNS) — Applying the common faith they professed publicly earlier in the day, Pope Francis and Armenian Apostolic Catholicos Karekin II urged common action on behalf of persecuted Christians, welcome for refugees and defense of the family. The pope and the Oriental Orthodox patriarch signed their joint declaration at the end of Pope Francis' June 24-26 visit to Armenia. Earlier in the day, at an Armenian Divine Liturgy, both had spoken of their unity as believers in Christ and of their conviction that Christians are called by God to assist the poor, the persecuted and the needy. While their joint declaration mentioned the progress made in the official Catholic-Oriental Orthodox theological dialogue and their hopes for its continuation, the heart of the text focused on common Christian action to relieve suffering. "We are witnessing an immense tragedy unfolding before our eyes," the two leaders said. "Countless innocent people" are "being killed, displaced or forced into a painful and uncertain exile by continuing conflicts on ethnic, economic, political and religious grounds in the Middle East and other parts of the world."

## Catholic advocates look at next step in immigration battle

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic advocates say the recent Supreme Court ruling on immigration, while it caused great disappointment, also has spurred many of them to work harder to reform the country's immigration system and push for better understanding of immigrants. Sara Benitez, Latino program director for the Washington-based Faith in Public Life, said the ruling caused sadness in the immigrant community as well as among those who advocate for immigrants, particularly Catholic groups. However, it also has pushed many of them to fight even harder for "just and humane treatment" and laws for immigrants and refugees, she said. On June 23, the Supreme Court handed down a 4-4 vote in *United States v. Texas* that resulted in affirming a lower court's ruling blocking the President Barack Obama's plan to temporarily protect some 4 million people in jeopardy of deportation. The president's plan was not asking for amnesty or legal immigration status of any sort.

# Supreme Court's Texas decision impacts states, galvanizes both sides

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court's June 27 decision to strike down restrictions on Texas abortion clinics is having ripple effects on legislation across the country and it also has galvanized those on both sides of the abortion issue.

The impact of the ruling — which said Texas abortion clinics do not have to comply with standards of ambulatory surgical centers and their doctors are not required to have admitting privileges at local hospitals — was felt almost immediately.

That same day, Alabama's Attorney General Luther Strange said his office would drop its appeal of a federal district court judge's 2014 ruling that the state's admitting-privileges law, similar to the Texas law, unconstitutional.

"While I disagree with the high court's decision, there is no good faith argument that Alabama's law remains constitutional in light of the Supreme Court ruling," Strange said in a statement.

Support for the Supreme Court's decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* — the court's first ruling on abortion in several years — predicted a swift wave of changes striking down similar restrictions on abortion clinics across the country. Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, described the court's ruling as the first step in opening the door to restore more access to abortion.

Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, doesn't see it that way.

"There may be some laws that are turned down because of what the Supreme

Court did," she said, "but by and large the laws are going to stay."

"The abortion industry wants to set up this mirage that no laws are going to stand and they will try to intimidate or scare pro-life legislators," she said in a June 30 interview.

Tobias thinks the pro-life movement will be more invigorated in their fight after the court's decision.

"Pro-lifers are steadfast and determined," she said, noting that they are accustomed to taking a few steps forward and then some backward, but they will continue to vote for those who promote pro-life legislation.

"The court decision was a step backward but it does not change what we're doing," she added. She also said pro-life advocates have other issues they are emphasizing such as fetal health legislation that bans abortions at 20 weeks or later based on fetal pain.

She said it is worth noting that one part of the Texas law, H.B. 2, that was not challenged was its prohibition on abortions after 20 weeks. Similar legislation has passed in 14 states and she believes other states will follow suit.

In the meantime, state Catholic conferences are taking a close look at laws on abortion clinics in their states. Ingrid Delgado, associate for respect life and social concerns with the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the Florida law for abortion clinics is similar to the Texas law that was struck down but it also has key differences.

In Florida, for example, medical directors at state abortion facilities have been required to have either admitting privileges at hospitals or transfer agreements, meaning patients could be

treated at local hospitals, which was not part of the Texas legislation.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports legal abortion, 25 states have laws or policies that regulate abortion providers and clinics that perform surgical abortions that it claims "go beyond what is necessary to ensure patients' safety."

Five states currently require providers of either medication-induced abortion or surgical abortion to have admitting privileges at a local hospital and another 10 require the provider to have either admitting privileges or another type of relationship with a hospital.

Florida — like Alabama, Idaho, Indiana and South Dakota — also has legislation taking effect July 1 that limits what can be done with the remains of aborted fetuses. The state also joins Mississippi and Missouri in adopting laws to stop tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood.

An abortion restriction law set to take effect July 1 in Indiana was blocked by a federal judge June 30 saying the state does not have the authority to limit a woman's reasons for ending a pregnancy. The law would have banned abortions based on genetic abnormalities such as Down syndrome or because of race, gender or ancestry of the fetus.

North Dakota is the only other state with such a law in place.

The decision against the Indiana law "forbids extending the equal protection of the law to disabled unborn children facing the most lethal form of discrimination," said Carter Snead, a law professor and director of the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Finding God's direction for our lives

In the beloved story, "The Wizard of Oz", Dorothy seeks high adventure in the exotic land of Oz. When she becomes homesick, she is transported home to Kansas. The wise and loving people who had guided her journey in Oz were the same loving people she had left at home in Kansas!

This is what the book of Deuteronomy is trying to tell us about finding God's directions in our lives. How down to earth and practical the words of Scripture are!

We're told that we don't have to look up in the sky or travel to distant lands to

discover how God wants us to live. The Ten Commandments and the two Great Commandments of the law are "right under our noses".

In the second reading we are lifted up by that beautiful hymn of St. Paul to the Colossians.

We're taught that if we want to see God, all we have to do is look at Jesus Christ, for he is "the image of the invisible God."

If we complain that God is so silent, then we need only to listen to the words of his son Jesus.

Today, Jesus speaks in a parable that the world must

never forget - the parable of the good Samaritan.

The following story I have used before in this column, but it's worth repeating.

A seminary professor gave an assignment to his graduate students. Each was to prepare a 20 minute presentation on the parable of the good Samaritan, to be delivered to the entire faculty of the theology department. One by one, the students were called, on short notice, and told when and where they were to appear.

In their rush to their presentations each student had to pass a man who was apparently spent the night outside on the campus.

He was filthy with a long beard disheveled hair and a

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Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

slur to his words that indicated intoxication the best, or a medical emergency at worst.

One by one the students made their apologies-or their excuses-on their way around the man (one even going so far as to jump over the man in his haste),

Unfortunately for these eager students that man was their professor in disguise and their treatment of

him the basis for their final grade.

The message is a clear one. If we want to see Jesus Christ in our lives we need to look into the eyes of our brothers and sisters in need-- our neighbor.

How embarrassed the young scribe must have been when Jesus questioned him at the end of the story. "Which of these three in your opinion was neighbor to the robbers victim?"

The young man was unwilling to even say the word 'Samaritan', so he said instead, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus generously gives him credit for the right answer. This message is the same one which Pope Francis preaches to the world, loud and clear!



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## 'DO YOU LOVE ME? KEEP MY COMMANDS'

# The decision to marry: vocational discernment

By Stephen Tartaglia  
Diocesan Family Life Director

*A holy marriage is always something that should be celebrated! Normally we recognize married couples in our annual Marriage Jubilee held at the Cathedral in September. This year we will be celebrating all vocations at the Inspire Summit and we will recognize married couples there.*

*For more information about the Inspire Summit or to register for this free event, please go to <http://www.inspirecalledtolove.org>*

Pope Francis, in his recent Papal Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, said that the deci-

### Editor's note

This is the second in a series of articles written by Mr. Tartaglia exploring faith development within families as he considers each of the Ten Commandments

sion to marry and to have a family ought to be the fruit of a process of vocational discernment. This statement is so deep and important that it is necessary to pause and really consider what it means.

The heart of discernment is a judgment. Normally, a person is said to have discernment if they habitually show good judgment. In our day to day lives, we make thousands of judgments, and sometimes these happen so quickly that we aren't even aware of weighing options.

Discernment, though, is not a lightweight judgment. It means to make a close examination and to sort things out in order to make a good and careful decision.

There is a difference between normal discernment and a vocational discernment. A vocational discernment, when done diligently, can take several years, because the decision affects the rest of the person's life

and also affects many other people.

In secular settings a career or a job is referred to as a person's vocation; students may receive vocational training to help them develop the skills necessary to be successful in that career. What Catholics understand by vocation is a bit different. Catholics believe that a vocation is a permanent state of life (marriage, priesthood, religious life) that is intended to help the person get to Heaven themselves and to help other people get to Heaven.

Two things are significantly different between the two versions.

First, the secular version of vocation is focused on worldly success, whereas the Catholic version of vocation is focused on success for the next world.

Second, the secular ver-

sion relies on a person's own interests, wants and feelings exclusively, whereas the Catholic version recognizes that a vocation is a special calling from God. Indeed, the word itself comes from the Latin 'vocare' which means to call.

Although a Catholic vocational discernment does rely on a person's interests, wants and feelings, it is primarily about hearing and responding to God's invitation.

In order to make any vocational discernment, there are certain, foundational things that one must believe first: God exists; God loves each and all of us; it is good to be in a relationship with God; people sin against God and this weakens and destroys their relationship with God; being out of relationship with God leads to

sickness and death of both body and soul; sin also weakens and destroys relationships between people; God's grace heals the wounds caused by sin; and when we love other people, we are loving God.

We learn and experience these foundational concepts within our families as we are growing up. But just knowing about these concepts is not enough.

We need to believe and practice them so that we can be in a relationship with God and be sensitive to His promptings in our lives.

Most people would accept immediately the idea that without a relationship with God, there is no possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. It is equally impossible to have a vocation to marriage as God intends it, without a relationship with God.

This is the reason why the decision to marry and have a family has to be the result of a vocational discernment.

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Stephen  
Tartaglia

## AT THE MOVIES

## FINDING DORY

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Fans of the 2003 animated adventure "Finding Nemo" have reason to rejoice: The long wait for a sequel is over, and the follow-up, "Finding Dory" (Disney), once again turns vast expanses of salt water into tasty taffy. The result is a dandy treat for moviegoers of almost all ages.

The buoyant new film's entertainment value, moreover, is moored to solid morals.

Working with co-director Angus MacLane, writer-director Andrew Stanton sets the earlier picture's trio of main characters on another epic journey. This one is undertaken to reunite the absent-minded blue tang of the title (voice of Ellen DeGeneres) with her long-lost parents, Jenny (voice of Diane Keaton) and Charlie (Eugene Levy).

Accompanying Dory on her eventful quest are Marlin (voice of Albert Brooks) and Nemo (voice of Hayden Rolence), the father-and-son

duo of clownfish she befriended in the first outing. In fact, this can be seen as a tale of two families since Dory's bond with widowed worrywart Marlin goes deeper than mere friendship, while the care she provides sprightly Nemo is distinctly maternal. All of that is left largely unspoken however.

Dory's hunt eventually leads to the Marine Life Institute, a fictional aquarium on the coast of California. There she gains the help of three more pals: curmudgeonly octopus Hank (voice of Ed O'Neill), Bailey (voice of Ty Burrell), a beluga whale with defective sonar skills, and nearsighted whale shark Destiny (voice of Kaitlin Olson).

Through it all, Stanton conveys life lessons about family loyalty, teamwork and the proper balance between courage and caution via a script full of gentle humor and appealing personalities. But his most impressive achievement is the use to which he puts the various disabilities on display. While these challenges

are sometimes milked for comedy, at a more basic level Stanton portrays them to send an implicit anti-bullying and pro-life message to youthful viewers.

Objectionable elements are virtually absent. During an underwater schoolroom scene, Dory - mistakenly believing that one of the kids has asked her about the birds and the bees - launches into a boilerplate explanation that only patrons of a certain age will understand. She's quickly cut off.

At a moment of danger, Hank instinctively releases a wave of black ink. Dory tries to relieve his subsequent embarrassment about this with a brief verbal reaction that the strictest might insist on identifying as a bit of potty humor.

On the other hand, the dangers lurking in the deep lead to brief incidents of jeopardy for our buddies on screen that may prove too intense for small fry.

The film contains scenes of peril, a distant reference to cliches about the facts of life and equally vague bath-



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

Animated character Dory, voiced by Ellen DeGeneres, appears in the movie "Finding Dory."

room humor. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I - general patronage. The Motion Picture Associa-

tion of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

## The decision

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But the 'process' is also very important.

There are similarities and differences in the processes of discerning a religious vocation and a marital vocation. The differences in the preparation for marriage and holy orders focus primarily on what each will be doing, for example, a priest is required to pray the divine office, to offer sacraments, and to preach. Each of those duties requires specialized knowledge and training not necessary for a vocation to marriage.

Conversely, an engaged couple will soon plan to welcome new life and should

be trained in Natural Family Planning, which is also specialized knowledge and requires practice.

The same qualities in a man that make for a good husband and father also make for a good priest, and first among these qualities is to be open to the will of God and sensitive to His promptings. It is within the family that the foundation for every future vocation is built. If there are problems in the foundation, then whatever vocational 'structure' is built upon it will likely have problems.

Good vocational discernment process takes a look at the foundation, repairs and

strengthens it.

Being open to God and sensitive to His promptings entails being free from slavery to sin and false gods. For this reason, it is extremely important that families take the Ten Commandments very seriously. They show us the idols we worship.

When we use the commandments in our regular examinations of conscience, we can pinpoint very speedily the idols we embrace and we can work to weaken them through sacramental confession, prayer, and the development of habits that replace our vices with virtues.

## St. Mary's Church, Clayton

### 14th Annual Summer Gala & Raffle

**Only 370 Tickets to be sold!**

(One need not be present to win)

**Ticket Price:** \$100.00 U.S. (Includes dinner for two, two drinks and chances to win - Sorry no take outs)

**1st Prize \$10,000.00**

2nd Prize \$2,000.00

3rd & 4th \$500.00

5th & 6th Prize \$250.00

7th - 11th Prizes \$100.00

\*\*Prize amounts depends on 370 tickets sold\*\*

All winning tickets will be returned to drum and be eligible for all 11 prizes.

**Where:** The Cerow Arena at Clayton Recreation Park

**When:** Tuesday, August 9 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Make checks payable and mail to:

St. Mary's Church  
521 James Street, Clayton, NY 13624  
(315) 686-3398

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Must by 18 to purchase

**ADIRONDACK**

**SUMMER RETREAT**

**Lake Placid** – Summer Retreat is set  
**Dates:** July 16-17  
**Schedule:** The mission will begin on the weekend liturgies and then Mon., Tues., and Wed., at 7 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Agnes  
**Speaker:** Fr. Don Henry on the theme "Everything we say and do teaches."

**"VACATION WITH THE LORD"**

**Saranac Lake** – A summer retreat is set  
**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge  
**Dates:** Aug. 12 – 14  
**Cost:** \$150

**Features:** Facilitated by Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ and Paul Gibaldi, Adirondack guide and published nature photographer; A time to enjoy nature as "a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of His infinite beauty and goodness," Laudato Si (#12) and a time to discover lessons for life from the "Gospel of Creation" (Laudato Si. Chap. 2). Father Paul Kelly will celebrate Mass

**Contact:** Space limited. For more information, call 315-212-6592 or email sr-bethssj@gmail.com

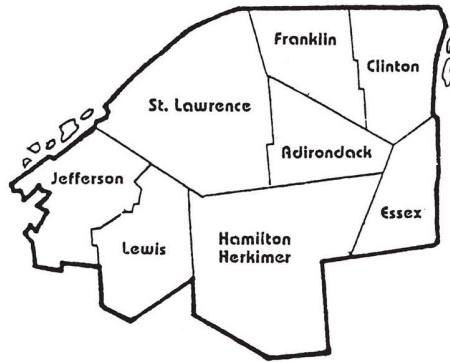
**CLINTON**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Dannemora** – A Vacation Bible School, "Cave Quest" is to be held  
**Date:** July 11-15  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to Noon  
**Place:** St. Joseph's Church  
**Features:** Cave Quest is filled with Bible-learning experiences. Scieny-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, Bible songs and treats  
**Contact:** Call Lynn Lynch at 492-2524 or stop by the office. Hours 8:00AM to 2:00PM weekdays.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Plattsburgh** – St. Peter's is sponsoring their annual Golf Tournament.  
**Date:** Aug. 5  
**Time:** Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.; arrive 30-60 minutes prior to the start  
**Place:** Adirondack Golf Club  
**Cost:** \$65 for non-Adirondack members, \$50 for Adirondack members, \$25 for awards dinner only.  
**Features:** The proceeds will benefit the Youth Programs sponsored by St. Peter's such as scholarships to Guggenheim. Farmers Insurance Company is the new Corporate Sponsor. They are also accepting \$50 hole sponsors  
**Contact:** Send registration form, check payable to John Mockry, 51 Oak St.,



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

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

Plattsburgh, NY 12901 by Aug. 1. Call 518-578-4927 or 518-562-4179

**RENOVATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Plattsburgh** – 6th Annual St. Joseph's Church (Dannemora) Building Renovation Golf Tournament to be held.  
**Date:** Aug. 12  
**Place:** Bluff Point Course  
**Cost:** \$60 per person which includes golf, cart, meal and prizes.  
**Features:** 4 person scramble. Proceeds will go to the Renovation Fund.  
**Contact:** Teams or individuals may contact Deacon Ed at 563-0828 or Fr. Mickey at 492-7118 for an application.

**FRANKLIN**

**ST. MARY'S BREAKFAST**

**Brushton** – St. Mary's breakfast buffet to be held.  
**Date:** July 10  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center  
**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 (mother, father, and school age children) or more, \$25  
**Contact:** For take-outs, 518-529-6580

**HAMILTON-HERKIMER**

**WMOF FAMILY MISSION**

**Old Forge** – The team that represented the diocese at World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Adoration.  
**Date:** July 8  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to Noon  
**Place:** St. Bartholomew's Parish  
**Features:** The Day of Adoration follows the 8 a.m. Mass. There will a breakfast

from 9 a.m. to 10 with a short presentation, the opportunity to meet the team members, ask questions and receive resources from the World Meeting of Families. There will be exposition and adoration from 10 to 11 ending with a Holy Hour from 11 to noon.  
**Contact:** Those wishing to attend the free breakfast should call 315-369-3554.

**CHICKEN BBQ**

**Indian Lake** – The Knights of Columbus to have a Chicken BBQ  
**Date:** July 17  
**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Mary's Church  
**Cost:** \$10

**SUMMER HEAT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Wells/Speculator** – The 5th Annual St. Ann's & St. James' "Summer Heat" Golf Tournament will be held.  
**Date:** July 23  
**Time:** Shotgun start at 8 a.m.  
**Place:** Lake Pleasant Golf Course  
**Cost:** \$65 per person. includes a cart  
**Features:** The format is Foursomes/Scramble. All the proceeds go towards supporting neighbors in Lake Pleasant, Piseco, Speculator and Wells needing heating assistance next winter. Lunch and prizes will be provided. Sign-up is at the ClubHouse, St. Ann's or St. James Churches. Donations and Sponsors graciously accepted to St. James Church, PO Box 2214, Speculator, NY, 12164  
**Contact:** For further information, call Richard at 548-3635/ rsnyder304@hotmail.com or Sue at 924-5557/ spsail@citlink.com

**SUMMER PARISH PICNIC**

**Wells** – The Fifth Annual St. Ann/St. James' Summer Parish Picnic is set  
**Date:** July 24  
**Time:** 2 p.m. to 5  
**Place:** Wells Pavilion  
**Features:** This year's theme is "Favorite Summer Sports" and all are invited to come dressed in the outfit they would enjoy their favorite summer recreation in. There will be a prize for best dressed. Hamburgs, hotdogs, sausage and drinks provided; bring dish to pass.  
**Contact:** Sign up at the back of either church. Call Deb Walters at 265-3977 or e-mail debwalters@frontiernet.net for more information.

**JEFFERSON**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Carthage** – St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Secular Franciscans will have a 2 hour Adoration to pray for Vocations.  
**Date:** July 23  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to Noon  
**Place:** St. James Church

**HOMESCHOOLERS MASS, LUNCH**

**Cape Vincent** – Homeschoolers invited to 3rd annual Mass and pot luck lunch.  
**Date:** July 31  
**Features:** Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent of Paul Church followed by a pot luck lunch at the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Dablon Point.  
**Contact:** RSVP to Dolores at 315-654-3932, call or text.

**LEWIS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Lowville** – Eucharistic Adoration set  
**Date:** July 7 and 21  
**Time:** 4 p.m. to 5  
**Place:** St. Peter's Church  
**Features:** Silent Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Benediction.

**CHICKEN BBQ**

**Harrisville** – Knights of Columbus sponsoring Chicken BBQ to be held.  
**Date:** July 23  
**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7  
**Place:** St. Francis Solanus Church  
**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free; Chicken only, \$5  
**Contact:** For pre-sale tickets call Larry 315-543-2946 or Dan 1-845-292-3053

**SUMMER SOCIAL**

**Constableville** – St. Mary's Church will be holding their 10th annual Summer Social.  
**Date:** July 13  
**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7

**Features:** No price changes, same delicious picnic menu with ala carte pricing; games and raffles

**ST. LAWRENCE**

**SUMMER PRE-CANA CONFERENCE**

**Norfolk** – Summer Pre-Cana conference to be held.  
**Date:** July 9  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Church of the Visitation  
**Contact:** Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader, diocesan Pre-Cana coordinators, 315-323-0827, dleader@rcdony.org

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**FAMILY PILGRIMAGE**

**Isle La Motte, VT** – Join us for a Family Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte on nearby Lake Champlain.  
**Date:** July 16  
**Time:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Features:** Bring a picnic, swimsuits, participate in a family craft, enjoy the walking Stations of the Cross, celebrate Mass with Bishop La Valley. The Event is free, but freewill donations accepted  
**Contact:** Steve Tartaglia tartaglia@rcdony.org, 315-393-2920

**FAMILY GUGGENHEIM**

**Saranac Lake** – Come celebrate family at Family Guggenheim.  
**Date:** Three Sessions: Aug. 11-14; Aug. 18-21; and Oct. 7-9  
**Features:** A four day get away in the Adirondacks 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

**VOCATION PILGRIMAGE**

Join Bishop LaValley Will lead a pilgrimage to pray for Vocations.  
**Date:** Oct. 11-13  
**Cost:** Single Occupancy \$460, Double Occupancy \$335/each  
**Features:** Mass and tour at Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, Holy Hour, Mass and tour of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, visit to Norman Rockwell Museum, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch, buses with pickups in Watertown, Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Plattsburgh, Schroon Lake. Space limited, sign up today! (Non-refundable payment due August 27.  
**Contact:** Call Anne at (315) 353-2950 or Connie at (315) 265-2762.



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# From Indonesia to Watertown

From the Desk of Sister Mary Ellen Brett

Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Jonas Tandayu is the current pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church and has been building a spirit of unity, love and service within the Watertown community since 2012. Father Jonas believes his strength and inspiration comes from the belief that God has love for us through Jesus Christ (John 4:16), and he loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life (John 3:16). Fr. Jonas expresses that kind of love everyday through his homily, reflections and teachings.

Many parishioners throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg have supported the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) through the Sacred Heart Foundation located in Watertown, which supports the formation of missionary priests and brothers. Each summer, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart participate in the Coop - Collection. A Sacred Heart priest speaks on the training of seminarians as well as the training of religious sisters and lay catechists in developing countries. Father Jonas at some time received assistance in his training from the North Country collection. It is fitting to know that a missionary we supported in his early years has come to the Diocese of Ogdensburg and specifically Watertown to support us spiritually.

Father Jonas is from a small town, Kawangkoan, Manado, Indonesia. He has six sisters and one brother. Three of his sisters are religious: a Carmelite, a Franciscan and a Holy Family Sister. As a youngster, Father Jonas was happy to meet an MSC who came riding into his town on a motorcycle. He was filled with compassion and fun which influenced Father Jonas's vocation.

Father Jonas studied Biblical Theology and was head of the Catechists in his diocese. He was in formation ministry in the Philippines, Novice Master in India, Director of Major Seminarians and Vice Provincial of his local community. He desired to visit other MSC communities in the United States in Los Angeles and San Bernardino, California. He really wanted parish work. It is a blessing for us that he chose the wintery north country instead of sunny California.

Reflecting on his time in the USA, Father Jonas thinks of the struggle for his people to provide the necessities of life compared to a less struggle for people in our country. Catholicism is growing in Indonesia. He is grateful to see the acceptance of Catholics and especially for him within the American Culture. He does well mastering the language barrier.

We are grateful to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for sharing the gifts of Father Jonas with us. He is grateful for the welcome in the north county for accepting him as he is as he ministers among us. He shows by his "all-time smile" a Christ-like enthusiasm for all.

## OBITUARIES

**Adams** — Alfred R. Gilbert, 78; Funeral Services June 21, 2016 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Henderson.

**Bombay** — Margaret M. (Ayotte) Major, 80; Funeral June 27, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Brownville** — Douglas Frank Hinman, 92; Funeral Services June 24, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** — Helen M. (White) LaBare, 91; Funeral Services June 28, 2016 at the Chateaugay Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Clayton** — Thomas J. Brabant, 72; Funeral Services June 25, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

**Clayton** — Aimee L. Cooley, 44; Funeral Services June 22, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Colton** — Mary Jane (Hayes) Lindner, 84; Funeral Services June 25, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Croghan** — Leslie Francis Ver Schneider, 84; Funeral Services July 1, 2016 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Edwards** — Frank E. Wagner, Sr. 94; Funeral Services June 24, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in the Hermon Cemetery.

**Glenfield** — Arlene Margaret (Urtz) Parry, 100; Funeral Services June 23, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial Brantingham Cemetery.

**Glenfield** — George C. Robinson, 73; Funeral Services July 15, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

**Hogansburg** — Allen J. Gorrow, 83; Funeral June 29, 2016 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Lowville** — Benjamin L. Blair, 89; Funeral Services July 1, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Beaches Bridge Cemetery.

**Lowville** — William J. "Jim" Welch, Jr., 85; Funeral Services July 2, 2016 at the Isenker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Colton.

**Lyon Mountain** — Richard E. Wilson, 63;

Funeral July 1, 2016 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Malone** — Warren W. Brand, 87; Funeral Services June 28, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Morningside Cemetery.

**Massena** — Robert F. Post, 84; Funeral Services June 24, 2016 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Sandy F. Romeo, 93; Funeral Services June 25, 2016 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Laura M. Stubbs; Funeral Services June 30, 2016 at the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** — Gerald A. "Jerry" Bushey Sr., 85; Funeral Services June 23, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** — Gordon R. "Gordie" Little, 79; Funeral Services June 28, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Norfolk** — Sandra L. and Bernard J. Campbell; Funeral Services June 23, 2016 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Ila Buckley, 72; Funeral Services June 25 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Arnold P. "Arnie" Burdeau, 80; Funeral Services June 27, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Stephen C. Conners, 69; Funeral Services June 24, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Malone.

**Plattsburgh** — Henry W. Green, 88; Funeral Services June 25, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Ronald G. Malseptic, MD, 68; Memorial Services July 13, 2016 at St. Peter's Church.

**Plattsburgh** — Ruth M. (Goldie) Moore, 90; Funeral Services July 2, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville.

**Plattsburgh** — Terry R. Schmaltz, 68; Funeral Services July 2, 2016 at St. John's Church.

**Plattsburgh** — Margaret "Lena" (LaBarre) Whalen, 88; Funeral Services June 20, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Port Leyden** — Evelyn (Foley) Lesperance, 90; Funeral June 24, 2016 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Potsdam** — Robert H. Buck, 81; Funeral Services July 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Redford** — Ronald M. Buckley, 72; Funeral Services June 24, 2016 at Church of Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

**Rouses Point** — Joyce Marie (Carr) Duffy, 64; Funeral Services June 22, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. George's Cemetery, Burke.

**Rouses Point** — Beatrice Frances Jefferson, 92; Funeral Services June 21, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Champlain.

**Schroon Lake** — Lyanne M. (Estes) Anslow, 77; Funeral Services July 1, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church; burial in North Hudson Cemetery.

**Star Lake** — Donald R. Pomerville, 59; Funeral Services July 2, 2016 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Hubert's Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** — Elizabeth Jean Merrihew Smith, 85; Funeral Services June 22, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Mary L. (Burr) Branski, 78; Funeral June 23, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery Watertown

**Watertown** — Ethel M. Gaginere; Funeral Services July 1, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Parish Road Cemetery, Pamela.

**Watertown** — John "Jack" Morin, 82; Funeral Services July 1, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Rosamond A. (Horton) Van Arnam, 78; Funeral Services June 28, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Willsboro** — Janice A. Dorey, 60; Funeral Services June 30, 2016 at St. Philip of Jesus Church.

# FACES OF FAITH

Another year of formal Catholic education comes to a close



Father Francis J. Flynn, pastor in Willsboro, Westport and Elizabethtown, celebrated a senior class recognition Mass at each of his parishes. At St Philip of Jesus Parish in Willsboro, Zack Pierson, Connor Sheehan, Taressa Lacey and John Shaw were honored.



Father Mark Reilly, pastor in Massena, presented Trinity Catholic sixth grade student Luke Greco, the Bishop's Award during the school's recent graduation Mass at St. Mary's Church. Greco earned the award for seven years of academic excellence, discipleship, school spirit, and good character.



At St Elizabeth's Church in Elizabethtown, Natalie Martin, Shannon Canavan and Wesley Putnam were honored at a senior class recognition Mass. The graduates are shown above with their pastor, Father Francis J. Flynn.



Thomas Mero, Anderson Gay and Jonathan Gay were honored at the senior class recognition Mass at St Philip Neri in Westport.



As the 2015-2016 school year came to a close, so did the tenure of four of Trinity Catholic School's leaders. TCS bid farewell to Denise Neves, Christine Britton, Shirley Chartrand and Father Don Manfred, who combined, have served the school for about 91 years.



Hailey Moore is the 2016 valedictorian at Seton Catholic School in Plattsburgh.