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'RECEIVE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST'



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley presents the Book of the Gospels to Deacon Ronny J. Gingerich during the deacon ordination Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Deacon Gingerich of St. Peter's Parish in Lowville was one of 16 men ordained as permanent deacons for the diocese. Bishop LaValley's homily for the ordination is published on page 3; more coverage will appear in next Week's NCC.

Deacons - 40 years of service

The Diocese of Ogdensburg marks the 40th anniversary of the permanent diaconate in 2017.

The NCC marks the anniversary with a special issue this week.

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NEW CHARITIES' HEAD



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Religious Jubilee set for Oct. 15

The annual diocesan Jubilee for Religious Life will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the celebration.

The religious celebrating special anniversaries in 2017 are:

75 years - Sister Mary Victorine Brenon, SSJ

70 years - Sister Mary Maurice Black, SSJ; Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer, SSJ; and Sister Mary Kateri Rose, SSJ

60 years - Sister Brian Marie Latour, RSM; Sister Marie Angèle Ellis, SSJ; 60 years - Sister Cathleen Moore, SSJ; Sister Mary Paul Blank, SSJ; and Sister Marie Cordata Kelly, SSJ.

A reception will follow.

Consecration of diocese

Bishop LaValley to consecrate the diocese to Immaculate Heart of Mary on Oct. 22;

novena begins Oct. 13

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Forty years of faithfulness

One of my earliest memories of working for the *North Country Catholic* was my editor's excitement about the imminent arrival of permanent deacons in the diocese.

Msgr. Christman made sure we kept up with every step of the process as the members of the first class were instituted as lectors, acolytes and candidates on their way to ordination.

When they were ordained Oct. 4, 1980, the cathedral was packed with family, friends, priests and religious ready to

celebrate the newest clergy in their midst.

Mary Lou
Kilian

The scene was repeated several times through the years, so that now more than 120 men have been ordained for diaconal service in our parishes.

The excitement of that first ordination was easily matched this past Saturday when 16 men were added to the ranks of the diaconate.

Nearly every pew was filled long before the

11 a.m. ceremony began.

The applause when the men were presented for ordination was thunderous.

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

Bringing a spirit of peace to the world

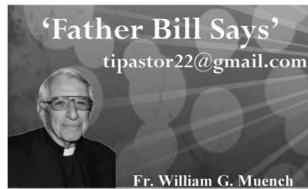
I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to our new deacons, ordained by Bishop LaVallee last week. Our diocese is stronger today because we have sixteen new deacons.

All of our deacons bring unique gifts and talents to their parishes and to our diocese. They truly enrich the ministry of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. We, all, should be very grateful as a diocese that these men have followed their vocation to be ordained deacons.

Our deacons are a special part of this diocesan family.

Recently, we have again experienced the violence of our country. This was made very evident to us with the incident in Las Vegas. Our country is again torn apart by the action of one gunman. This will produce many debates among our country's leaders. However, little has changed since the last incident. Our question will continue:- how do we live in this violent world as Christians?

I believe in the message of the humble, loving Jesus. I be-



Fr. William G. Muench

lieve that Jesus made our world a better place by bringing to us his message of peace and love. As his disciples Jesus leads us to be a loving and caring people. I know that many consider violence as the only answer to violence. However, I know only too well that when I personally react with anger and violence in my life, nothing good comes about for myself or for anyone else.

Many bring up the question of safety. Does being a follower of Jesus make me a safer person? What I do know is that living like Jesus brings a certain happiness, a definite satisfaction as I try to bring peace to others.

I believe that bringing peace into my way of life unites others to act peacefully. I pray that with God's help I may bring to others that spirit of Jesus to make our world more

The joy as the rite concluded was visible on the faces of every new deacon and all who loved them.

In this week's *NCC*, we continue our "month of deacons" with a salute to all the men who have heard and followed this call in our diocese.

We invited all of our deacons to share what their vocation has meant for them. Not surprisingly, the responses were truly inspiring.

One deacon, who has been part of the North Country deacon community since its first days, shared some ideas about how his clerical comrades can be as effective as possible.

Deacon Fred Oberst believes

that deacons are just beginning their education on their ordination day.

With a solid foundation of prayerfulness and service, there is much they can do to become truly exceptional, Deacon Oberst said.

One important way that the rest of us can support our deacons' paths towards "exceptional-ness" is our continued prayer and support in their ministry.

I admit that, as a deacon's wife, I'm a little biased in my thinking but we have all been blessed beyond measure because of the 40 years of faithful deacon service in our church.

peaceful and less violent.

The past few weeks the second Scripture readings as Mass have been from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. St. Paul gives us some guidance toward bringing our world to a spirit of love and peace.

Here, St. Paul writes to these Philippians reminding them who Jesus is. Paul shows us that Jesus emptied himself – "though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Jesus entered our world "coming in human likeness – and found in human appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Jesus met the violence of our world with humility. Jesus accepted the cross – and became our Lord and Savior.

In his meekness, Jesus wins our love and adoration. Jesus showed us there was a better way to live.

In this Spirit of our Lord, St. Paul shows us how to make our world a better place. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory," he writes, "rather humbly regard others

as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interest, but also for those of others."

In this way, we will bring a loving spirit to our life. Can you imagine a world like this?

The news reports were filled with the man who tried to help others during this recent incident. Despite the danger and the violence many rushed to help others, reaching out to the injured in need of help. They were unafraid in their concern for others despite the violence on all sides of them.

St. Paul tells us in this letter, "Have no anxiety." He tells us to turn to our God in prayer, never giving up. We are to offer our prayers in thanksgiving remembering God great love for us. Anxiety is rooted in a lack of trust – a lack of trust in ourselves, in others, in God. Anxiety must never keep us from being a people of peace, never losing trust.

St. Paul closes this Letter in prayer: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen."

FOLLOW ME

The Lord always provides

Bishop LaValley's homily
at the deacon ordination
Oct. 7 at St. Mary's Cathedral

The diaconate is not just one among many ministries, but rather, as Blessed Paul VI said, this ministry should truly be a "moving force" for the *diakonia* of the Church.

The diaconate is not a profession, but a mission!

I see the Permanent Deacons in the Diocese as a moving force in meeting our diocesan priorities and enhancing the vibrancy and vitality of our parish families in our beloved North Country. Soon, with the laying on of hands, as I ask Almighty God to draw near, I will pray: "...in your eternal providence, you make provision for every age."

My sisters and brothers, today's celebration is a beautiful provision the Lord is making for the present and future of the Church of Ogdensburg. The Lord always provides. May God be praised!!

As you know, with the sacrament of Orders, the deacon receives a special "configuration to Christ—Servant, Head and Shepherd of the Church" through the laying on of hands of the bishop and the prayer of consecration.

The deacon is ordained specifically for the exercise of a ministry proper to him that requires a spiritual availability of complete dedication. That means there are no "part time" deacons, inasmuch as they are "ministers of the Church."

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Deacon candidates, like the Apostles, you too must feel impelled to proclaim by

word and deed the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

You, like the early disciples, must experience the need to do good, to give of yourself to others in the Name of the Crucified and Risen Jesus—to bring God's word into the lives of His holy people.

The integrity of your ordained ministry, your ability to communicate the Gospel effectively, will depend on your adherence to the faith of the Apostles.

This is a day of special joy. But let it also be a day of special resolve. Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. But, not on your own terms. Sometimes, perhaps out of frustration with those who question "my terms," I can develop the attitude, "if you don't like it, go to another parish." What a terrible contradiction to the mission charged to all the ordained! As Paul told the Corinthians: "For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord."

Dear brothers, as ministers of Jesus Christ, who came among His disciples as one who served, do the will of God from your heart: serve all people in love and joy as you would the very Lord Himself. There is absolutely nothing Christ-like about a joy-less, dour, rigid, whiny disciple. No, our ministry should be inspired by resurrection hope and joy.

Never allow yourself to be turned away from the hope offered by the Gospel. As our diocesan sacred purpose proclaims, we are Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled.

When discussing Holy Orders as one of the sacraments "at the service of communion," the *Catechism*

of the Catholic Church teaches that the two sacraments, Orders and Marriage, "are directed towards the salvation of others: if they contribute as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that they do so."

My holiness is either strengthened or found wanting to the degree that I am engaged in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. My personal holiness depends on my service to others.

The Sacrament of Marriage and the Sacrament of Holy Orders confer a particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God. (cf. CCC, 1534) Your mission is especially vital through your direct presence in the various spheres of family, work, school, in addition to pastoral structures.

This is especially an opportunity and obligation for deacons in your secular professions to boldly proclaim and witness to the Gospel of life and joy.

My brothers in Christ, in your diaconal ministry, your wives and the responsibilities that arise from the

sacrament of Holy Matrimony do not play second fiddle. The sacred bond that your wife and you established on your wedding day is to be strengthened, not neglected as you fulfill your diaconal responsibilities.

The Church expresses immense gratitude to our wives for the gift of your husbands to the Church's sacred orders.

You, dear brothers belong to the life of the Church that goes back to saintly deacons, like Lawrence, and before him, Stephen and his companions, whom the Acts of the Apostles consider "deeply spiritual and prudent" (Acts 6:3)

You are meant to be a living sign of the servanthood of God's Church.

Since deacons are ministers of the word, the Church urges you to constant reading and diligent study of the Sacred Scriptures.

In your lives as deacons you are called to hear, guard and do the Word of God, in order to proclaim it worthily and effectively. Daily pray the Liturgy of the Hours. This prayer should inform your whole prayer life since deacons, as ministers, intercede for the entire Church.

Participate at Mass frequently, even daily, if possi-

ble, and spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Purify your souls frequently through the Sacrament of Penance having prepared for it worthily through a daily examination of conscience.

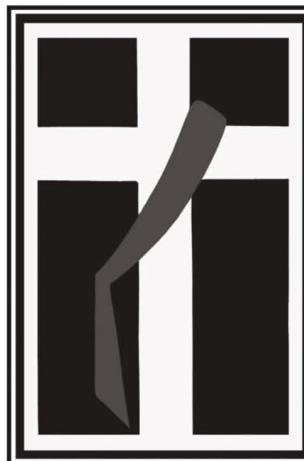
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Possess a deep, filial love and veneration for the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. As you strive to be the servant of the servants of God, turn to Mary, as she continues to proclaim: "I am the handmaid of the Lord." (Lk 1:38) In the example of her servanthood, see the perfect model of our own call to the discipleship of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the service of His Church.

With great pride and gratitude, I join the Church of Ogdensburg confidently believing that your ministry of Word and Charity will bear much fruit. Serve the Church with an ardent love. Go out to all the world and teach all nations. Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord; bless His Name!



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley



We congratulate
Deacons Brent Charland and Nicholas Haas
as they are ordained to the diaconate
and we express our gratitude to
Deacon Bryan Bashaw
for his years of faithful service

God has blessed us with your ministry!

St. André Bessette Parish
Malone, New York

Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become... believe what you read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach (Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate)

*Congratulations
to our newly ordained
Deacon David Clark*



*"Believe what you read,
teach what you believe,
and practice what you teach."*

The Roman Catholic Church of
Saint John the Baptist
Plattsburgh NY



Deacon Donahue named Catholic Charities director

Bishop Terry R. LaValley and the Catholic Charities Board of Directors have announced the appointment of Deacon Patrick J. Donahue, M.S.W., D.Min. as the Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Deacon Donahue will succeed Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin who has served as the Director of Catholic Charities for the past 27 years.

"We are all so grateful for Sister Donna's inspiring leadership that has seen outreach to various defenseless groups greatly expanded," said Bishop LaValley.

Deacon Donahue brings over 25 years of experience



Deacon Patrick Donahue

as caseworker and administrator at private, public and church agencies, including Catholic Charities, in the mental health and human services field.

Since 2009, he has served the diocese as Director of Formation for Ministry and Assistant Director of the Western Regional Office of Faith Formation.

Deacon Donahue received a Master of Arts in Social Work in 1976 from Syracuse University. He later earned a Masters in Divinity Studies from St. Bernard's School of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry from Washington Theological University.

In 2013, Bishop LaValley ordained Deacon Donahue a permanent deacon for the diocese. He is currently assigned as deacon assistant at St. Mary's Parish in Evans Mills.

"I am thrilled to become part of Catholic Charities," Deacon Donahue said. "Charity goes to the core of our

identity as Catholics. For me, this is a wonderful opportunity to merge my background and experiences in both social work and diaconal ministry to serve the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Succeeds Sister Donna Franklin who has led the agency for 27 years

"I look forward to serving in this new capacity, both continuing and hopefully contributing in some meaningful way to the 100-year legacy of Catholic Charities in our diocese," he said

Sister Donna plans to retire in the spring of 2018. She will serve as a consultant for several months and work with Deacon Donahue after his appointment becomes effective Jan. 1, 2018.

Bishop LaValley said, "The Board of Directors and I are eager to see Deacon Patrick Donahue apply his unique blend of education, experience and ministry to Catholic Charities and its vital mission - responding to the needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities."

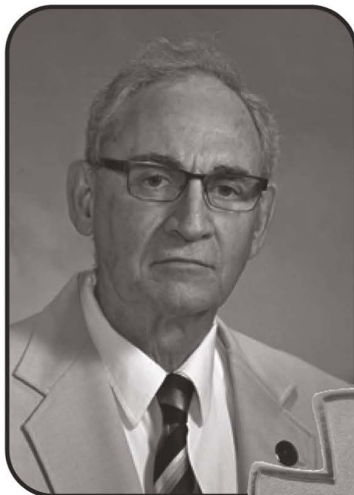
St. Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the whole world, forever and ever, Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude helper of the homeless, pray for us. Say prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

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We are
praying for
Phil and his
Ordination
Classmates.



The People of
St. Andrew's Church, Norwood
and the
Parish of the Visitation
and St. Raymond,
Norfolk and Raymondville
Rejoice in the
Ordination of
Phil Regan

as a
Deacon
of the
Church!

Congratulations to
Deacon Richard Burns



From St. Mary's Church, Potsdam
&
St. Patrick's Church, Colton

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Permanent deacons in the diocese from 1977 to 2017

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

The Second Vatican Council restored the permanent diaconate. It had been missing from our churches for centuries. The Apostles established the diaconate (Acts of the Apostles chapter 6) because they determined a need for assistants to take on tasks that would free them to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana restored the diaconate in the Diocese of Ogdensburg on April 22, 1977

Over time the order vanished for many complicated reasons. The Church still recognized an order of deacons but these were men transitioning to the priesthood. The Fathers of the Vatican Council saw a need to re-establish a permanent order of men willing to serve the church. These were men who were not called to the priesthood. They could be married before receiving the Sacrament of Orders, with their wife's permission. If a permanent deacon's wife predeceased him, he would pledge to remain celibate thereafter.

This new order would pledge obedience to the bishop and work in collaboration with priests to assist the bishop in his mandate to spread the good news, respond to the needs of his flock through charity and justice and lead people in prayer.

This was a challenging new world for dioceses.



How do we select and form such men?

Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana restored the diaconate in the Diocese of Ogdensburg on April 22, 1977. Father Donald Manfred, now pastor in Croghan, was asked to develop a program of formation for the first permanent deacons of Ogdensburg.

Since that time 123 men have been ordained including 16 who were ordained to the diaconate this past Saturday.

The faculty for formation initially came from Wadhams Hall Seminary College and Mater Dei in Ogdensburg. By necessity the formation program has evolved. Mater Dei no longer exists. Wadhams Hall is now closed as a Seminary College but continues as a retreat center and diocesan gathering space.

The formation faculty today is drawn from among the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese. Aspirants and candidates utilize on-line courses through Notre Dame University.

The men in formation still meet one weekend a month from September to June for additional class work, for prayer together

and fellowship.

A program of formation for the wives of the men in formation is also on-going.

Father Manfred was succeeded by a number of priests who led the formation program with distinction, including Father Joseph Elliott, Msgr. Robert Aucoin and Father Howard Venette. The current director is Deacon John White.

As the order celebrates 40 years in this diocese in 2017, the deacons serve in nearly every parish of the North Country. They also work as chaplains in the 13 state and federal prisons in the area. On the diocesan level, newly ordained Deacon James Crowley is the diocesan chancellor and Deacon Patrick Donahue has been named director of Catholic Charities.

The deacons of the diocese, candidates and their wives gather each spring with Bishop LaValley to pray, learn and socialize. Bishop LaValley has also established a Council of Deacons. The representatives of deacons from the diocese and two representatives of the wives of deacons meet with him to discuss matters of interest to the community.

Separately the deacon community established the St. Lawrence Society to foster harmony in the community, provide care and comfort when needed and to establish continuing education opportunities to the ordained.

The role of deacons in our diocese continues to evolve. The vision of Bishop Brzana, the work of Father Manfred and his successors, has led to a collaboration that fills a need in parishes and responds to the call, "Here I Am Lord."



Deacon James W. Chafty, a deacon for the parishes in Port Leyden, Lyons Falls, Constableville and West Leyden, baptizes Alexandria Jo Teal at St. John's in Lyons Falls. "My ministry as a Catholic deacon in 2009 has opened a new door of holiness for me," Deacon Chafty said. "Throughout my life before, I strove to be holy. After ordination, I found that there was a whole world of holiness in need that I was called to. I am amazed of the magnitude of the need and the blessings of the Holy Spirit that help fulfill my ministry to truly be a living herald of the Word."

In the first class....

I was in the first class of deacons in the diocese and it was like jumping into the abyss! I knew as soon as Father Dostie talked about the diaconate at Mass one Sunday that I was meant to do this. I've never been so positive in my life that I was being called, but it was terrifying. Called to WHAT?

Setting out for Mater Dei that first weekend was a real test of faith. Dave Hennigan and I kept each other from running away, and it was the best decision I've ever made. It was hard and we, faculty and support staff and students, were feeling our way in the dark, making it up as we went along. Fortunately the Holy Spirit was ahead of us all the way, shining the light to show us the way.

Three years later, when we marched into the cathedral, we knew more, had made new friends, had worked hard and prayed harder, but it was still like jumping off a cliff.

Now, 37 years later, I am still just as positive that I was called to this vocation and I am still so thankful that I was. It has changed and enriched my life beyond measure and I believe has enabled me to be a positive force in the lives of many, many people along the way.

I've probably worn more hats than most, too. Since ordination, I've been a teacher in the parish school, a pastoral assistant (now pastoral associate) in my parish, director of religious education at Fort Drum, chaplain in two prisons and finally, after retirement, back to pastoral associate in my parish.

Deacon Jack Trombly
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Watertown

Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become... believe what you read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach



*The parishioners of St. Hubert's Church
extend our heartfelt congratulations and
thanks to*

Deacon Phil Giardino

on his 18th anniversary to the diaconate.

DEACON DAVID SANDBURG was ordained in 2009 and serves St. Mary's Cathedral and Notre Dame parishes in Ogdensburg. What does the diaconate mean to him? "After a very long career in business serving the public I wasn't ready to retire to a life of leisure. So when I felt the call to consider the Permanent Diaconate I knew it was something I was prepared to commit to," he said. "Now, eight years after my ordination, I can truly say it has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Serving God, His Church and His people has made me happier than I could ever have imagined. I pray that God will give me many more years serve Him as a deacon."



St. Peter's Loves Deacons



The #1 parish where more deacons have come from its parishioners as well as those who have retired in ministry here.

Robert King
Robert Diehl
Mark Bennett
Frank Bushey
John Drollette
Tyrone Rabideau*
Michael Howley
Randal Smith
Gerald DeFayette *

* Retired in Ministry at St. Peter's

Congratulations and Thank You, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh

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Deacon Lawrence R. Ambeau baptized his grandson Logan on the day after his ordination in 2013 during his first Mass at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams. The baby is held by his mother Melissa Ambeau Kotary. Next to her is Andrew Kotary, Logan's father, who is holding Lucas Kotary. The godparents are Thomas Ambeau and Shellie Tucker, the son and daughter of Deacon Ambeau. "I love being a deacon and the honor of serving the parishioners of St. Cecilia's and Queen of Heaven," Deacon Ambeau said. "My favorite part is serving at the Mass. I feel very privileged and humbled to be on the altar in the Real Presence of Jesus. Then to share Jesus with the parishioners is just icing on the cake."

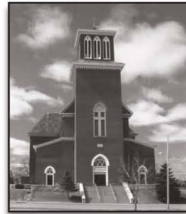
"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

1 Corinthians 12:4-5



Thank you to
Deacon & Mrs. Patrick and Karen
Donahue
for your ministry in our parishes.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVANS MILLS
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA
ST. THERESA'S CHURCH OF THERESA



Congratulations and Welcome

To our new deacons:

Deacon James Crowley, Deacon David Demers, and
Deacon William O'Brien

We are thankful for our current deacons and their faithful
ministry among us.

Deacon Francis Bateman, Deacon Mark LaLonde,
Deacon Anthony Pastizzo, Deacon David Sandburg,
and Deacon John White

We ask God's blessings on them and their families,
as together we journey in faith!



*Deacon Tom Finnegan
and
Deacon John Dwyer.*

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still Love, Still missed and very dear.*

*St. Mary's Church, Brushton &
St. Augustine's Church, North Bangor*

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ONE FAMILY

Bishop's Fund supports deacon formation program

By Deacon John White

Director, Deacon Formation Program

The 2017 diocesan directory lists 75 permanent deacons of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. While a few of these men are retired or living outside of the diocese, the vast majority continue to give of their time and talents in service to the People of God in the north Country. On 7 October of this year, 16 more names were added to that list. Additionally, 19 more men have begun their own preparation to join the ranks of the permanent diaconate for our diocese.

The Deacon Formation program of the diocese is, and can only be successful due to the diligence and efforts of the many people associated with the program. Bishop LaValley, Father Douglas Lucia, Deacon Kevin Mastellon, Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin and St. Joseph Sisters Mary Eamon Lyng and Jennifer Votraw have invested their own time and talents into the program as teachers, facilitators and advisors.

Sister Donna has also coordinated opportunities for the wives of men in the program to deepen their own spirituality, relationships with Jesus Christ, their husbands and each other over the years. The importance of the role of the wives in the formation process and life and ministry of a perma-



nent deacon can not be overestimated or overlooked. Without the grounding and support that these women give to the deacon community as a whole, the ministry of our deacons would be greatly diminished.

It is not only the formation faculty who make the program a success. The diocesan relationship with the University of Notre Dame's Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP) offers on-line learning opportunities to strengthen and enhance the program and the men's development.

Further, the pastors who recommend, sponsor and support the men through the program and beyond are indispensable to its success; as are the priests who offer their time, talent and efforts as spiritual directors for the men; and the deacon mentors who provide an experienced ear or shoulder, to

help the men retain their focus rather than succumbing to the frustrations inherent in the program.

Finally Jeff Ward and the staff at Wadhams Hall who take such care in providing nourishment, lodging and learning space over the four years of the process make the time and space welcoming and enjoyable.

Realistically none of the foregoing is possible without significant investments of money as well. Currently bringing a man from the application process through ordination can cost in excess of \$15,000. Approximately one-third of that amount is subsidized by the man's parish. Obviously the remaining two-thirds must come from somewhere. That portion is only possible through the Bishops' Fund and the generous donations of Catholics across the North Country to that fund. Only with your continued support can the diocese truly be "One Bread, One Body, One Family," and the diocesan community of permanent deacons continue to grow, thrive and minister to you.

Rest in Peace

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

- Oct. 11** – Rev. William Burns, 1837
- Oct. 12** – Rev. Francis Pelletier, 1881; Rev. P. Joseph Mullins, O.S.A, 1960
- Oct. 13** – Rev. Francis X. Campbell, O.S.A., 1984
- Oct. 14** – Rev. James Alexander Haggarty, 1903
- Oct. 15** – Rev. James Haffey, 1918; Rev. Mark Collins Liebler, 1975; Rev. Robert Fleig, S.J., 1986; Most Rev. Thomas Andrew Donnellan, 1987
- Oct. 17** – Rev. Antoine Anselm Thomas, 1900; Rev. Athanase Marion, O.M.I., 1935

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Bishop's Schedule

Oct. 11 - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

5:15 p.m., Mass at Parish of the Visitation with the Commissioned Lay Ministers Association followed by Dinner and Presentation.

Oct. 12 - 5 p.m., Mass at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown with the Commissioned Lay Ministers Association followed by Dinner and Presentation.

Oct. 13 - 5 p.m., Mass and Institution of Acolytes at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY

Oct. 14 - 10:30 a.m., Council of Deacons Meeting in the Brzana Hall at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 15 - 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

2 p.m., Religious Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 16-17 - Pontifical College Josephinum Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio

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 Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-483-3261; or Fr. James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

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. Upcoming sessions:
Oct. 12 - 10 a.m., St. James Minor Church, Carthage
Oct. 12 - 6:30 p.m., Holy Name School, AuSable Forks

Environmental Stewardship

What next?

October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, concluded the Season of Creation that began around the world on September 1.

Millions of people around the globe participated and signed the St. Francis Pledge approved by Pope Francis.

Some local churches and groups in our Diocese had a sign-up sheet available for people to make a Pledge while others used their computers. Maybe you were one of them.

So, now the question may be, what comes next?

What am I going to do to fulfill my pledge to Pray, Learn, Assess, Act and Advocate today?

Pray is the best place to begin. Pope Francis used the prayer of praise of St. Francis for the title of his encyclical, *Laudato Si* that means 'Praise Be to You.'

Like St. Francis we can make up our own litany of praise. If we take a few moments to pay attention to something that attracts our attention, we can say its name and respond 'Praise be to you, O Lord.'

As we go through the day, we may add more and more names that we want to give praise God for. With a heart moved by the wonder of Creation we will more naturally want to find ways to "Care for our Common Home," as the rest of the title calls each of us to do. And what the Pledge calls us to do.

In his book entitled: *300 Ways to Save Money and Energy in Your Home While fulfilling your Saint Francis Pledge* David A. Troesh gives us plenty of actions to choose from! Here are but a few:

Create a Green Team. Infect everyone in your household with an attitude of conservation. Be creative.

Replace your incandescent lights with CFLs. Start by replacing the five bulbs that burn the longest.

Activate power management software on your computer. If your computer doesn't have a power management system, you can download free software from Energy Star.



*Support And Pray
 For Vocations*

Consecration of the Diocese

Love your mother

By Father Bryan Stitt
Diocesan director, Office of Worship

How we love our mothers! They have seen us at our best and at our worst. We can relate our triumphs to them without fear of being thought boastful and share our frustrations without sounding like whiners.

On October 22 Bishop LaValley and the whole diocese is honoring our Blessed Mother in appreciation of her maternal love. As you've already heard, on that day, Bishop LaValley will consecrate the North Country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Prompted by the request of our Lady to the children in Fatima, Pope Pius XII first consecrated Russia to Mary's Immaculate Heart in 1952. Thirty years later, Pope Saint John Paul II did so for the entire world. 2017 is the year for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Why now?

First it is to honor Our Lady's appearance and miracles in Fatima, Portugal 100 years ago. How many of us grew up with the story of the "Day the Sun Danced" witnessed by tens of thousands of people who stood in the mud turned into dry land? That was October 13, 1917.

Thirty-five years and nine days later, our beloved Cathedral of St. Mary was consecrated. This year's consecration marks these two anniversaries honoring Our Lady.

How do we participate?

Mark your calendar. October 22nd will be the day of the consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There will be a 2 p.m. Rosary Rally before a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the Cathe-

dral. At 2:30 p.m. Mass will be offered with the prayer of consecration of the diocese included.

If you can't be there in person, you can surely be there in spirit praying for the church.

Learn more about Fatima. Have you seen 13th Day, the 2009 dramatic re-telling of the Story of Fatima through the memories of Sr. Lucia? Consider showing it at your parish.

There is also the classic version - the 1952 film The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima, as well as numerous books and vignettes on YouTube.

(There will be a showing of 13th Day at the Cathedral on October 13 hosted by the Legion of Mary in Ogdensburg to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. Join them at St. Mary's Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary, followed by a presentation of the film. For more information contact the parish office at 315-393-3930.)

Send prayer requests to Bishop LaValley. The bishop will include them in his prayer of Consecration to our Blessed Mother.

All intentions can be sent to The Bishop's Office, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Join the Novena. The nine days from October 13th (the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun) to October 22nd (the 65th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral) allows for a perfect nine-day novena.

Please join Bishop LaValley in the prayer found at right on this page.

Love your mother. She's been with you through thick and thin. She gives us the best of all examples. And she'll see us through this valley of tears.

What is a novena?

A novena is a prayer that lasts for a period of nine hours, days, or months. What is essential in the number nine. The word novena comes from the Latin word for nine - *novem*.

Why nine?

Well, our Lord rose from the dead on a Sunday. He ascended into heaven 40 days later on a Thursday. For nine days the apostles and Mary, the Mother of God, gathered in the upper room and were united in prayer.

On the 10th day, after nine days of prayer in the upper room, the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, descended upon them on the feast of Pentecost, which was a Sunday.

Check it out in the Bible: Jesus spends 40 days with the apostles-Acts 1:3. Jesus Ascended into heaven-Acts 1:9, Luke 24:51, Mark 16:19. Apostles gather in the upper room-Acts 1:13-14. Pentecost-Acts 2:1-13

The above scripture references point to the traditional prayer called a novena. When we pray a novena we do what the remaining 11 apostles did. We do what the Mother of God

did. We do what the Church has been doing for 2,000 years - praying fervently for an outpouring of God's grace.

A novena can be done in various ways. You can pray a novena prayer every nine consecutive hours, days, or months.

It does not matter how or what is prayed, it is not magic; just a form of prayer rooted in the scriptures and tradition of the Church.

Friday, October 13 will be the start of the novena ending on Sunday, October 22. We will be praying it in honor of the Our Lady of Fatima.

As the Church around the world honors our Blessed Mother on the 100th Anniversary of her appearance in Fatima, Portugal, here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg we will have a Rosary Rally and Holy Mass with Bishop LaValley at the Cathedral.

The 2:00 Rosary and 2:30 Mass will be on Sunday, October 22nd. Please keep praying for our parish, our Bishop, and each of our intentions as celebrate the many blessings God has bestowed upon us here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Novena Prayer

To be prayed daily from October 13-21, 2017 in preparation of the Consecration on October 22nd at St. Mary's Cathedral

Loving Mother, 100 years ago you appeared to shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal with a message of penance, prayer, and peace. As we in the Diocese of Ogdensburg prepare to celebrate the anniversary of our Cathedral dedicated to your Assumption and consecrate the entire diocese to your Immaculate Heart, we desire to become like those young shepherds. May we have spirits courageous to face any opposition to the faith, minds made pure of the corruption of the world, and hearts open to your love - both to be received and to be shared.

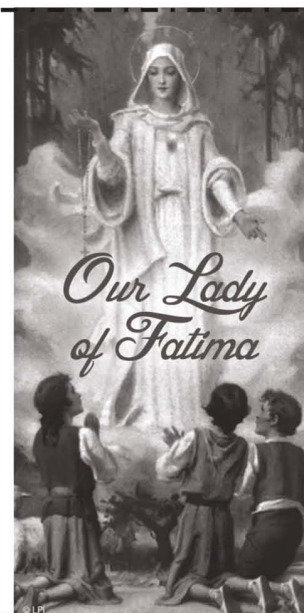
In a special way during this novena, I ask your intercession on this intention _____.

Lord Jesus, we honor those who bravely built up the Church here in our diocese and around the world. We praise you—the one sure foundation of the Church and of our lives—this day and always. Hear our prayers.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

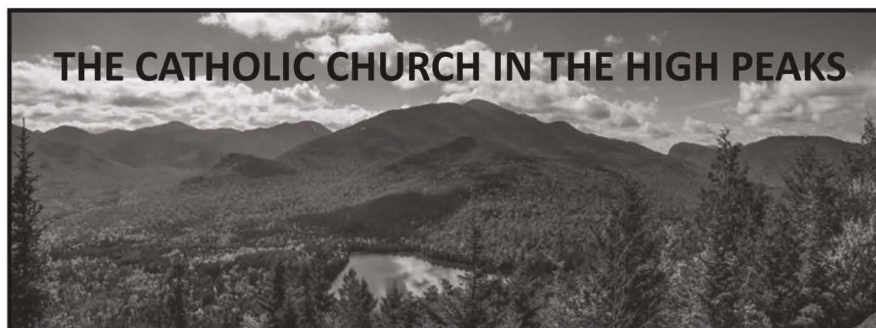


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Being a deacon

...has changed my outlook on how close God is to us. I love being on the altar and being able to serve the community and the parishes.

Deacon Bruce Daugherty, St. Mary's, Clayton and St. John's, Lafargeville



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE HIGH PEAKS

St. Agnes – Lake Placid

St. Brendan - Keene

**Gives thanks and praise to God for the
ordination of**

Deacon John Fehlner

“As a deacon you will serve Jesus Christ, who was known among his disciples as the one who served others. Do the will of God generously. Serve God and humankind in love and joy.”

Rite of Ordination of a Deacon

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**We offer fervent prayer that the
“Commission of Study on the Diaconate of Women”
established by Pope Francis in August will open this
ordained ministry to all of God’s children.**

After 21 years

Hi, I'm Deacon Ed Mazuchowski. I am currently assigned to St. Joseph's in Dannemora and the Church of the Assumption in Redford. I was ordained in 1996 by Bishop Paul S Loverde. My wife Louise and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last year. She has been a strong support to my diaconate vocation.

I have truly been blest in my years as a deacon. I could list events, positions and accomplishments over the last 21+ years but that's not what it is all about.

The best is my growth closer to our Lord Jesus Christ and His blessings on me to be able to touch others in His name.

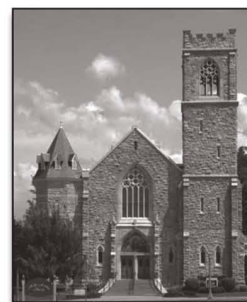
Grateful to serve

As a deacon my ministry was visiting elderly in their homes and in nursing homes.

This was a very satisfying experience to get to know people who were ill and not able to get out to go to church. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the people of our diocese.

**Deacon Norman Hunneyman, ordained in 1985
St. Andrew's Parish, Sackets Harbor**

**The Church of the
Holy Family in Watertown
congratulates the newly
ordained Deacons and
thank God for our own
Deacons Edward Miller
and Michael Allen**



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Deacons fill the ranks of prison chaplains

There are thirteen prisons, twelve state and one federal, that are spaced throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. This does not count the various county jails.

Two of the state prisons are maximum security, Clinton Correctional and Upstate Correctional where those incarcerated are serving sentences in excess of 25 plus years, some of those incarcerated will never be released from their confinement. All of the other state prisons are medium security with Adirondack Correctional scheduled to become a facility housing youthful offenders.

In total there are some 12,000 men incarcerated in the diocese who come from various parts of the state but mostly the New York City area. Many are African American and Hispanic and have their roots in Central and South America.

Roughly, one third of the inmate prison population is Roman Catholic. Many of these men were baptized by their families as babies but were never catechized or brought up in the faith.

Deacons of the diocese have played a large role in meeting the spiritual needs of the inmates as well as prison employees which in-

clude a significant portion of the working population of the North Country.

Currently the Diocese of Ogdensburg sponsors one priest, five deacons, one layman and one lay woman to minister to the spiritual needs of Catholic inmates as well as those of other faiths and no faith who reside in these North Country prisons.

Originally, Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana and Father Dennis J. Duprey sought out deacons to serve those incarcerated but as the North Country prison population has grown and many of our ordained deacons are past retirement age, the bishop has turned to qualified lay people to help serve as chaplains at the prisons.

Chaplains provide for sacramental, spiritual and pastoral support for these men, their families and the staff who work in a very dangerous environment.

Sacramental and pastoral support include regular weekly communion and prayer services, religious education and pastoral counseling surrounding critical family crises involving family deaths, sickness and other problems compounded by incarceration, distance and weak family ties.

Catholic inmates almost always are receptive to any spiritual support offered by the Chaplains looking for ways to improve their lives so as to avoid future incarceration.

Because the prison populations are laden with those with addiction related problems, the chaplains are a first line of resource in a system that is overburdened with need and limited in resources to meet that need.

At this time five deacons work in the prisons of the diocese: Deacons Thomas F. Kilian, Frank A. Bushey, Bryan J. Bashaw, Elliott A. Shaw and William M. Johnston.

Through the years several other deacons have worked in this critical ministry in the North Country, including Deacons D. Thomas Sharrow, Mark A. LaLonde, Bruce W. Daugherty, Andrew Yarchuk, Vincent E. Irvin, Larry R. Debiec, Frederick J. Mader, Victor J. Fisher, Richard D. Hart, James J. Hotte, John A. Levison Robert V. Ruddy, Kenneth A. Seymour, Joseph R. Szwed, John J. Trombly and Richard L. VanKirk.

Each has heard the call of Jesus to come and visit Him while he was in prison (Mt 25:36) a call echoed in those words the bishop utters to



Deacon Thomas Kilian, chaplain at the Ogdensburg and Gouverneur Correctional Facilities, and Deacon Frank Bushey, chaplain at Clinton Correctional in Dannemora, are shown at the September gathering of Catholic prison chaplains in Canandaigua, N.Y. sponsored by the New York State Catholic Conference.

every newly ordained deacon as he hands that deacon the Book of the Gospels: *"Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."* (Rite of Ordination to Diaconate)

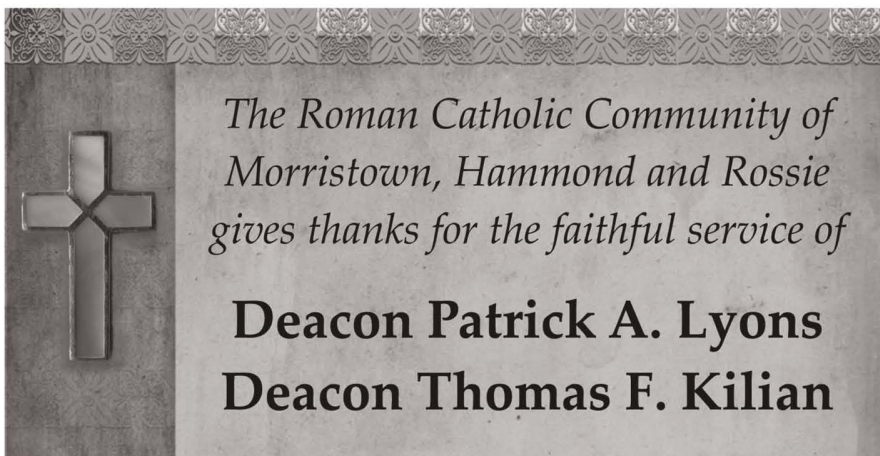
Deacon John Ryan

Congratulations on your anniversary.

We enjoy having you minister among us.

God Bless you for your service.

The Catholic Community of Holy Name & St. Matthew AuSable Forks and Black Brook



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Becoming an exceptional deacon

A 40-year deacon shares his thoughts about what it takes

By Deacon Fred Oberst
Ordained Oct. 4, 1980

When new deacons by the thousands across the country become ordained they begin their real education. New men who were not yet as fortunate to become deacons may continue their arduous journey from layman to become ordained. In both cases, some will be highly successful and some will not.

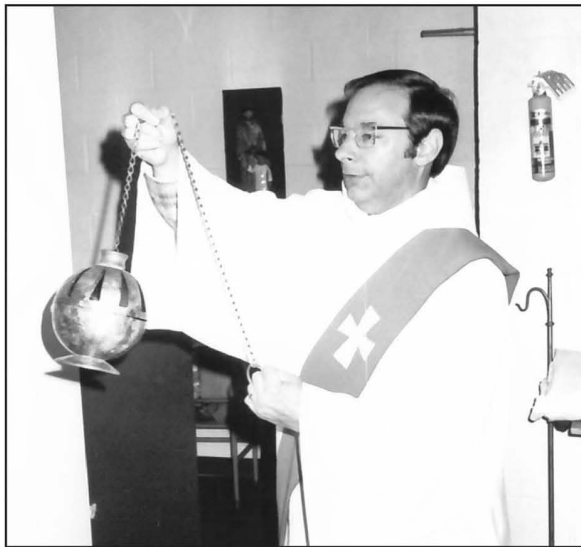
What differentiates those who reach the pinnacle and those who struggle?

The path to becoming an exceptional deacon is not automatic. Deacon leadership is not randomly assigned simply because an individual has a degree or because he has invested the time and gained seniority.

The skill set that defines a successful deacon is different from that of an accomplished pastor, different from a graduate with a high grade point average, different from most anyone else in the world of Roman Catholic Clergy.

To be a deacon, a really exceptional deacon requires a breadth of knowledge, that spans the gamut from a full understanding of ministry, a heart that cares beyond a single cause, a broad biblical knowledge of church history and practice, a psychologist's understanding of what makes people tick, a keen eye on current events, an ability to deliver prayers to suit countless environments and needs, the communication skills of a TED presenter, and the business savvy of a company CEO.

With this in mind, the ordained deacon or member of a formation program is



Deacon Fred Oberst was a member of the first class of deacons in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, ordained Oct. 4, 1980. He served at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake for more than 30 years and was part of the diocesan deacon formation team for about 15 years after that. In his retirement Deacon Oberst lives in Crystal River, Florida, where he continues to serve at Mass and preach, and, during the summer months in Denver to be close to his daughter.



faced with developing a path to his future. This will take a significant amount of planning, a methodical timeline, and loads of hard work.

But make no mistake – anyone with the foundational skills, the desire, the determination, and the right path - can reach the goal of becoming an exceptional deacon.

So, what are the stops along the way to becoming an exceptional deacon? This is a partial list from observations of deacons who are truly exceptional at what they do.

Have patience

The first rule of thumb in developing your way to become an exceptional deacon is to understand that reaching your goal will take time.

To the newly ordained, your ordination is the price

of admission. It will, and should take years before you are ready to take on the role of exceptional deacon.

To the graduates of the school of hard knocks – you are on a level playing field with graduate scholars as long as your way to the goal reflects what your current training lacks.

Align yourself with the best

A common denominator of very successful deacons (this is almost 100% true of everyone that I know) has included working with the very best clerics.

There may be only one skill from another's bag of tricks that you want to assimilate, but working without aligning yourself with that individual, your skill set will be lacking.

Know who these individuals are, research why they are successful, make con-

tact and humbly ask for the opportunity to learn from them.

Seek to learn something new

Look at every day as an opportunity to add something important to your toolbox. It might not always involve religion, but rather a chance to learn something important about people management, cultural influences, business management, current events, famous people, geography, language, even political influence on our faith. Don't waste any opportunity to learn and grow.

Experience other cultures

You might say that you can't afford to travel. Your way to become an exceptional deacon requires that you find a way. There are countless superb places and opportunities to learn from coast to coast and abroad.

If you have solid foundational skills, there are always opportunities to join an educational tour group. Those same opportunities may not exist in your hometown.

Moving is scary and challenging, but invigorating at the same time. You can always return to your roots at a later date.

Be daring – seek opportunities to work with a diverse team of religious groups. This cultural immersion will help to build your skills and, even more importantly, your understanding of other people.

Dorothy Day, with no intention of being a saint, lived with the poorest of the poor when she oversaw Catholic Worker Houses in the Archdiocese of New York. Matthew Kelly, best-selling author, brings witness to the power of God's Mercy in "Beautiful Mercy" an invitation to rediscover God's unconditional love so you can share it with others.

Re-discover your heritage

To a degree, you serve best from an understanding of your heritage. Take the time to discover where you came from, where your relatives called home. What did religion mean to them, how they worshiped and the connections to their location and your family values?

Give more than you receive

From my informal study, exceptional deacons are generous with their time, and when they are able, with their money. Start early on by offering your time and expertise to others who might benefit. This giving attitude is what allows you and others to grow professionally and personally as well as spiritually.

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Exceptional

Study the successful, passionate

Don't limit your education to the study of deacons, priests and Religious. What can you learn from other successful people about dealing with others, running a business, dealing with The Church, negotiating, communicating with different groups, writing articles, or training your peers?

Find those people you admire for their skills and dig into their methods.

If you associate with energetic, passionate, focused, and hard-working individuals you will find a constant source of inspiration and drive. Associate with people who make you work with a renewed level of determination.

If you don't know, found it out

There is no excuse anymore. If you do not know

the answer to a question, then do the research. When you find inspirational people to emulate read about them. If you want to increase your vocabulary and in turn your ability to effectively communicate with others, then read anything and everything. Read fiction, non-fiction, church history, bible studies, journals, magazines, newspapers, studies and reports – anything and everything.

Listen

Great deacons understand that they can never know everything and others may very well have the answer that they are looking for. Listen to employers, employees, friends, adversaries, church experts, and Sunday visitors. Good listeners are better decision makers.

Work harder than others

Be the example to others in ministry – always. Your parish team will work hard to emulate what they see in you. You will get ahead by demonstrating how important work ethic is to success.

Work smarter

At the same time you don't want to waste your time or lose sight of your unique skill set.

Spending 15 minutes every day helping out the secretary or the maintenance staff is a great investment in teambuilding. Spending more time each day at this task is a failure to understand that your skill set is needed elsewhere.

Delegate, teach, train, critique and demonstrate how to improve, inspire and rec-

ognize if you want to be an exceptional deacon.

Learn something new

Early on and even later in your ministry – taking a step back and working with a peer or an accomplished deacon or even a new candidate, deacon in a formation program is time well spent. Working for short stints for the sheer fun of it, to focus on learning a particular skill or even a new ministry is something that even the most accomplished deacon can benefit from.

Never forget where you began

As you travel down your roadmap in the position of deacon, always remember how hard it is to be an exceptional deacon and how others preparing to start as you did will need your support, patience, and encour-

agement.

Check your ego at the door

Now that you are a deacon, whether it was a path that took a few years or a lifetime, no matter how hard you worked to get to this point, regardless of the obstacles that came your way, and in spite of the massive number of skills that are part of your toolbox – you are only effective as a deacon if you respect everyone else for who they are and where they are.


Be proud of what you have accomplished but leave those inflated egos at the door. Leaders need followers who are willing and excited about doing just that – following.

No one has any interest in succumbing to a person who feels that they are more important than anyone else.

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LUKASIEWICZ



We celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Congratulations and thank you to the men, past and present, serving for decades and recently ordained, for responding to the call and ministering to God's people as Deacon. And our deepest appreciation to the wives and families who share their husbands and fathers and their ministry. May God be praised.

† Terry R. Laballey

The deacon is a cleric who is ordained to *diakonia*, namely, a service to God's people in communion with the bishop and his body of priests.

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The Catholic Community of Alexandria is grateful for the diaconal ministry of

Bernard Slate

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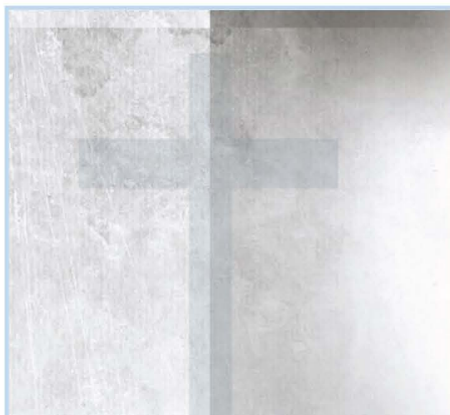
St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay



St. Francis Xavier Church, Redwood



Deacon Jack Lukasiwicz who was ordained Sept. 19, 2009, serves as a deacon assistant at Our Lady of Victory Parish, Plattsburgh. He is pictured with Msgr. Joseph Aubin, a retired priest who lives in Plattsburgh. "A deacon is a partner in prayer," Deacon Lukasiwicz said. "He's a fellow who fills in for others or knows someone who can. He could be also be called brother, husband, dad or gramps. He is a link between parish and community. Most of all, he does his best to be Christ like!"



Congratulations

Deacon James Crowley

on your recent deaconate ordination.

We are blessed and thankful to work along side you.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Chancery Staff

Thank You

Deacon Jim Snell

For all that you have done for St. Mary's Parish in Canton.

Ad Multo Annos!

*Fr. Bryan Stitt,
Fr. Todd Thibault and
St. Mary's Parishioners*

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'I am so grateful to God for calling me to this ministry'

This is Spike Bateman with a few words about my diaconate. I was ordained on October 4, 2003 by Bishop Costello, the Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse. That year Msgr. Harry Snow had been our rector at St. Mary's Cathedral but in June

he was transferred and Father Terry LaValley became our rector.

Msgr. Snow had been my mentor for the program and Father LaValley and I became great friends and had six wonderful years working together along with Father

Scott Seymour and then Father Joe Giroux. Both of these young priests taught me so much and through them I became a good deacon. Father LaValley gave me full rein to do every job a deacon could do and had faculties for. He was a great

boss and to this day I have great respect for him.

The diaconate has been my life for 14 wonderful years now and I am so grateful to God for calling me to this ministry.

I am retired full time now; my health prevents me from

any activity I could be performing and that upsets me to no end. However, I am thankful to our Heavenly Father for my past 14 years and look back on my life with great appreciation.

Deacon Francis F. Bateman
St. Mary's Cathedral

The Church communities of St. Joseph's in Dannemora and Assumption of Mary in Redford extend heartfelt thanks and much appreciation for the spiritual guidance and exemplary ministry of **Deacon Edward Mazuchowski** and the loving support of his wife Louise.

On the occasion of the diocesan celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the permanent diaconate, our diocese continues to be blessed as we welcome 16 new permanent deacons who will add to the wonderful history of ordained ministry in our diocese.

Best wishes always to you Ed and Louise and to our newly ordained deacons of the diocese. God bless you always!

From your brothers and sisters in Redford and Dannemora



Wadhams Hall

We wish a warmest welcome to our 16 new Permanent Deacons and assure you that it has been a pleasure to have served you over the past four years. As well, we would like to thank all of the Deacons that have come before in the 40 year history of the Permanent Diaconate. Your service to the North Country parishes, prisons, and Diocesan offices is invaluable.

The Staff at Wadhams Hall

With gratitude and
Thanksgiving for your
wonderful ministry among us

Jerry Cheney
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Fred Oberst
Joe Szwed

St. Bernard's Parish
Saranac Lake, NY

"Stephen, filled with grace and power,
was working great wonders
and signs among the people"

Acts 6:8

Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become... believe what you read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach

*Thank you to all the deacons of the
Diocese of Ogdensburg.
A very special thank you to
Deacon Larry Ambeau
for his guidance and spiritual wisdom.
May God bless you always.*

*The Catholic Community of St. Cecilia's, Adams and
Queen of Heaven, Henderson*



A privilege

It has been a privilege for 27 years to help all God's children enkindle their baptismal call to serve.

Deacon Thomas Kilian
The Roman Catholic Community of
Morristown Hammond and Rossie



Deacon John Lucero

Congratulations on your anniversary.
We pray your healing will go well and you
can resume your responsibilities with us.

*The Roman Catholic Community of
Keeseville*



With Praise and Thanksgiving

We are very thankful and blessed to have
Deacon and Mrs. Gary and Gayle Frank
Deacon and Mrs. Bruce and Elizabeth Daugherty
Deacon and Mrs. Neil and Dee Fuller
in our parish family.
Thank you for sharing your ministries with us.

*Father Arthur LaBaff and the parishioners of
St. Mary's Church, Clayton and
St. John the Evangelist Church, LaFargeville.*

Deacon Henry:

*We celebrate your anniversary with
gratitude for answering God's call to
serve His church as Deacon. God has
blessed us with your love, your inspir-
ing homilies, and your excitement to
share the joy of the Lord. May God
bless you and your ministry Deacon
Henry.*

*The Catholic Community of
St. James, Gouverneur*



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Deacon Edward R. Miller of Holy Family Church in Watertown was a member of the first class and was ordained in May 30, 1981. "Being a deacon has strengthened me with the Grace of the Sacrament to serve God's people in this world," Deacon Miller said. "I have always maintained that I was 'ordained to serve'"



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Deacon Tyrone A. Rabideau and his wife, Madeleine, are shown at the 2017 Deacon Assembly in Lake Placid. Deacon Rabideau, ordained Oct. 3, 1981, served St. Ann's Parish in Mooers Forks for many years before retiring and moving to St. Peter's in Plattsburgh.



Deacon Gary Frank baptizes Clayton Arthur Burns, son of Jared and Debbie Burns. Deacon Frank, ordained Oct. 12, 1996, serves St. Mary's in Clayton and St. John's in LaFargeville.

Hearing the 'whisper of God' and responding

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff Writer

Msgr. Daniel Hanrahan was my pastor at Sacred Heart parish in Queens, N.Y., when I was 10 or 11. One Sunday, after putting on my altar server vestments, I wandered down the hall behind the sanctuary to see if Father needed anything and found him kneeling at the foot of the cross praying.

I remember standing there out of respect for him and his prayerful preparation for Mass. It may have been my vocational moment. The call to ministry would come many years later but that was a vocational moment.

Kathy and I fell in love and married. We will be married 47 years in November. We have a beautiful, gifted and talented daughter, a great son-in-law and three of the best grandsons in the world.

What a wonderful gift the Lord has given me. I had an exciting and challenging career in broadcasting. An opportunity to work in another business and then, following ordination, a blessed time to serve the people of St. Patrick's in Watertown.

That moment in time watching Msgr. Hanrahan was a whisper. We have to hear that whisper. It may take time for it to be fully heard but it will remain in our ears and mind. It is repeated sometimes by our parents. It is often delivered by a parishioner or our pastor.

The Holy Spirit uses others to summon us to serve the Lord. We are all called to ministry at baptism. God's plan for us is often more complicated so we need to



PHOTO BY RYAN GRANT

Deacon Kevin Mastellon of St. Patrick's Church in Watertown, served as the Deacon of the Eucharist at this year's Blue Mass held Oct. 1 at St. Patrick's. Deacon Mastellon, ordained in 2003, is a member of the diocesan Deacon Council, president of the St. Lawrence Society and teacher in the deacon formation program.

hear the whisper.

I was invited by my pastor, Father Arthur LaBaff, to enter the formation program for lay ministry. My curiosity about church teaching and doctrine made that a logical move. By the end of our second year I was prepared to consider the diaconate.

Permanent deacons are mostly married men who have or are still working outside the church. One of the blessings of our ministry is to be able to witness our love of the Good News, the Gospel, in the work place.

At ordination we pledge our fidelity to our bishop. We pledge to serve the people of God, to preach the Good News and to assist at Liturgy. We are assigned to parishes with certain faculties, think of them as privileges, to do things. We serve as our pastor needs us. Some of us preach at Sunday liturgy. Many of us do sacramental preparation. Many of us witness weddings; baptize; officiate at funerals and burials.

Men in seminaries are being formed for the priesthood. They too will be ordained deacons. That ordination is permanent but considered transitional. A permanent deacon is pledged first to his vocation to his marriage and family. If we are married and perhaps a parent, our first vocation is to that commitment. A married man cannot be ordained without the permission of his wife. His ordination as a deacon is permanent.

Joyfully I was ordained on the feast of St. Francis in 2003. Francis was a deacon. God calls men and women to ministry. We remember Jesus words, "It was not you who chose me but I who chose you."

The men ordained this week have heard the whisper and responded. God bless them, their wives and families who have supported them in formation. Your work for the Lord has taken on a new dimension. Trust the Holy Spirit, who called you to this ministry, to guide you.

Trump administration expands exemptions on contraceptive mandate

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Trump administration Oct. 6 issued interim rules expanding the exemption to the contraceptive mandate for religious employers, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, who object on moral grounds to covering contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices in their employee health insurance.

Leaders of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops praised the action as "a return to common sense, longstanding federal practice and peaceful coexistence between church and state."

The contraceptive mandate was put in place by the Department of Health and Human Services under the Affordable Care Act. While providing an exemption for religious employers, the new rules maintain the existing federal contraceptive mandate for most employers.

President Trump had pledged to lift the mandate burden placed on religious employers during a White House signing ceremony May 4 for an executive order promoting free speech and religious liberty, but Catholic leaders and the heads of a number of Catholic entities had criticized the administration for a lack of action on that pledge in the months that followed.

From the outset, churches were exempt from the mandate, but not religious employers. The Obama administration had put in place a religious accommodation for nonprofit religious entities such as church-run colleges and social service agencies morally opposed to contraceptive coverage that required them to file a form

or notify HHS that they will not provide it. Many Catholic employers still objected to having to fill out the form.

The HHS mandate has undergone numerous legal challenges from religious organizations, including the Little Sisters of the Poor and Priests for Life.

A combined lawsuit, *Zubik v. Burwell*, made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the justices in May 2016 unanimously returned the case to the lower courts with instructions to determine if contraceptive insurance coverage could be obtained by employees through their insurance companies without directly involving religious employers who object to paying for such coverage.

Senior Health and Human Services officials who spoke to reporters Oct. 5 on the HHS rule on the condition of anonymity said that the exemption to the contraceptive mandate would apply to all the groups that had sued against it. Groups suing the mandate all the way to the Supreme Court include the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Archdiocese of Washington, the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Eternal Word Television Network and some Catholic and other Christian universities.

In reaction immediately after the 150-page interim ruling was issued, religious groups that had opposed the mandate were pleased with the administration's action.

An Oct. 6 statement by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, said the new rule "corrects an anomalous failure by federal regulators that should never have occurred

and should never be repeated."

The church leaders also said the decision to provide the religious and moral exemption to the HHS mandate recognizes that faith-based and mission-driven organizations and those who run them "have deeply held religious and moral beliefs that the law must respect."

Cardinal DiNardo and Bishop Lori said the decision was "good news for all Americans," noting that a "mandate that coerces people to make an impossible choice between obeying their consciences and obeying the call to serve the poor is harmful not only to Catholics but to the common good."

Michael Warsaw, CEO of the EWTN Global Catholic Network, said the television network's legal team would be "carefully considering the exemptions announced today and the impact this may have on our legal challenge to the mandate, but we are optimistic that this news will prove to be a step toward victory for the freedoms of many Americans."

Mark Rienzi, senior counsel at Becket, told reporters in a telephone news conference an hour after the rule was released that it is a "common sense and balanced rule and a great step forward for religious liberty."

He said the rule "carves out a narrow exemption" and keeps the contraceptive mandate in place for those without moral or religious objections to it.

He noted that it does not provide immediate relief for those groups who had challenged it, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, which Becket represents. They will "still need relief in courts," he said, but was confident now that it would happen.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Las Vegas: Trauma real even when not acknowledged

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The thousands of people at the country music festival Oct. 1 in Las Vegas that turned into the scene of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history are likely to have suffered trauma even if they weren't wounded -- and even if they don't admit it to anyone, according to psychologists and pastoral counselors interviewed by Catholic News Service. But trauma victims with a belief in a loving God, as well as supportive family and friends who live a Christian lifestyle, can ease the trauma and be restored to a sense of wholeness. "The thing in terrorism is the trauma it inflicts on people left behind. It's much more severe. It's hard to recognize, it shakes one's worldview," said Father Stephen Rossetti, a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, who is a professor at The Catholic University of America, Washington, and the former head of the St. Luke's Institute. "The word 'terrorism' is the right word. It strikes terror, that's what it was designed to do." The 20,000-plus crowd was the target of gunman Stephen Paddock, who killed 58 concertgoers and wounded more than 500 before he took his own life. Speaking from Rome, where he was attending a world congress for children as a consultant to the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, Father Rossetti urged a closer look at examples of forgiveness in the midst of trauma.

Pope: True Christians must remain hopeful, not 'whiny'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Real hope lies in the proclamation of Jesus' death and resurrection, not just with one's words but also in deeds, Pope Francis said. Christians are called to be witnesses of the resurrection through "their way of welcoming, smiling and loving" instead of just "repeating memorized lines," the pope said Oct. 4 during his weekly general audience. "Look," he said, "that's what a real Christian is like, not whiny and angry, but convinced by the power of the Resurrection that no evil is infinite, no night is without end, no person is permanently in error, no hatred is stronger than love." Arriving later than usual, Pope Francis was quickly ushered around St. Peter's Square to greet the estimated 15,000 pilgrims, stopping only once to greet a crying child. The pope continued his series of audience talks on Christian hope, reflecting on a reading from the Gospel of St. Luke, which describes the astonishment and disbelief of the disciples upon being visited by the risen Christ.

Immigration, health are also pro-life issues, archbishop says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pro-life issues cannot be restricted solely to bioethical concerns but must encompass a broader definition that defends life in every aspect, said Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life. Speaking to journalists at the Vatican press office Oct. 2, Archbishop Paglia said that to be pro-life, Christians must "rethink the semantic value of the word, 'life' and not just in a reduced way. If we must be pro-life, we must always, however and wherever, be pro-life," Archbishop Paglia said. Archbishop Paglia presented the theme of the academy's Oct. 5-7 general assembly, which will reflect on "accompanying life: new responsibilities in the technological era." The assembly, he said, would offer a time of reflection on human life today that considers the strides made through new technology while acknowledging that technology also risks becoming "a new religion where all other values are sacrificed."

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Of banquets and glorious riches

Today's first reading is one of the most beautiful in all of Scripture. It's about a lavish banquet set on a high mountain. God has prepared "...juicy, rich food, and pure, choice wines" for all people at the end of the world. No one will be excluded.

Isaiah has certainly changed his tune from his former criticism of Israel. Not unusual! The prophets often went from angry denunciations to consoling hope-filled predictions of God's intentions. Just in the telling, it makes our mouths water!

In addition, God will remove the veil from all faces, the veil that distorts our vi-

sion and embroils us in hateful wars and misunderstandings.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a banquet quite similar to the one in Isaiah's prophecy.

Here, the King gives a wedding feast for His Son. At first, the guest list is rather limited.

When these elite guests (obviously, the chosen people) refuse the invitation (some of these

guests even abuse and kill the messengers), the King sends his soldiers out to compel the whole countryside without distinction to fill his banquet hall.

The parable is directed against the leaders of the Israelites, God's chosen peo-

ple. Since they have failed to respond to Jesus' preaching, and are even now about to kill Him, all peoples of the earth (the Gentiles) will now be invited to the banquet of eternal life.

Scholars and preachers have puzzled for years over the King's anger at one of the guests who fails to wear a proper garment. One explanation is that wedding attire was readily available as guests entered the hall. This guest showed disrespect for the host by neglecting to procure one.

For us, the banquet is the Holy Eucharist. The proper wedding attire for God's banquet is to be clothed in a state of grace through Baptism. All who attend Mass with proper dispositions receive immense graces. But to receive fully in Holy Communion, we should al-

Oct. 15

The 28th Sunday of the Year

READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 23:1-14

ways make efforts to be free of sin through proper sorrow and purpose of amendment.

This is best done through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sandwiched in between the first and third readings, is St. Paul's brave hope that he, too, will experience God's "glorious riches" in the midst of his sufferings and imprisonment.

The example of the saints and martyrs of every age can easily shame those of

us who live in the midst of plenty, to be much more grateful than we are for the relative comfort of our lives and the few real obstacles we experience in living out our Catholic faith.

As St. Paul encourages the Philippians, so we need to support the millions suffering from lack of both spiritual and bodily nourishment.

May our generous response through sharing both our faith and our resources, show them that God is in their midst with His love and caring.

Every human person, born and unborn, has received God's invitation to eternal life with him.

In this month of October, we pray the Rosary for the many confused who need her help and ours in accepting it.

Fatima's sixth apparition: Miracle of the Sun

Part 6

This is the sixth and final installment of an NCC series, featured from May

2017 to October 2017, to mark the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions. The sixth apparition

took place Oct. 13, 1917. Excerpts derived from: "The True Story of Fatima" by John de Marchi, I.M.C.

On the morning of October 13th, 1917, fear prevailed in Fatima. Rain was pouring from the heavens, a sad beginning for the glorious day promised by Our Lady and the children.

The rain, however, did not dampen the spirits of the many thousands of people who came from every section of Portugal. Even reporters from the daily newspaper came.

"Nearby communities, towns and villages, emptied of people" said the reporter for O DIA, a Lisbon newspaper. Pilgrims traveled for days to arrive.

About ten in the morning, the skies became overcast. Sheets of rain, driven by a chilly autumn wind whipped the faces of the pilgrims. "Silence, silence, our Lady is coming!" Lucia cried

out as she saw the flash. "What does your grace want from me?"

"I want a chapel built here in MY Honor." I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the Rosary every day. The war will end soon and the soldiers will return to their homes." She also said; "People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins." Then growing sadder. "They must not offend Our Lord any more for He is already too much offended."

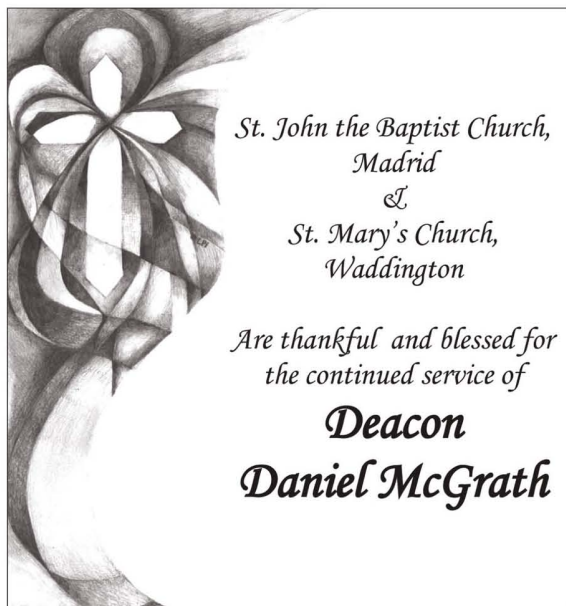
"There she goes!" cried Lucia. It was at that moment that the clouds dispersed and the sky was clear. "To the left of the sun, St. Joseph appeared holding in his left arm the Child Jesus. St. Joseph emerged from the bright clouds only to his chest, sufficient to allow him to raise his right hand and make, together with the Child Jesus, the sign of the cross three times over the world.

As St. Joseph did this, Our Lady stood in all her brilliancy to the right of the sun, dressed in the blue and white robes of Our Lady of the Rosary. While the children were enraptured with these visions, the thousands of people were amazed by other miracles in the sky.

"We could look at the sun with ease." Ti Marto, Lucia's father testified. "It threw shafts of light one way and another, painting everything in different colors, the people, the trees, the earth, even the air. But the greatest proof of the miracle was that the sun did not bother the eyes. It stopped and started dancing until it seemed to loosen itself from the skies and fall upon the people. It was a moment of terrible suspense. At last the sun swerved back to its orbit and rested in the sky. Everyone gave a sigh of relief; we were still alive and the miracle promised by the children had come to pass.



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Waddington

Are thankful and blessed for
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Daniel McGrath

AT THE MOVIES

THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

The proverbial call of the wild sounds more like a roar in "The Mountain Between Us" (Fox), a trapped-in-the-wilderness survival drama based on the 2011 novel by Charles Martin.

At an Idaho airport, Alex Martin (Kate Winslet) is desperate. The high-strung photojournalist is getting married in New York the next day, but her flight has been canceled due to an approaching storm.

She bumps into dashing surgeon Ben Bass (Idris Elba), who's in the same predicament. He's not heading to the altar, but scheduled to perform life-saving surgery.

Alex decides to charter a propeller plane to Denver, where a flight connection to New York awaits. Ben has misgivings about the bum-

bling pilot, Walter (Beau Bridges), but decides to throw caution to the wind and share the ride. Bad move.

With storm clouds looming, the trio sets off, joined by Walter's dog. There's barely time to admire the gorgeous scenery before Walter has a stroke and the plane goes down, crashing on a remote snowy peak.

Walter is killed, but the passengers - and pooch - survive. Alex is badly injured, but lucky for her Ben is just fine and can heal her wounds.

The outlook is bleak. It's freezing and they're in the middle of nowhere, with no food, water, or cellphone service, and as Walter never

filed a flight plan, no one knows they are missing.

Ben prefers to stay put inside the airplane wreckage and wait for rescue. Alex insists their only hope is to make their way down the mountain in search of civilization.

And so they set off, dog in tow, battling Mother Nature and Father Time. Weeks pass, and the two strangers get to know each other very well indeed - especially when the predictable romantic sparks fly.

Director Hany Abu-Assad does his best with a screenplay by Chris Weitz and J. Mills Goodloe that is more talky than tense, and often borders on the preposterous. But the stunning out-

door cinematography is a welcome distraction, and, mercifully (spoiler alert!), they don't eat the dog.

The film contains a scary airplane crash, moments of peril, a nongraphic sex scene, and two profane

oaths. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Congratulations to Deacon Paul White

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Placid – St. Agnes School Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show to be held.

Date: Dec. 2

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes School

Features: Trees, wreaths, holiday plants, toys, gifts, crafts, baked goods raffle items. Vendor space is available with costs between \$35 - \$45.

Contact: Kathleen Murphy at the school at 518-523-3771 or by email at info@stagneslp.org for more information or to reserve your space.

CLINTON

CRAFT SHOW

Moors – St. Ann's Sodality's 30th Annual Craft Show to be held.

Date: Oct. 21

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

Place: The Moore's Fire Station

Features: Craft and Non-craft vendors, Hot Food & Baked Goods, and Raffle Prizes. Gladly accepting nonperishable food items for Moors Food Pantry.

HARVEST DINNER

AuSable Forks – Knights of Columbus AuSable Council 2301 will have their annual Roast Pork Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Holy Name Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; under 12, \$5

Features: A silent auction with all proceeds supporting vocations, and a pie sale to support the Sisters of St. Joseph mother house renovation.

CRAFT SHOW

Altona – Craft show to be held.

Date: Oct. 14

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

Place: Holy Angels Parish Hall

Features: Vendors and Crafters of all types, homemade macaroni soup, Michigans, candy and refreshments, a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese Auction

PULLED PORK DINNER

Peru – Pulled Pork Dinner to be held to benefit North Country Mission of Hope, The Jamaica Project, Red Bird Mission.

Date: Oct. 14

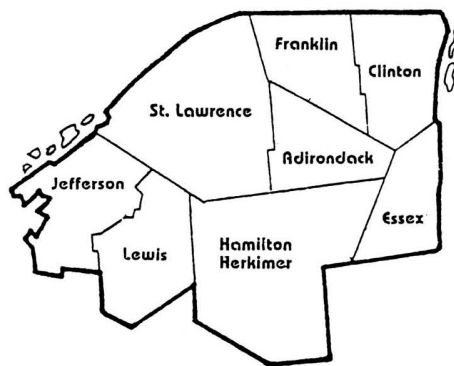
Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Augustine's Church

Cost: Adults, \$10; Kids 12 and over, \$5; 12 and under, Free

WALK OF FAITH

Peru – The Walk of Faith to be held to benefit The Mission of Hope, The



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Jamaican Project & Red Bird Mission.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: Early Registration at 11:45 a.m., Ceremony will start at 12:30 p.m.

Place: Begin at St. Augustine's Church at our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

Features: The event is FREE. We will walk Rain or Shine. Donations will be accepted the day of the event. A 50/50 and basket raffle are available to win.

CLMs CELEBRATING MARY

West Chazy – Commissioned Lay Minister Marian Feast day to be held.

Date: Oct. 28

Time: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Cost: \$10

Contact: Starr Burke at sburke7035@gmail.com; register online at www.rcdony.org/formation/commissioned-layministers/clm-event-registration.html or send a check by mail to The Diocese of Ogdensburg, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY 13317, write ERCLM on the memo of check.

TURKEY HARVEST DINNER

Morrisonville – St. Alexander's Church to have a Turkey Harvest Dinner

Date: Nov. 12

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

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

Features: country store, silent auction

Contact: For take-out, 518-561-5039

LIVING ROSARY

Dannemora - In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima,

Father Mickey Demo and Court Mother Admirable Catholic Daughters #592 are holding a special prayer service.

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Features: Living Rosary followed by the beginning Day of the Novena Prayer to consecrate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Refreshments **Contact:** For more info call Regent, Nancy Clancy @ 518-492-9768.

HARVEST DINNER

Chazy – Sacred Heart Parish is holding a Turkey Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 15

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

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

Features: Sinners' Den Pantry for "sinfully" delicious goodies. Raffle with dozens of great prizes.

FRANKLIN

EVENING DEVOTED TO MARY

Constable – The CWTR Rosary Society invites everyone to join them for an enjoyable evening devoted to Mary

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church
Speaker: Fr. Ted Crosby, known for his devotion to Our Blessed Mother

TURKEY DINNER

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

Date: Oct. 15

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$10 (\$13 Canadian); Children 12 and under, \$6; under 5, Free

Features: Take-outs available. Country Store, 50/50 raffle, Chinese Auction.

HARVEST DINNER

Brushton – St. Mary's will have a Turkey Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: Noon to 4 p.m. (Take-outs start at 11 a.m.)

Place: North Bangor Fire Dept.

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

Contact: 518-483-2780 for take-out.

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

PILGRIMAGE TO AURIESVILLE

Wells - A Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, is being planned for parishioners of St. Ann's and St. James Major in Lake Pleasant

Date: Oct 13

Features: More information will be available in church bulletins.

JEFFERSON

OCTOBER ECO-FEST

Watertown - Second Annual October-Eco-fest to be held with the theme "To Heal a Wounded World, We Need a Revolution of Love."

Date: Oct. 29

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30

Place: Hearthside Center, Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Features: Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* and a contemporary global environmental movement entitled "Awakening the Dreamer", this program will explore ways to protect God's creation for generations to come, embrace justice for all, and seek an ecological spirituality. Sponsored by the Watertown Faith & Ecology Group. Event is free. Light Fall refreshments served. Donations accepted.

Contact: Reservations are requested since seating is limited. To reserve a place, call 315-782-3460 or e-mail sr-bethssj@gmail.com

HARVEST HAM DINNER

Black River – Harvest Ham dinner set

Date: Oct. 26

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Paul's Church

Cost: Adults, \$9; Seniors (65+), \$8; Children 5-12, \$4; Families, \$25; under 5, Free

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – St. Anthony's Altar

Rosary to have a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Oct. 26

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

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

Features: Take-out available at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

ROSARY CRUSADE

Watertown – The Watertown Legion of Mary will have their third Annual Rosary Crusade.

Date: Oct. 11

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Features: Mass followed by all four mysteries of the rosary.

PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE

Watertown - Join us for a peaceful prayerful presence as we pray for renewed respect for all human life.

Date: Every day during October

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Place: Across from Planned Parenthood

Contact: For transportation contact Richard Doell at 315-788-1201

LOGO CONTEST

Watertown – St. Anthony's Vocation Committee will be sponsoring a vocation logo contest.

Date: Submissions deadline Oct. 13

Theme: From John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me."

Features: The submission fee is one Hail Mary for vocations. The new logo will be revealed Nov. 5 to kick-off National Vocation Awareness Week.

Contact: Submissions should be sent with name, phone, address and parish to watertownvocations@catholicwatertown.org or 1613 State Street, Watertown, NY 13601

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POLISH FEST

Houseville – St. Hedwig Church is planning its annual Polish Fest, a celebration of the Polish heritage of parishioners

Date: Oct. 15

Time: After the 11 a.m. Mass

Features: Serving of a tasty Polish platter \$10; bake sale, Polish hotdogs, \$1; ice cream sundaes, \$1; theme basket raffles, and 50/50 Raffle. Take outs are available. Volunteer workers, theme baskets, and baked goods needed. Proceeds to benefit church repairs.

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God bless our deacons at their ordination

The Mission Office would like to send warm wishes, congratulations and blessings to our dedicated Deacons being ordained on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Deacons are ordained to serve and to preach the faith of the church in Word and deed.

Through their ministries, they are called to be servants in the servant-Church. Deacons are very devoted and devout individuals and are able to identify the needs of others as ministers of the Sacraments. It is said, it is not what a Deacon does, but who a Deacon is that is important.

Our Diocese is once again blessed to have so many faithful servants heed the call. The Mission Office is proud to call these men leaders amongst us as we pray for them all as they embark on their ministry:

Deacon Richard L. Burns
Deacon Brent A. Charland
Deacon David L. Clark
Deacon James D. Crowley
Deacon David D. Demers
Deacon Timothy D. Foley
Deacon John A. Fehlner
Deacon Neil J. Fuller
Deacon Ronny J. Gingerich
Deacon Nicholas J. Haas
Deacon Michael J. Howley
Deacon Lawrence C. Morse
Deacon William P. O'Brien
Deacon Philip J. Regan
Deacon Randal J. Smith
Deacon Thomas J. Yousey

In closing, from our vocations prayer, "Send workers into your great harvest that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, gathered together by the Word of life and strengthened by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love.

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

<http://www.rcdony.org/mission-office.html>

OBITUARIES

Robert J. Manning

MASSENA – A funeral Mass for Robert J. Manning, 81, was held Oct. 2 at the Church of the Sacred Heart. He died Sept. 28 at St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg, surrounded by his family. Burial was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Tupper Lake.

Mr. Manning served as a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg from 1962 to 1996. He received a dispensation from the priesthood from Pope John Paul II in 1996 and married Mary White Rainville at St. Viator's Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The son of John R. and Rosalie (King) Manning, he was born Sept. 4, 1936 in Tupper Lake.

After graduation from Tupper Lake High School, he began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg and then at Christ the King Seminary in Olean, N.Y. He was ordained a priest April 2, 1962 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg by Bishop James J. Navagh.

Following ordination, he served as assistant pastor at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg, St. Mary's Churches in Massena and Champlain and St. Joseph's churches in Massena and Malone. In addition to pastoral duties he taught Latin, Social Studies and history at Holy Family High Schools in Massena and Champlain.

In 1972, Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana released him to join the US Navy.

Returning to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 1993 he was assigned as instructor then professor of history and theology at Wadhams Hall College in Ogdensburg, until he resigned in 1995.

Among his accomplishments, Mr. Manning achieved Eagle Scout and, in 1984, completed a swim across the English Channel in 18 hours, 15 minutes.

He also earned several graduate degrees including master's degrees in theology from Christ the King, secondary social studies education from SUNY Potsdam, in Human Relations and Man-

agement from Pepperdine University and in Spirituality from Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA. In 1991 he received a Doctorate in Ministry from the Ecumenical Unions, South Bend, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and a step son Steven Rainville of Massena, a sister Barbara and Henry Crouse and brother Jerry and Linda Manning. He was predeceased by his parents, and two sisters, Carole and Frances.

Brownville – John R. Silver, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Brushton – Gertrude E. (Almond) Phillips, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Brushton – Anne LaClair Titus, 68; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Chazy – John B. West, 96; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church.

Clayton – Mark William Hummel; Memorial Services Oct. 5, 2017 at St. Mary's Church.

Fort Covington – James Jon Tremblay, 45; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2017 at St. Mary's of the Fort.

Lake Clear – Joanne Waldron Dwyer, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2017 at St. John's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Anne Wolford Damp, 61; Funeral Services Oct. 14, 2017 at St. Agnes Church.

Malone – Kay Jean (Duemars) Allen, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – David W. MacMillian, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2017 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Mont Royal Cemetery, Montreal.

Moers Forks – Joseph Marcel Robidoux, 72; Funeral Oct. 3, 2017 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morristown – Richard B. Sherry, 88; Fu-

neral Services Oct. 7, 2017 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Marie R. (Trombley) Maggy, 78; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Assumption of Mary Cemetery, Redford.

Morrisonville – Valeda (Caron) Mertens, 101; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. James Cemetery, Cadyville.

Ogdensburg – Eleanore "Connie" F. (O'Connor) Putman, 96; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Marilyn M. (Curtis) Atwood, 79; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2017 at St. John's Church; burial in Union Cemetery, West Plattsburgh.

Port Henry – Jayne Catherine (Gilbo) Hanchett, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

Port Henry – Isabel K. (Sierra) Perez, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church.

Potsdam – Daniel J. Hayes, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2017 at Garner Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Margaret L. (Jacobs) Bray, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Stevens Cemetery, Skerry.

Saranac Lake – Lois C. UMBER, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 9, 2017 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery, Lake Placid.

Tupper Lake – Adrien Girouard, 96; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2017 at St. Alphonsus Church.

Watertown – Josephine "Josey" Basile; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Helen Louise (Crossman) Allan Farley, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2017 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Sarah M. "Sue" (DeFranco) Leone, 96; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

Houseville – In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the last apparition of Fatima St. Hedwig's will be open to give the faithful an opportunity to gain a Plenary indulgence by praying before a statue of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of Mary.

Date: Oct. 13

Schedule: Opening at 8 a.m., from 5 p.m. to 6, there will be a Holy Hour will include the recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, Novena and silent adoration. At 6 pm, the film "Finding Fatima", a documentary by the producers of "The Thirteenth Day."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – A one hour of exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, and benediction is set

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

ST. LAWRENCE

FATIMA ANNIVERSARY

Ogdensburg – The Legion of Mary in Ogdensburg invites everyone to join them in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: pray the Rosary, followed by

a presentation of the film "The 13th Day," a dramatic re-telling of the Story of Fatima through the memories of Sr. Lucia. No charge for this event

HARVEST DINNER

Gouverneur – Harvest dinner with all the trimmings.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 4:30 p.m. until all are served

Place: St. James School

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 12 and under, \$5; 5 and under, Fr

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Canton – The Canton Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an all you can eat pancake breakfast to benefit St. Mary's School.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's School Gym

Cost: \$7 per person or \$30 for a Family; Children under 5, Free

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CARITAS DINNER

Ogdensburg – The Annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner is set.

Date: Oct. 25

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar; followed by dinner at 6

Place: Gran View Restaurant

Features: 2017 Honorees for the Caritas Award are Msgr. Joseph Aubin and (posthumously) Rev. Patrick Mundy, President's Award (posthumously) Mr. Alex Velto.

Contact: 315-393-2255

DEACONS AT THE BLUE MASS



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Deacon Ronald Pominville of St. Peter's Parish in Lowville and Deacon John Drollette of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh served as chaplains to the bishop at the second annual Blue Mass held Oct. 1 at St. Patrick's in Watertown. Deacon Pominville is retired from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and Deacon Drollette is a retired detective of the Plattsburgh Police Department. Full coverage of the Blue Mass, held to offer prayerful support to those in law enforcement, will be published in the Oct. 18 issue of the North Country Catholic.

DOVS LUNCHEON

Norfolk – The Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (DOVS) invite you to be their guest at a luncheon.

Date: Nov. 15

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Speaker: Fr. Ray Moreau will be the guest speaker and the topic to be discussed will be "Bored At Mass?"

Contact: Anne at 315-353-2950 or Connie at 315-265-2762

CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE

Ogdensburg – In honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and in supplication for our Lady's intercession for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Bishop LaValley will consecrate our Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: 2 p.m. Special Prayer and reflection to pray the Rosary; 2:30 p.m., Mass

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: a Novena during the nine days from the anniversary date of the

last Fatima vision, Oct. 13 to the day of Consecration on Oct. 22.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend a free day-long vocations retreat

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Features: The theme of the retreat is Call & Mission, and the day will have workshops, prayer, and fun as middle schoolers learn and pray about vocations. There are limited spaces for overnight accommodations the night before the retreat.

Contract: Email kdonnelly@rcdony.org or crussell@rcdony.org for more information or a registration packet.

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

Washington D.C. – Registration for High School Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington D.C. to begin

Date: Jan. 18 to 20

Cost: \$150, includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, two dinners and shirt.

Features: Three coach buses will depart the North Country. Pickup locations - Northern bus - Massena, Canton and Gouverneur; Western bus - IHC in Watertown and Eastern bus - Our Lady of Lourdes in Schroon Lake. Bishop LaValley will be joining the buses in DC! (All chaper-

ones must be Virtus/Protecting God's Children trained.)

Contact: Online registrations open Oct. 1 at www.rcdony.org/pro-life or call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

SCOUT MASS AND AWARDS

Lake Placid – Scout Mass and Awards Ceremony to be held.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: St. Agnes Church and school

Features: Mass will be followed by a luncheon and awards ceremony for all those who have earned a Catholic religious emblem this year.

Contact: Fr. Bryan Stitt at 518-593-6044 or bstitt@rcdony.org

OPERATION ANDREW

Two Operations Andrew dinners have been set.

Schedule: Nov. 8, at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown; Nov. 30 at St. John Bosco Church in Malone

Time: 5 p.m.

Features: Prayer, dinner and discussion on vocations for young men, middle school age and older, and parents. Holy Hour to know your vocation, vespers and dinner to follow with Bishop LaValley and area priests.

Contact: RSVP to: Cathy Russell, Vocation Coordinator at crussell@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920



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