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Christians must forgive

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – God wants people to be merciful, which means forgiving others and giving freely with love, Pope Francis said.

"We don't have the power to condemn our brother who makes a mistake, we are not above him. Rather we have a duty to return him to the dignity of a son of the father

and to accompany him on his path of conversion," the pope said Sept. 21 at his weekly general audience. In his talk, the pope focused on a reading from the Gospel of Luke (6:36-38) in which Jesus tells the disciples to stop judging others and be merciful just as God is.

The motto for the Year of

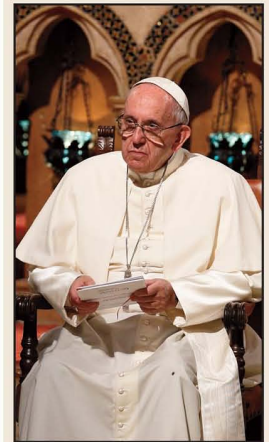
Mercy, "Merciful Like the Father," comes from this biblical verse, the pope said. But more than a pithy catchphrase, the motto is a life-long commitment to give to others the love one has received -- without merit -- from God, he said. It is a call to reflect upon all that God does for humanity so as to

be inspired "to be like him, full of love, compassion and mercy," he said.

But what does it mean to be merciful, the pope asked his audience. Jesus said it means to forgive and to give, he said. Mercy is shown by forgiving and not judging and condemning, Pope Francis said.

IN PRAYER FOR PEACE

At gathering in Assisi



CNS PHOTO BY PAUL HARING

Pope Francis presides at an ecumenical prayer service with religious leaders in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, Sept. 20. The pope and some 450 religious leaders from around the world were marking the 30th anniversary of the first interreligious meeting and prayer for peace organized by St. John Paul II in 1986. Just a few hours before heading to Assisi, Pope Francis dedicated his homily to peace during morning Mass in the chapel of his residence. "Violence and division are the work of the devil who 'wants to kill everyone,' and that is why people need to come together and pray for peace, united in the conviction that 'God is a God of peace,'" he said.

Watertown K of C honors G. McGivney

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He was an active spokesman for Council 259 even before he became a philanthropist thanks to the New York State Lottery.

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Showing respect for the dead and belief in the resurrection of the body

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HAPPY HARVESTERS IN GARDEN OF EATIN'



SCHOOL PHOTO

As the new school year begins, Madielyn Austin and Beatrix Powell, junior kindergarten students at Trinity Catholic in Massena display a carrot picked from the school's garden. This is the second year students have helped harvest the vegetables after planting them the spring before, as a unique and engaging way of learning. Mrs. Stewart's JK students loved seeing the garden's tomatoes, squash, and carrots in addition to the towering sunflowers and immense pumpkins, as they took a tour of the school's Garden of Eatin'.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Moving forward with new energy

Although dated Sept. 28, this issue of the *NCC* was sent to press on Saturday afternoon, the day before we all converged in Lake Placid to be inspired.

I'm sure that I wouldn't be wrong if I proclaimed INSPiRE: Called to Love a phenomenal success but, it's probably best to wait until it actually happens!

What I can promise, though, is that next week's paper will be bursting with stories covering every aspect of this extraordinary day in our diocese.

With contributions from a very talented photographer and seven of our equally gifted

writers, I'm almost ready to proclaim the Oct. 5 issue of the *North Country Catholic* a phenomenal success.

Mary Lou
Kilian

But, again, we better wait and see.

(This would be a good time to check out the *NCC* Facebook page, though, since we'll be sharing lots of photos from INSPiRE in the days before the paper arrives in your mailbox.)

In the meantime, it's not too early to look beyond Sept. 25 on our diocesan calendar as we move forward in faith, with new energy and enthusiasm.

In less than two weeks we will be welcoming a new priest

in our midst as Bishop LaValley ordains Deacon Todd Thibault Oct. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

On Oct. 19, the diocese will be celebrating again as Catholic Charities hosts its annual Caritas dinner in Lake Placid. People from the Tri-Lakes region will be honored with the prestigious Caritas and President's awards at the dinner.

Then, we have a new event on our diocesan calendar: Bishop LaValley will preside at a Blue Mass Oct. 30 in Malone.

At that liturgy, special attention will be given to state police officers, local police officers, those who work in our correctional facilities and all who work in the field of law enforcement.

October, of course, offers us a number of opportunities to stand up for life as we mark Respect Life Month with life chains, special prayer and more.

This is also the time of year when it pays to take notice of the list of events in the *NCC*.

A smart reader could satisfy an appetite for all sorts of culinary delights in all sorts of places in the north country. And, we know that September and October road trips through our region can satisfy all sorts of visual cravings, too.

With a very summer-y summer behind us, it's a special joy to welcome autumn delights as we continue to gather together in faith.

Hope to see you around!

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

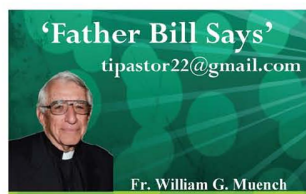
Perfecting the great art of listening

Listening – one of the greatest gifts you can offer to your friends and to others.

Last weekend, I did quite a bit of driving. For me, thanks to my niece Susan, that means lots of podcasts. You know what I mean – those recorded programs, usually, discussions about news or sports or some such stuff. The variety of subjects I have found truly amaze me. I have learned so much especially, while driving.

So, this last weekend I listened to a podcast by somebody or other about "listening." This fellow spent time reminding us, his listeners, that we are often poor listeners. We often pretend to listen but really aren't listening at all. This speaker went on to tell us of how much we miss because we aren't really "listening."

Listening to this podcast on "listening" challenged me to analyze the way I listen. Immediately, I had to admit that I am not a good listener. I am often thinking of a thousand other things as someone is trying to talk to me. As I listened to this podcast I began to think I would like to share his ideas



with you. And, of course, I wasn't listening to all he was saying. So I probably missed some of his stuff.

Yes, I confess to you I am not a good listener. Usually, my mind is all over the place instead of truly listening to my friend. I am as bad as the youngster who pulls out his or her telephone texting while pretending to listen to someone. I would never pull out my telephone – I promise you that – but I do let my mind ramble.

Listening involves understanding. There are times I don't understand clearly even what someone texts to me or emails me because I simply don't "listen" to what they mean as they write to me. I don't get the message. I miss the insights; they are taking the trouble of sharing their feelings and thoughts and I

miss so much.

Today, I want to add to all of this and remind you that prayer involves listening. In prayer, we use words – our words and words of others – to bring our praise and hopes and dreams to our God. There are so many blessed words that become our prayers: the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. We make the words of the Mass our words in prayer.

However, our time of prayer should also include a time to listen. Each time we stop our busy lives to pray, I believe firmly that the Lord has a message for us. I have experienced that magnificent moment when God's message becomes so evident to me. However, I also know that too many times – because I was far from attentive – that I have missed completely any indication of God's message for me. I missed something! I was not open or faith filled enough to realize that God had a challenge for me.

I believe firmly that each and every day, God has something for us – an opportunity, a challenge – to make our lives better, to make our world a better

place. I know I must take the time to realize that the Lord has a message for me. Each day the Lord has something special for me to accomplish for God. This means that in prayer I must listen better when I come to the Lord.

This means I must be open in mind and heart in my spiritual reading or maybe while reading Scripture (there is always a message about me and for me). Maybe there's a message for me in a song at Mass (that is why it is so important to read the words of the songs even if you are not a singer). The message may come through the pastor's homily. It may be something that someone says to me. Children have a wonderful way of bringing God message to us.

There are so many ways that God reaches out to us but am I listening? I am reminded of a friend who taught me that it is important to stop and pray at times of confusion about what to do or say. And God will get through to us – leading and guiding us. To understand God's message, we have to be good listeners.

Ordination set

OGDENSBURG – Bishop Terry R. LaValley will ordain Deacon Todd Edward Thibault to the priesthood Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.
 A reception will follow in the lower cathedral.
 The new priest will celebrate his first Mass at St. James Church in Carthage Oct. 9 at 2 p.m.
 Deacon Thibault currently serves as a deacon assistant at St. Mary's in Canton.

Caritas Dinner Oct. 19 in Lake Placid

LAKEPLACID - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will hold its annual Caritas Dinner Oct. 19 at the Crowne Plaza.

Each year, Catholic Charities presents two awards – the Caritas Award and President's Award to individuals, couples or groups who champion the building of compassionate and caring communities

The 2016 Caritas Award will be presented to Mercy Care of the Adirondacks while the President's Award will be given to Linda Young of Lake Placid.

Since 2007, Mercy Care has served elders of all faiths, offering companionship, friendship and spiritual care for those who are living in their own homes or other independent living communities in the Tri-Lakes region.

Ms. Young was one of the key players in creating an ecumenical outreach to the needy in the Lake Placid area. For decades Linda has been the driving force behind the Interfaith Food Pantry and

the Lake Placid Thrift Shop. Advanced reservations for the dinner are required by Oct. 10. Names of those attending with addresses and phone numbers should be sent to Caritas Dinner, Catholic Charities, 6866 State Hwy 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

The cost is \$45 per person; checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

All proceeds from the dinner will be used to provide financial assistance and counseling to individuals and families in need.

A cash bar at the Crowne Plaza opens at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6.

Further information is available from the Catholic Charities offices at 315-393-2255.

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A SPECIAL VISITOR



SCHOOL PHOTO
 Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with several eighth graders at Immaculate Heart Central School and their English teacher Sept. 23 after he celebrated an opening school Mass at the Watertown school.



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CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY... BURY THE DEAD

In honor of the dead

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN - Our family said goodbye at the beginning of September to our Pop. James Frisbie was 96 when he died. He is my wife's father and was a dear friend. He is buried in his home county downstate in a veteran's cemetery.

We were able to celebrate Jim's life and journey in the Catholic tradition; a tradition that is challenged today on a number of fronts.

"The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints."

That text comes from the introduction to the Order of Christian Funerals. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines why it encourages the three-part funeral rite of Vigil, Funeral Liturgy and Rite of Committal. "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy, it honors the children of God who are temples of the Holy Spirit." CCC 2300

In today's culture the obituary



columns are filled with references to "no services" or "a memorial will be held at the convenience of the family." Other obits give directions to a service at the funeral home or perhaps at the graveside.

And then there is the occasional "celebration" to be held at a hall of some kind.

All of these practices miss the point of the Catholic respect for the dead and our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The vigil wake service is a time for the Church to "accompany the mourners in their initial adjustment to the fact of death and to the sorrow this entails."

At the funeral liturgy the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God and to commend the deceased to God's mercy.

The final rite is the committal, celebrated at the grave site, mausoleum, tomb or crematorium. It is

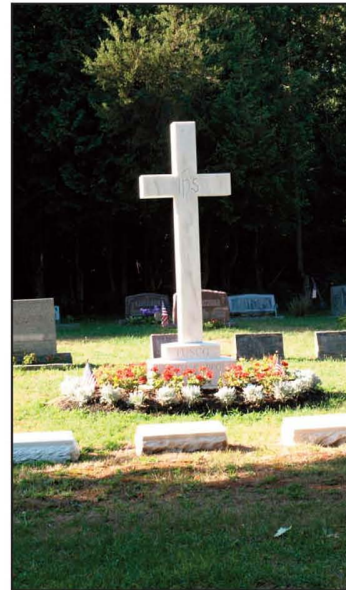


PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON

Among the Corporal Works of Mercy is "bury the dead," pointing to Catholic respect for the dead and belief in the resurrection of the body. Shown above is a scene from Glenwood Cemetery in Watertown.

the final opportunity for the community and family to say farewell and to pray for the glory of the resurrection.

The Corporal Works of Mercy that Pope Francis has encouraged us to practice in this Year of Mercy are generally taken from the Gospel of

St. Matthew (chapter 25). Six of the seven "acts" are listed there: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the traveler, comfort the sick, and free the imprisoned.

However, the origin of the merciful act of burying the dead is found in chapter one of the Old Testament Book of Tobit. He risked his own life to bury the dead. Jews considered any other treatment of the dead "a horror."

It is from that ancient practice that the Catholic church has derived its tradition of mourning, praying for and respectfully burying our loved ones. As it is written in Ecclesiastes: And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

As a family we were blessed to be able to hold funeral rites for my father-in-law in the tradition of the Church. There was a vigil service with a priest present to lead us in prayer and my sister-in-law delivered a beautiful eulogy at the wake.

The pastor of Pop's parish presided at a prayerful, consoling and joyful funeral Mass and at the committal that followed. It was a blessed occasion.

Many families today choose to ignore these opportunities or are insufficiently grounded in their own beliefs to honor the wishes of their now deceased loved one. It is a pity some choose convenience over love and mercy.



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New home to be named after philanthropist with ties to K of C founder

Watertown K of C honors Garry McGivney

By David Shampine
NCC Writer

WATERTOWN – The Watertown Council 259 of the Knights of Columbus will name its new home for the late Garry T. McGivney Oct. 9, giving the local chapter a kinship to the very origins of the international society.

Mr. McGivney was a second cousin, twice-removed, of Father Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn.

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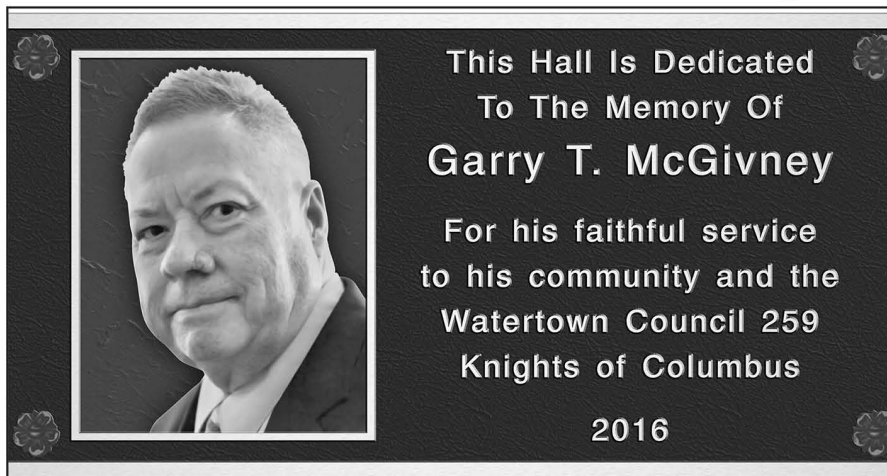
The day's activities will begin as Bishop Terry R. LaValley presides at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Church. Brunch will follow in the gymnasium of the former St. Anthony's School.

A portion of the school building will become Garry T. McGivney K of C Hall. The dedication program will follow the meal.

K of C Supreme Director Arthur J. Harris, Rochester, will be guest speaker. Members of the McGivney family will be coming from New York City and Malone to attend.

Council 259 is leasing three rooms and storage space in the former school.

Grand Knight John J. Morgia said discussions began



Bishop LaValley will celebrate Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown Oct. 9 before dedicating the new council rooms, in the former St. Anthony's School, in honor of Garry McGivney, a long time Council member and relative of the founder of the K of C, Father Michael McGivney. Pictured is the plaque that will be located in the council meeting chamber.

about two years ago for a need to vacate the building owned by the Knights at 312 Sherman St.

The building had become inadequate for the needs of the group, which currently has 210 members, he said.

"Once we moved here, we decided to name our facility for the man who had done so much for the Knights of Columbus, Catholic parishes and the community," Mr. Morgia said.

Outspoken advocate

Garry McGivney, a native of Malone, became a member of Council 259 in November 1990, and quickly became an outspoken advocate for the

organization and a voice in opposition to abortion.

His activity drew the attention of the K of C national magazine *Columbia*, which featured him in a story in March 1993.

"If more Catholics knew about the amount of money and time we donate to charities, there would be more members joining," he was quoted in the story. "My mission is to spread the word about that."

He talked about the founding of K of C and of the Watertown Council, about hospitality huts supported by the organization during World War I, job programs from the Depression to later years, and deeds performed by K of C for church and community.

"Just as the order's founder reached out to assist the widows and orphans of Catholic men, McGivney lends his voice to champion unborn children," the magazine's story continued.

Again quoting McGivney, "I now consider it more important than ever that what small skills I have in writing and speaking be used to change people's minds about the sanctity of human life."

Not optimistic about reversing *Roe vs. Wade* or

changing abortion laws, his philosophy was, "We need to convince people that abortion is not a choice that should be made."

'Humble' philanthropist

That story ran eight years before Garry McGivney turned from spokesman to "humble" philanthropist. After bringing home a \$20.2 million lump-sum Lotto payment in 2005, he became a benefactor of the Catholic parishes of Watertown. His pastor at Holy Family Church, Father Steven M. Murray, told the *Watertown Daily Times* in July 2014 that the sudden wealth did not change the man.

"Before he even won the lottery, he was a very generous man," Father Murray said. "He also was generous after that. He was a very quiet man and didn't want a lot of notoriety. He hoped his generosity would spur others to be generous and to realize money is not the end-all and be-all."

He gave Holy Family \$1 million, more than erasing the parish debt, and earmarked another million dollars to be divided between St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parishes. Holy Family subse-

quently benefitted from additional dispersals, Father Murray revealed.

Another recipient was the Northern New York Community Foundation. Of a \$2.5 million donation there, \$1 million was designated for a North Pleasant Street Scholarship Fund – a gift for students in his neighborhood.

"The real long-term legacy of his gift is for everyone to share their blessings with others," Rande S. Richardson, community foundation executive director, told the *Times*.

Funds are established "to be permanently endowed ... so we spend a certain percentage each year," he said recently. "A portion of his gift also supported the Foundation's general community grants program."

The McGivney family

Mr. McGivney, salutatorian of his St. Joseph's Academy class in Malone, Summa Cum Laude graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh, Air Force veteran and a 30-year employee of the State Department of Labor died at age 75 on July 20, 2014.

His grandfather, Michael J. McGivney, was a second cousin of Father Michael McGivney. Born to Irish immigrants in 1852 in Waterbury, Conn., the priest drew from his family experiences to form an organization that would be responsive to people's needs.

That organization, the Knights of Columbus, was founded to serve as a mutual aid and fraternal insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families.

Father McGivney died from pneumonia two days after his 38th birthday in 1890.

A cause for his canonization was initiated in 1996 in the Archdiocese of New Hartford, and Pope Benedict XVI declared him "Venerable" in March 2008, recognizing his "heroic virtue," according to an account of his life in Wikipedia.

The origins of Watertown Council 259

Council 259 with a membership of 48 men was chartered Sept. 6, 1897. In its 119 years of existence, the Watertown group has been on a springboard of homes, finding no fewer than a dozen gathering locations. Their first meetings were held in the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall on Washington Street until they settled in a brick building on Stone Street, part of Paddock property. Their next move was in the same neighborhood, the Bergevin building on Arcade Street. More relocations placed them in the Otis Building, the former Guilfoyle Funeral Home, the Carpenter Homestead on Stone Street, and then Holy Family School. Enough eyebrows were raised when they started meeting in the basement of the Masonic Temple that the arrangement was short-lived. The Italian American Civic Association became their next shelter, followed by Immaculate Heart Central School, American Legion Post 61, and finally 312 Sherman St., which the group sold in March 2015.

BISHOP'S FUND 2016.....MERCY IN MOTION

The Bishop's Fund, 'living stones' and lay ministry

By Deacon Patrick Donahue
Coordinator, Formation for Ministry program

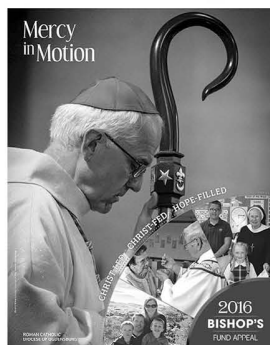
Although lay ministry was first initiated with the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, it has been since 2005, when the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released the pastoral letter Co-workers in the Vineyard, that lay ministry has become a foundational ministry in parishes across the country

In that letter the U.S. bishops wrote, "All of the baptized are called to work toward the transformation of the world. Most do this in the secular realm; some do this by working in the church and focusing on the building of ecclesial communion, which has among its purposes the transformation of the world."

And so it is in the Diocese of Ogdensburg where our recent initiatives to build our parishes with living stones have underscored the need for more priests, deacons, consecrated religious... and commissioned lay ministers

Formation for Ministry is a lay ministry program designed to provide academic, pastoral, and spiritual formation for lay ministers. With the support of the Bishop's Fund each year, Formation for Ministry prepares men and women for their chosen ministry and helps develop their ministerial skills. Once commissioned, these newly trained lay ministers provide pastoral care and ministry support to our parishes and Catholic communities across the diocese.

The Bishop's Fund helps to support the Diocesan Formation for Ministry program which has commissioned over 1200 individuals since 1991. Now a staple program for min-



istry development in our diocese. The lay ministers who have become commissioned for ministry service in the Diocese of Ogdensburg serve in a variety of ministries that include catechetical, youth, liturgical and parish and community outreach.

A study released in 2011 by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University reported 3,496 parishes in the United States were operating without a resident priest pastor; 388 parishes had been entrusted to a deacon, religious sister or brother, or layperson instead of a priest. According to the CARA study nearly 800 full time parish positions are being added each year in dioceses across the country.

But this same study also stated that professional lay ministry is on the increase in the United States and that

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there are nearly 38,000 lay persons-men and women; single, married and religious-working in pastoral ministry positions today. In addition to ministry service 19,000 persons are enrolled studies in theology and ministry providing hope for a brighter future for our catholic Church.

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, where our own Bishop LaValley's 2014 proclamation calls for "Building Parishes with Living Stones", there is good news that the Formation for Ministry program currently has 62 candidates who are in their final year of formation. These candidates who have demonstrated both a commitment and a dedication to serving in church ministry, will be commissioned on June 25, 2017 at the cathedral. Once commissioned these ministers will continue the tradition of active discipleship in the universal Church, the Diocese and their parishes.

The new application for the Formation for Ministry program begins in February 2017. For additional information please contact Dcn. Patrick J. Donahue pdonahue@rcdony.org or call (315) 393-2920 ext. 1412.

Rest in Peace

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

- Sept. 29** – Rev. Patrick O. Thompson, 1955
Sept. 30 – Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, 1968
Oct. 1 – Rev. Hermenegilde Brisson, 1954
Oct. 2 – Msgr. Joseph D. Creeden, 1944; Rev. Ambrose R. Hyland, 1954; Most Rev. James J. Navagh, 1965
Oct. 4 – Rev. George Drummond, 1839; Rev. Daniel F. O'Reilly, 1946; Rev. Thomas P. Fogarty, O.S.A., 1950

Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 29 – 5 p.m., Diocesan Review Board Meeting and Dinner at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Sept. 30 – 1 p.m., Mass at Franklin Correctional Facility in Malone
 7 p.m., Canon Law Class for Deacon Aspirants at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Oct. 1 – 10:30 a.m., Memorial Mass for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville
 5 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Canton

Oct. 2 – 8 a.m., Mass at Church of the Assumption in Gabriels
 10 a.m., Diocesan Scouting Mass St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

Oct. 3 – 9:30 a.m., Opening School Mass at St. James Minor Church followed by Visit to Augustinian School in Carthage

Oct. 4 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 5 – 11 a.m., Foundation Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

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 pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming sessions:
Oct. 1 - 10 a.m., Kateri Hall, Akwesasne
Oct. 1 - 9 a.m., Augustinian Academy, Carthage
Oct. 20 - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone
Oct. 29 - 9 a.m., St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Environmental Stewardship

A New Corporal Work of Mercy?

During Pope Francis' message on World Day of Prayer for Care of Our Common Home, he speaks of the works for mercy as a way of embodying God's mercy in our daily lives.

"As we all know, the Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. [10] "We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness. . . .

"But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces." [11]

"Let me propose a complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include care for our common home. As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a "grateful contemplation of God's world" (Laudato Si, 214) which "allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us" (ibid., 85).

As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires "simple daily gestures. . . that makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world" (ibid., 230-31).

During the season of autumn harvest of abundance, one action could be to consider how we relate to our food. Did you know that 124 billion pounds of food America loses/wastes per year, while 50 million food insecure Americans struggle to feed their families?

One spiritual work could be: pray grace before meals.

One corporal work could be: purchase and cook only the food that you can consume. Packaging too large for your needs? Consider share with a neighbor or a shut-in.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



On an overcast afternoon in August, members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of Our Lady of Mercy # 1511 of Long Lake gathered at Long Lake Cemetery where Father Peter Berg, pastor in Newcomb and Long Lake, blessed official CDA cemetery markers. Family members then placed the markers on the graves of their loved ones and gathered afterwards at church for a Mass honoring the deceased members. Many heartwarming memories were shared about the important role that CDA membership had played in these women's lives. The afternoon was the culmination of over a year of research which involved locating the

graves as well as contacting relatives of the deceased CDA members. This project began when George and Shirley Britton, pictured at left, wanted to honor his mother, Marcella Britton, a long time CDA member in her own hometown. In Marcella's memory, the Brittons funded the purchase of the markers for the deceased Long Lake members. Now the women who took such great pride in their membership during life continue to bear testament to the Catholic Daughters of America in death. At right are Catholic Daughters Eva Lamoy, Joyce Rayome and Helen Kentile.

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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Looking back on World Youth Day

By Leagon Carlin
Seminarian, Diocese of Ogdensburg

The Universal Church is totally alive!

As I travelled to Krakow, Poland with a group of 10 other pilgrims for the recent World Youth Day, I became increasingly aware of the energy, vigor and strength of the young Church.

Experiencing the excitement of the crowds, the joy and unsurmountable love shown in the people, it really dispels the myth of a "dying Church".

Poland, a country with a startling Catholic majority, was really the greatest possible backdrop for my first World Youth Day. As a seminarian, with a strong devotion to the life and writings of Pope Saint John Paul II, to be in his home country during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy had an amazing impact on my vocational discernment.

This man, who instituted Divine Mercy Sunday, had an incomparable devotion to the Mercy of God, and who even died on the eve of Divine Mercy, worked tirelessly throughout his priesthood, episcopate and pontificate to show the



Leagon Carlin and Carter Pierce were among the diocesan pilgrims to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland in July.

world what it truly meant to be alive and to respect the dignity of the person.

Now, decades later, this foundation of Mercy

and Dignity was fully present in the atmosphere in Krakow, in the words of our Holy Father Francis, and in the disposition of my fellow pilgrims.

The spirit of my peers was undeniable as we walked the streets of the city each day amidst chants and cheers, singing, dancing, laughter and smiles.

The world continually tries to convince the younger generation that we don't need God, that rules don't need to apply to us, that the Church is out of touch.

In Krakow that week, it was never more evident how wrong that truly is. The Church is ever ancient, and ever new! It has weathered the storms and empires of the centuries and stands now, strong against the oncoming tides of Secularism, Cultural Apathy and Relativism.

Christ is always with us, constantly guiding and aiding us, and I am hopeful that with the examples which surrounded me at this 2016 World Youth Day, with the witness of the great Polish Saints like St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. John Paul the Great, and with the guidance and fire of the Holy Spirit, the world will see just how alive the Church is when led by its youth. Our Lady of Czestochowa, Pray for Us!

Seven to profess into Secular Franciscan Order

CROGHAN - The St. Stephen's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) has announced upcoming professions.

Ethel Hoch, James Hoch, Karen Hoch, Ellen Lyndaker, Karen Reape, Nancy Utsler and Elizabeth Peters will make a permanent commitment to the Gospel Life as they profess into the Secular Franciscan Order.

This Rite of Profession will take place at St. Stephen's Church, during a Mass of Solemn Profession Oct. 16, at 20 p.m.

Profession in the Order is

the culmination of more than three years of initial formation. At their profession the candidates promise to follow the Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order, pledging themselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this Rule.

St. Francis himself wrote the first "Rule of Life" for members of the SFO. Since Vatican II that Rule has been updated but remains true to the vision of St. Francis of Assisi.

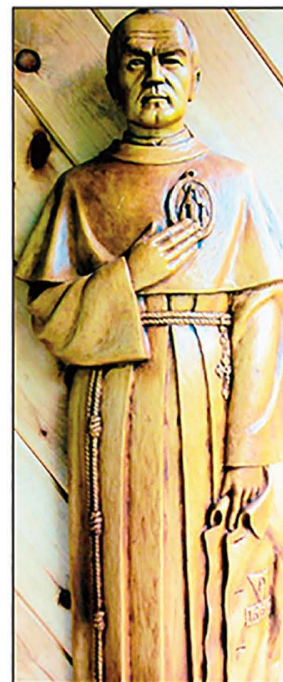
This Rule calls Secular Franciscans to live out their calling to the Franciscan life in a particular way in their homes and families, at work, in their parishes, and in the world.

The profession Mass is open to the public; a reception will immediately follow in the church hall.

IN HONOR OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



Several pilgrims from St. Peter's in Lowville, St. Hedwig's in Houseville, and St. Mary's in Constableville - including Christine Panik and Mary Ann Lepkowski, shown above, recently attended St. Maximilian Kolbe Masses at Franciscan Assumption Church in Syracuse and the Kateri Shrine in Fonda. The saint's relics have been taken on a pilgrimage tour to mark the 75th anniversary of his death at Auschwitz. The stops in Syracuse and Fonda featured a Mass, veneration and blessing of the relics.



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FACES OF FAITH

Having faith-filled fun in the fall



The Newman Club in Potsdam recently took a hike on the Stone Valley Trail in Colton. Fathers Douglas Lucia, Stephen Rocker, and Bryan Stitt joined campus minister Patrick Reinhart and students from Clarkson University and SUNY Potsdam.



Gannon Noble Poste, son of Mike and Fausta Poste, tries out the president's chair at St. Hedwig's Church in Houseville as Father Chris Carrara, pastor, looks on. Fausta serves as music minister and Gannon's older brother Keegan serves at the altar.



The students of Seton Academy in Plattsburgh participated in the National Anthem "Sing Across America" Sept. 9. To show their patriotism, they dressed in red, white, and blue. From left are Emma Meschinelli, Aidan Rocheleau, Maya Hanna, Tyler Brown and Matthew Dubay.



On Aug. 28, Father J. Michael Gaffney of Immaculate Church in Brownville, blessed an Irish Shillelagh formerly owned by Father James McGowan. He served as pastor in Brownville from 1910-1960. The shillelagh was donated by Dr. Frank and Betty Farrell.

Cardinal: faith leaders have moral duty to counter hatred

By Beth Griffin
Catholic News Service

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) - Religious leaders have a grave and urgent responsibility to act against genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and other violence committed in the name of religion, said speakers at a United Nations panel Sept. 20.

They can help prevent atrocities and promote peace and reconciliation within and beyond their communities, the panel said.

Religion has a rightful place in the public sphere, the speakers said, adding that enshrining a proper interpretation of freedom of religion in international law can encourage dialogue and enhance human rights.

"Today, as in the past, religions are being manipulated to incite intolerance and hatred against individuals, groups or entire populations," said Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state.

Religious leaders have a responsibility, especially in an ever more connected world, to help counter the spread of hatred and violence in the name of religion and to promote more inclusive and peaceful societies, he said.

Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Baha'i speakers addressed the Responsibility to Protect, a global political commitment endorsed by all U.N. member states in 2005 to prevent genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

Religions are not the cause of conflicts and wars, but can be used or misused by determined groups that stand to gain by fueling hostilities, they said. There is a tempta-

tion to hide the real cause of violence by attributing it to religion, the Vatican secretary of state said.

Cardinal Parolin said although national authorities have the primary responsibility to prevent crimes, others also have a duty to refrain from inciting tension and conflict that could become the breeding ground for committing hateful crimes. This duty includes not supplying weapons and financing to perpetrators, as well as taking positive measures to end arms trafficking and the direct or indirect financing of atrocities.

Authorities also should consider the reach of social communications and "refrain from promoting ideologies that incite intolerance, hatred, violence, contempt for life and denial of the dignity of the human person," Cardinal Parolin said.

All religions aspire to peace, the speakers said.

"Religious leaders have a two-fold moral responsibility in carrying out their mission," Cardinal Parolin said.

The first is to highlight the principles and values "written in the human heart by God, known as the natural moral law," and the second, to carry out and inspire actions based on respect for life, human dignity, charity, fraternity and solidarity, he said. These serve as preventive actions, particularly when poorly managed tensions could lead to intense forms of religious intolerance.

The cardinal said at all times, religious leaders must condemn abuse of religion and the use of religious texts to justify violence carried out in the name of God or a religion.



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Pope Francis holds a baby as he visits the neonatal unit at San Giovanni Hospital in Rome Sept. 16. The visit was part of the pope's series of Friday works of mercy during the Holy Year.

Pope highlights sanctity of life in Year of Mercy visits

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis donned a green hospital gown over his white cassock and entered the neonatal unit of a Rome hospital, peering in the incubators, making the sign of the cross and encouraging worried parents.

The trip to the babies' ward of Rome's San Giovanni Hospital and then to a hospice Sept. 16 were part of a series of Mercy Friday activities Pope Francis has been doing once a month during the Year of Mercy.

By visiting the ailing newborns and the dying on the same day, the Vatican said, Pope Francis "wanted to give a strong sign of the importance of life from its first moment to its natural end."

"Welcoming life and guar-

anteeing its dignity at every moment of its development is a teaching Pope Francis has underlined many times," the statement said. With the September visits he wanted to put "a concrete and tangible seal" on his teaching that living a life of mercy means giving special attention to those in the most precarious situations.

During the Mercy Friday visits, Pope Francis has spent time with migrants, the aged, at a recovery community for former drug addicts and at a shelter for women rescued from human trafficking and prostitution.

Pope Francis stopped by the emergency room of San Giovanni Hospital before going to the neonatal unit, where 12 little patients were being treated.

Five of the newborns, including a pair of twins, were in intensive care and were in-

tubated, the Vatican said. The pope also went to the maternity ward and nursery upstairs, greeting new parents and holding their bundles of joy.

At the neonatal unit, the Vatican said, the pope was "welcomed by the surprised personnel" and, like everyone else, put on a gown and followed all the hygiene procedures.

Leaving the hospital, he drove across town to the Villa Speranza hospice, which hosts 30 terminally ill patients. The hospice is connected to Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

Pope Francis went into each of the rooms and greeted each patient, the Vatican said. "There was great surprise on the part of all -- patients and relatives -- who experienced moments of intense emotion with tears and smiles of joy."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

CRS, other NGOs pledge total of \$1.2 billion to help world's refugees

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Eighty-six percent of the world's refugees are living in developing countries and it is particularly hard for those countries to meet refugees' needs and provide them an education and a livelihood, according to a senior policy and legislative specialist at Catholic Relief Services. Overall, 65 million people are displaced worldwide, the highest number since World War II, according to the U.N. High Commissioner of Refugees. "After World War II, many of the refugees at that time were living in camps for a certain amount of time, then would be resettled or helped to be repatriated" in their home country, Jill Marie told Catholic News Service. Today, she said, it is not unusual for refugees to live 20 years in a country that is not their own, she said, citing the 5 million Afghan refugees who have lived in Pakistan for "a very long time," many for almost their entire lives. Millions of Afghans have fled their homeland during waves of civil war spanning more than three decades. Marie made the comments to CNS Sept. 16 in advance of the special summit that U.S. President Barack Obama convened Sept. 20 at the United Nations to address the global refugee crisis. Before the summit, CRS, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency, joined 30 other nongovernmental organizations in pledging a total of \$1.2 billion to help address the refugee crisis over a three-year period.

Ad campaign: most Americans favor abortion restrictions

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- March for Life Action has launched a public awareness campaign through digital and television outlets saying that candidates running for public office who promise to expand women's access to abortion "are out of touch with American voters." "With this ad, we encourage Americans to take a deeper look at their candidates," said Jeanne Mancini, president of March for Life, in a statement Sept. 22, the day the campaign began. "Politicians who claim to be 'pro-choice,' essentially advocate for abortion-on-demand up until the time of birth, paid for by your taxpayer dollars," she said. "This radical position is out of touch with the large majority of Americans." The first phase of the campaign was to run Sept. 22 through Sept. 26 as a lead-in to the first in a series of presidential debates. Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump were to face off at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, at 9 p.m. (Eastern time) Sept. 26. "NBC Nightly News" anchor Lester Holt was scheduled to moderate the debate. Without using actors, the ad features six women from different political and professional backgrounds. It will run during major network programs including "Madame Secretary," "Today Show," "CBS This Morning," "60 Minutes" and other major programs. It will be seen in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, a key battleground state in the presidential election; in Pittsburgh and Scranton, Pennsylvania; Richmond, Virginia; and Washington. The campaign cites results of a Marist Poll commissioned by the Knights of Columbus that were released in late July that found Americans strongly support abortion restrictions.

VATICAN LETTER

A papal priority: 'sniffing out' bishops who would smell like their sheep

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - To say a bishop "smells like his sheep" is considered high praise today and is one of the top characteristics Pope Francis says he wants in bishops and candidates for the position of guiding a diocese.

But like many of the other traits Pope Francis says he is looking for, there is no foolproof smell test and, in fact, a variety of sheep with varied scents are present in most dioceses.

Pope Francis' instruction - almost a plea - to the world's apostolic nuncios Sept. 17 to "cast the nets" wider when identifying potential new pastors for a diocese and his continuing discussion with his international Council of Cardinals about "the spiritual and pastoral profile necessary for a bishop today" make it clear that providing good shepherds for every diocese is a responsibility the pope takes seriously.

While the pope makes the final decision, the task of identifying, scrutinizing and proposing candidates to him is a burden shared by regional groups of bishops, the leadership of bishops' conferences, the nuncios and either the Congregation for Bishops, the Congregation for Eastern Churches or the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

The bishops of an Eastern Catholic synod or a Latin-rite province -- usually an archdiocese and several surrounding dioceses -- regularly study the names and curriculum vitae of priests mentioned as potential bishops and vote on whom to recommend. The information collected and the vote are sent to the nuncio.

The nuncio conducts his own investigation, including by sending a confidential questionnaire to 20-30 people who know the potential candidate. Improving the questionnaire was a specific topic of discussion at Pope Francis' meeting in April with the Council of Cardinals.

The nuncios - archbishops who are sent to represent the pope and the Holy See both diplomatically with a government and pastorally with the local church -- solicit a report on the state of a vacant or about-to-be vacant diocese, collect the completed questionnaires, evaluate them and send their recommendations to the Vatican.

Their missives take the form of a "terna" - a list of three names, but with an indication

of whom the nuncio thinks is best suited for the ministry.

For Latin-rite dioceses, officials at the Congregation for Bishops study the material and, usually twice a month, members of the congregation discuss it and vote for a candidate. The prefect, currently Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, presents the congregation's recommendations to the pope, who approves them or asks for other options.

"It is probably the most important work entrusted to a nuncio," Archbishop Gullickson said. "In countries with a large episcopate, the job can be all-consuming; in a small country with less than 10 bishops, not so much."

When he met the nuncios Sept. 17, Pope Francis asked them to find ways to broaden the search for candidates. Certain that God continues to provide for his church, the pope told the nuncios not to "go fishing in an aquarium" or seek candidates only on the "barnyard of 'friends of friends.'"

"The Holy Father's image is very suggestive when understood correctly," Archbishop Gullickson said. "He wants us to avoid the abuse of allowing a clique or simple convenience to dictate the candidates for the office of bishop."

"The challenge of 'casting your nets wide,' however, is not to trust your own personal judgment, but to consult diligently and do so discreetly and with reliable witnesses, with those who really know the potential candidates," he said.

But that is not easy, the archbishop said. "I remember years ago Pope St. John Paul II urging one of my nuncios to seek other sources of candidates."

The nuncio worked hard, but he failed for lack of dependable and thoroughly knowledgeable witnesses. Sometimes laypeople can be lifesavers when it comes to judging candidates, but usually the average man or woman in the pew has very little knowledge of the parish priest.

In religious communities and sometimes among diocesan clergy, petty jealousy or scrupulosity will make for too negative a picture of a candidate."

For more than three years, Pope Francis has been saying he wants bishops who: are close to and committed to their people; embrace poverty and live simply; are men of prayer and of the church; are not content to stay in the chancery, but go out in search of people in need; and are not managers, but pastors."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

A mustard seed of faith can work miracles

The words of the prophet Habakkuk resonate with us today, for he is crying out to God in frustration and anger: "How long, O Lord?"

God doesn't seem to be doing anything to punish those who are responsible for all the destruction and violence in our world. We are sick at heart, confused, and angry.

God tells Habakkuk that he will show him a vision of His divine plan. "Write it down!...the vision... still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint." Only trust in

God's plan, and patience in waiting for it is of any use.

"The just one, because of his faith, shall live".



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

The second reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy tells us to stir up the flame of our faith, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather power and love

and self-control. It's a question of living out our faith in trust and patience, and with love.

Then the writer urges him, "Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within you."

In the Gospel, Jesus is even more demanding of his followers than His Father was with Habakkuk.

When his disciples beg of Him, to increase their faith, He emphasizes their need for humility. He shows them what he means by comparing them to servants. "When you have done all that is commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done only what we were supposed to' "

In other words, stop com-

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Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

plaining and do your work.

As for their need of faith, he tells them that real faith is so powerful that a man of faith could demand of a tough stubborn mulberry bush be transported into the sea, and be planted there and it would happen!

It is this kind of faith the

God is trying to fan into a flame in today's followers.

Only faith and courageous evangelizing will save our divisive world today.

Today is a good Sunday to fan that flame of faith in us by relying on the food of Eucharist, and calling on the help of Mary, Queen of the Rosary. October is her month. Seek her help daily through reciting her Rosary, either with the family, or in private.

We need to pray earnestly for an increase of faith, for our selves and for our candidates for election.

Even a mustard seed of faith can work miracles!

DO YOU LOVE ME? KEEP MY COMMANDS

Showing love through the seventh commandment

The seventh commandment, you shall not steal, is meant to help us love better by giving to people what they are entitled to. It says yes to the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" The Catechism emphasizes the concepts of justice, charity and mercy.

In *Les Miserables*, Jean Valjean is imprisoned for stealing bread to feed his sister's starving children. Was Valjean's crime a sin? Did the punishment fit the crime? I don't think so.

When a person is convicted of a crime, the judge considers several factors to decide the most appropriate punishment, including: the offender's criminal history, whether the offender was the main offender or an accessory, if the offender was under duress, any injuries that occurred, the cruelty of the offender and if the of-

fender displays remorse or regret.

Ideally, there are five purposes for sentencing: to provide retribution, to discourage recidivism, for deterrence, to keep criminals out of society for a period of time or forever, and to rehabilitate the criminal. The judge weighs these and considers the range of possible sentences that the law allows. Sentences should uphold the human dignity of all involved while trying to improve the situation so that it doesn't happen again. When families are correcting their children they go through a similar process that considers the child's stage of development.

When I was eleven I stole cream cheese from a market in our neighborhood. Of all things, cream cheese! The owners knew my parents and called them. My parents asked me why I stole it. I really didn't know why.

Years later I came to understand that children often act impulsively, without considering the consequences or the morality of their actions first. They get an idea and move full speed

ahead. Fortunately, as they mature, they start to think about things before they do them. I was on my way to Confession, but first my parents sent me to apologize to the owner.

He said, "I accept your apology. It takes a man to admit his mistakes and apologize for them." I was grateful for his mercy and for his trust four years later when he hired me as a stockboy.

When I was 18, I did yard work for my Mom's boss, a Doctor. I found \$20 so I brought it to him. He thanked me and praised me to my mother at the office. The next week he took me and Mom up in his private plane for a quick flight over Rochester as a reward. I'm grateful for the way that God worked through all of the adults in my life to help me turn from sin and grow in virtue and to uphold my human dignity in the process.

I was held accountable for my actions, and made to admit and apologize for my

mistakes. I was forgiven and trusted again. I demonstrated that I had learned from the past and had grown in virtue and was rewarded. Where I had once caused embarrassment to my parents, I eventually brought them honor.



Stephen M.
Tartaglia

In 35 years I've never heard my Mother speak about the "Cream Cheese Caper," but she has told the story of "The Doctor and the Plane Ride" several times. It could have easily gone differently.

If only this were the end of the story. As an adult I have stolen through sins of omission, which are subtler, but still serious.

Some people love sports, hunting or fishing. I love video games, Facebook, and electronic anything. It's easy for me to get engrossed in these activities. Like an addict, I've neglected important things and people, like my children and my wife. My family is entitled to my time and attention. Children progress in

moral development when they spend time with people who are morally more mature. It's often more pleasurable for me to worship at the altar of the electronic idol. The seeds of this problem were planted playing Atari as a kid, but now that I'm a man, I need to put aside childish things, to move from self-centeredness to concern for others. So I practice temperance, cutting out and/or limiting my time on the computer so that I can love my family.

In Matthew 25, Jesus describes the final judgment of people as a shepherd separating the sheep and the goats. By not feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, or visiting the sick and imprisoned, they did not do these for Jesus. Their condemnation was the result of their sins of omission. How many times have I failed to love others through sins of omission?

On Oct. 30 at 2 p.m., there will be a Blue Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Malone. Join us in praying for all those involved in law enforcement.

Editor's note

This column continues a series of articles written by Mr. Tartaglia, diocesan family life director, exploring faith development within families as he considers each of the Ten Commandments

AT THE MOVIES

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

A chivalrous parable that showcases self-sacrificing heroism, "The Magnificent Seven" (Columbia) can be read as illustrating, in microcosm, Catholic theology's theory of a just war.

Essentially, that teaching holds that, just as an individual has the right to self-defense, so too a community or a nation is justified in using the minimal amount of force necessary to repel unwarranted aggression.

Yet, if director Antoine Fuqua jaunty Western is a tale about righting an egregious wrong, it's also an exercise in unrestrained and creative death-dealing. As such, its steady stream of mayhem will undercut its pretensions to morality in the eyes of at least some grown moviegoers.

Set in 1879, Nic Pizzolatto and Richard Wenk's script loses little time in introducing us to a villain we can love to hate or in felling his first innocent victims.

Ruthless gold-mining mogul Bartholomew Bogue (Peter Sarsgaard) has decided he wants the land on which the frontier town of Rose Creek stands. So, with his private army of thugs at his back, he breaks into the local church - where the citizenry busily debates what to do about him - and the killing in cold blood soon commences. Once it ends, he threatens the survivors with a similar fate unless they sell out to him for a pittance.



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Byung-hun Lee, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Ethan Hawke, Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, Vincent D'Onofrio and Martin Sensmeier star in a scene from the movie "The Magnificent Seven."

Though most of the burgh's inhabitants see no choice but to buckle under, plucky Emma Cullen (Haley Bennett), the widow of one of Bogue's victims, is having none of it. Instead, she hires roving lawman Sam Chisolm (Denzel Washington) to organize resistance. The result is a motley band of skilled gunmen - Chris Pratt and Ethan Hawke are its other most prominent figures - and an extended shoot-'em-up showdown.

The titular grouping is marked not only by the shared outsider status of its members but by their varied ethnicities and backgrounds, despite which, in

the ideal American manner, they manage to bond through mutual admiration.

Thus, although he's an ex-Confederate soldier famed for his exploits at Antietam, Hawke's character, Goodnight Robicheaux, is also an old friend of Chisolm's. And Robicheaux's closest pal is Chinese immigrant Billy Rocks (Byung-hun Lee), whose skill with knives makes him a welcome addition to the pack.

Amid the furious action,

Fuqua's remake of the 1960 film of the same title, which was itself, in turn, adapted from Akira Kurosawa's 1954 classic "Seven Samurai," pauses occasionally to reflect on the dividing line between justice and vengeance. It also features

Christian references and imagery - the burned-out church, for instance, becomes ground zero in the climactic struggle - as well as examples of devotion ranging from the sincere to the eccentric.

Though it's appealing to find explicit, if nondenominational, Christian faith occupying such a prominent and positive place in a contemporary Hollywood film, at least some believers may view "The Magnificent Seven" as pitting good against evil simply in order to let the bullets fly.

The film contains constant stylized violence with gunplay and explosions but very little blood, several uses of profanity, a couple of mild oaths and numerous crude and crass expressions. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.



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CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 9, 2016 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2016 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

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ADIRONDACK

BLESSING OF ROSES

Saranac Lake – The Annual Blessing of Roses in honor of St. Theresa of Lisieux will be held.

Date: Oct. 2

Place: St. Bernard's Church

Features: Adoration, vespers, benediction and blessing of Roses. Bishop Terry LaValley will be officiating.

CLINTON

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Ellenburg – First Saturday Devotions to be held.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 11 a.m. with Rosary and Confessions and 11:30 Mass

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondack

House of Prayer

Contact: 518-549-3253 for lunch reservations

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg – Healing Mass to be held.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondack House of Prayer

Features: Confessions at 9:30 a.m. with Communal Anointing of the sick during Mass and after Mass time for private prayer for those who wish.

Contact: 518-594-3253 for lunch reservations

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lyon Mountain – All you can eat spaghetti dinner is set

Date: Oct. 8

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: American Legion

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

CDA HARVEST DINNER

Ellenburg – CDA Court Little Rose #1300 will hold an all-you-can-eat Roast Beef/Roast Pork dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

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

Place: St. Edmund's Parish Center

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

Features: The Big Ticket Raffle will take place at 4 p.m.

Contact: Take-outs by calling 594-3121

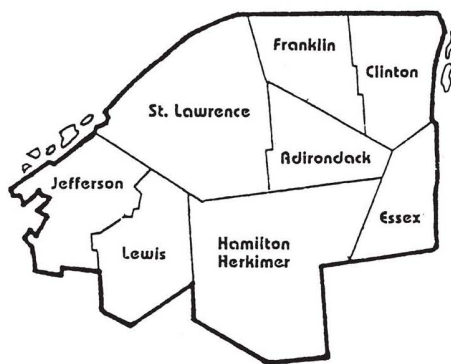
HARVEST DINNER

Chazy – Sacred Heart Church to have their annual Harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Church



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@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$10

Features: Buffet style with Turkey and all of the trimmings. Raffle with dozens of prizes. Sinners' Den Pantry.

WALK OF FAITH

Peru – 10th Annual Walk of Faith to be held.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: Schedule 11:45 a.m. Early registration; 12:30 p.m. Opening ceremony

Place: Lady of Lourdes Shrine (behind St. Augustine's Church)

Features: Event is free. Walk rain or shine. Donations will be accepted day of event for The North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project.

SSJ LAY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Plattsburgh – The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to a meeting about the Lay Associate Program.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: St. John XXIII Newman Center

Features: Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality of the Sisters, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women.

Contact: Call Sr. Helen Herman (518-561-8252) or Sister Bethany Fitzgerald (315-212-6592).

PULLED PORK DINNER

Peru – Join us for a pulled pork dinner.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Augustine Parish Center

Cost: \$6 for Walkers in the Walk of Faith (\$3 for walkers 12 & under) \$8 for Non-Walkers (\$4 for non-walkers 12 & under)

Features: All proceeds will benefit North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project

HARVEST DINNER

West Chazy – St. Joseph's Church to hold its 43rd Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Parish Center

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

Children under 5, Free

Features: Turkey with the trimmings, a country store. Take-outs available.

FOR LAY MINISTERS

Peru – The Eastern Region Commissioned Lay Ministers' Association serves the commissioned lay ministers of the Clinton, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer deaneries will have a Fall Event.

Date: Oct. 14

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Parish

Cost: \$10

Features: The evening will begin by praying the Rosary in church, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry LaValley. All diocesan commissioned lay ministers, are welcome as well as priests, deacons and religious of the three deaneries. Dinner will follow in Parish Center. Bishop LaValley will speak.

Contact: Please RSVP by October 5 through the Formation for Ministry Office at (315) 393-2920 or jgruzzito@rc-dony.org.

HARVEST DINNER

Ellenburg – CDA Court Little Rose #1300 to have their Annual Pork & Roast Beef Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

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

Place: St. Edmund's Church

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

under 5, Free

Features: Raffle tickets to be sold. Take-outs available. Country Store.

HARVEST DINNER

Dannemora – St. Joseph's Annual Harvest Turkey Dinner is set

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 5-11, \$7;

under 5, Free

Features: live music, country and craft store, Chinese auction, raffle, and 50-50.

ESSEX

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Ticonderoga – St. Mary's Youth Group meeting to be held.

Date: Oct. 2

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church Basement

Features: Grades 7-12 welcome.

Contact: 315-769-0190 or email

sr.smssj@yahoo.com for more info.

FRANKLIN

ROSARY CRUSADE

Malone – Join the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: Noon

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Contact: Elaine McGivney, 518-529-6133

TURKEY DINNER

Fort Covington – St. Mary's to have their Annual Turkey Dinner.

Date: Oct. 23

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall

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

Features: Country store, baked goods, canned goods, fresh produce & flea market items, raffles, Chinese auction.

HARVEST DINNER

Brushton – St. Mary's to have their Annual Harvest Turkey Dinner.

Date: Oct. 2

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$9; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Old Forge – Discerning men are invited to consider the call to the priesthood.

Dates: Oct 2, 16, 30;

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Bartholomew's Rectory

Features: Reflection, Vespers & dinner.

Open to men who are Juniors in high school and older.

Contact: Fr. Howard Venette, pastor.st-barts@roadrunner.com/ 315-369-3554;

JEFFERSON

ROSARY CRUSADE

Watertown – City-wide Rosary Crusade sponsored by Watertown Curia, Legion of Mary, is set

Date: October 6

Time: 5:15 p.m. Mass followed by

recitation of four Rosary mysteries

Place: Our Lady Sacred Heart Church

Features: Crusade theme is "Mary's Immaculate Heart Will Conquer".

Contact – Deanna Smith, deanna-smithdnn@aol.com

OCTOBER- ECO-FEST

Watertown – Watertown Faith and Ecology Group is hosting an Interfaith October-Eco-Fest.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 1 p.m. to 3

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Features: Speakers from different religions who will share on how their faith traditions speak about our responsibility to care for the Earth, blessing of a Peace Pole, the planting of a tree, Fall treats.

CIDER DAYS

Sackets Harbor – St. Andrew's church to celebrate a Fall Family Event.

Date: Oct. 2

Time: 12 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Andrew's Church

Features: Apple Pie ala Mode, Cider Donut Puffs, Hoffman Hot Dogs, Chili, Drinks, entertainment, games, Face painting, Cake Wheel, Red Thompson's 1949 Chevy Stake Truck on display.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Society to have a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Sept. 29

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Take-outs

begin at 4 p.m., bring own containers

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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Month of mission in Year of Mercy

Pope Francis says "The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more". Of course by now, everyone is aware that Pope Francis declared a Holy Year of Mercy. We are called upon as Catholics by the Holy Father to practice mercy.

Dictionaries define mercy as compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. Mercy can be when we are spared from judgement or harm. Mercy is thought to be the foundation of the Church's life. Mercy provides hope. "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to future with hope" the Pope emphasizes in his call for mercy this year.

As Missionaries, the month of October represents our call to baptism. October is World Mission Month. It is during this month that we recommit ourselves to the Church.

It is the month that we call upon hope to help us provide both prayer and sacrifice for those living in the Mission developing lands.

This year is special though. This year of Mercy invites us to dig deeper. Our world is so upside down. The turmoil on every front manifests as disease, poverty, war and unthinkable living conditions for those in our Mission lands.

Now more than ever, with need so great, our prayers and sacrifices are needed to bring the Good News of Jesus to the Mission lands. This is the message of peace, hope and love. And mercy fits into this equation of peace, hope and love.

The Holy Father reminds us to be missionaries. To fulfill our vocation that we received at our baptism. We are called to share our gifts so that lives in mission lands may be more beautiful and meaningful. Is this not mercy? Yes, it is. Mercy is needed now. It is needed in our far off lands where forgiveness runs short and tempers run high.

As Pope Francis writes, "Mercy is the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever". Let us take the journey together as mercy becomes the bridge that brings hope to the Mission lands this month. World Mission Sunday is October 23rd. Pray the World Mission Rosary. Dig deep to show mercy and love for everyone. Fulfill the vocation of our baptism with prayers and sacrifice as we are called to be merciful missionaries. Be a part of something greater so that you can go forth and do good deeds. With mercy and hope, anything is possible.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will

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OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks – Carolyn Breen Kelley, 83; Funeral Sept. 22, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Brasher Falls – Bobby Jean Rubado, 39; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2016 at St. Patrick Church; burial in Union Cemetery, Stockholm.

Colton – Steven W. Collins, 73; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Croghan – Mary Ann (Proulx) Reed, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2016 at the Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in St. Francis Solanus Cemetery, Harrisville.

Dannemora – Michael C. Ryan, 91; Funeral Sept. 19, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Deferiet – Margaret Anna (Pastor) Lovejoy, 94; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2016 at St. Rita's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Gouverneur – William C. Foster, 91; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2016 at St. James Church.

Malone – Starr Cartier, 67; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2016 at St. Mary-Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home; burial in St. Francis of Assis Cemetery, Constable

Malone – Geraldine M. Sharland, 83; Fu-



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neral Services Sept. 23, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Massena – Theresa H. Dillon-Molnar, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2016 at Garner Funeral Home; burial in Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam.

Massena – Bernadette C. (Duprey) Miller, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2016 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Genevieve S. (Luck) Everleth, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2016 St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

Norwood – Lloyd W. Stanford, 84; Funeral Sept. 24, 2016 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Richard F. "Dick" Tynon, Sr., 88; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2016 at

Frery Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Arthur L. Baker, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh

Plattsburgh – Alvin L. "Al" Beaudet, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Reta (Dukette) Reandeu, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2016 at Stuart-Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Watertown – Noel J. Coughlin, Sr., 88; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Robert E. Farley; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church.



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.


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.



October
The Most Holy Rosary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
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PRO-LIFE PRAYER

Watertown - During the entire month of October, including weekends, there will be an hour of prayer for Pro-Life.

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Place: Planned Parenthood

Features: Join us as we pray for renewed respect for all human life

Contact: 788-4359

LEWIS

POLISH FESTIVAL

Houseville - St. Hedwig's Polish Fest to be held.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Following the 11 a.m. Mass

Features: Polish Platter \$8, Bake Sale items, Polish Hot Dogs \$1, Ice Cream Sundaes \$1, Theme Basket Raffles, and a 50/50 Raffle. Take-outs are available. Proceeds to benefit church repairs and expenses. Theme Baskets, Baked Goods and Volunteer workers needed.

Contact: 348-6260 or 348-8836.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy devotions for the month of October to be held.

Date: Oct. 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

Croghan - The St. Stephen's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will be celebrating the Transitus of St. Francis.

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Stephen's Church

Features: This celebration is a reflection on the life and teachings of St. Francis as we commemorate his Transitus or "transfer" from this life to the next.

ST. LAWRENCE

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena - First Saturday Rosary devotion to be held.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Church

Features: Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and for World Peace. Confessions available at 2:45 p.m. and Mass Vigil is at 4.

RUMMAGE SALE

Canton - Rummage sale to be held.

Schedule: Oct. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

Bag sale Oct. 8, 8 a.m. to 11

Place: St. Mary's School Gym

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

Brasher - The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Gun and Knife Show.

Date: Oct. 1 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 2 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: K of C Meeting Place

Cost: \$3; under 12 free

Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds sporting items. Concession stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m. Come buy, trade or sell all guns must be checked in at door.

Contact: Phil Davis at 315-389-4627.

HEALING MASS

Raymondville - Healing Mass to be held.

Date: Oct. 20

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Raymond's Church

Features: Confessions at 5:45 p.m. with Communal Anointing of the sick during Mass and after Mass time for private prayer for those who wish.

FALL FESTA ITALIANA

Massena - Trinity Catholic is holding a Fall Festa Italiana, elegant Italian dinner.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: Two Seatings 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Place: River Road Restaurant at the Massena Country Club

Cost: \$35 per person, only 200 people

Features: Tickets will go on sale at Amici's and the Trinity office. All proceeds benefit Trinity.

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Potsdam - Discerning men are invited to come together & consider the call the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

Dates: Oct 2, 16, 30

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Rectory

Features: Reflection and vespers. No reservation necessary. Open to men who are Juniors in high school and older.
Contact: Your Catholic Campus Minister or Father Stephen Rocker, pastorsmsp@gmail.com, 315-265-9680; or Fr. Doug Lucia, frdoug@twcny.rr.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration Thursdays.

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Church

MANICOTTI MONDAY

Norfolk - Manicotti Monday is set

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

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

Features: Serving homemade meat-filled manicotti and/or homemade spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, beverage and dessert.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

LIFE CHAINS 2016

Life Chains to be held across the diocese.

Date: Oct. 2

Schedule: Massena (Main Street at Route 37) 2 p.m. to 3; Plattsburgh (Smithfield Blvd at Route 3) 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Potsdam (Market Street at Main Street) 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saranac Lake (Bandshell Park at River Street) 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Schroon Lake (Route 9 at Leland Ave) 2 p.m. to 3; Note: Willsboro will be Oct. 23 (Route 22 at Main Street) 1p.m. to 2

Features: A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths, rain or shines. Signs are provided.

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

Washington DC - Registration for High school pilgrimage to the Jan. 26-28 March for Life is opening

Date: Oct. 1

Cost: \$150 includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, dinner & shirt.

Features: Three coach buses will travel to the March for Life. Pickup locations include Massena, Canton, Gouverneur, Watertown, and Schoon Lake.

Contact: www.rcdony.org/pro-life for registration forms. Call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Saranac Lake - YOUth Lead: annual Leadership weekend to be held.

Date: Sept. 30-Oct. 2

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Features: Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to come to spend the weekend improving skills as a leader in the Catholic Church, growing in faith, and making new friends.

Contact: www.rcdony.org/youth/leadership/registration.html. For information, contact Kelly Donnelly at kdonnelly@rcdony.org or 315-854-4669