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## OUR NEWEST PRIEST



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO  
Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained Father Michael J. Jablonski to the priesthood Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral. The diocese's newest priest shares reflections on the growth of his vocation on page 3; a story and more photos of the ordination will be published in the next issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

## Congratulations, priest jubilarians

PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK  
Three of nine priest jubilarians of 2017 are shown during the Jubilee Mass held May 16 during the Presbyteral Assembly in Lake Placid. From left are Fathers Donald Manfred, Douglas Comstock and John Yonkovic. The *NCC* offers a tribute to the jubilarians in this week's issue.



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### PENTECOST SUNDAY

In this week's Scripture Reflections, Msgr. Whitmore writes about the readings for Pentecost Sunday, this year celebrated on June 4. The Feast of Pentecost is marked as the birthday of the church.

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### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated June 14.

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## Pope and the president talk about peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump spent 30 minutes speaking privately in the library of the Apostolic Palace May 24, and as the president left, he told the pope, "I won't forget what you said."

When Pope Francis met the first lady, Melania Trump, he asked if she fed her husband "potica," a traditional cake in Slovenia, her homeland. There were smiles all around.

Pope Francis gave Trump a split medallion held together by an olive tree, which his interpreter told Trump is "a symbol of peace."

Speaking in Spanish, the pope told Trump, "I am giving you this because I hope you may be this olive tree to make peace."

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# Priests and more priests... hooray!

We're all about priests in this issue of the *North Country Catholic* as we salute a brand new one as well as nine who have been around for decades.

Our annual Priest Jubilarian issue is always a joy to put together.

The biographies of priests who have served for 25, 40, 50 and 60 years – which offer a mere glimpse of all they have given to us – are complemented with messages of love and support from parishioners and co-workers.

One of the highlights of the

annual Presbyteral Assembly (this year held May 15-17 in Lake Placid) is Tuesday night's Jubilee Mass.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

This gives the priests the opportunity to celebrate their special anniversaries with each other. I can only imagine all the jokes that are shared that night!

The gathering also offers the bishop the opportunity to give a spiritual perspective on the decades of service given by his priests.

In his homily for this year's Jubilee Mass (printed on page

three), Bishop LaValley said, "there is no doubt that the joys of the priesthood are tremendous. I'm confident that, after decades of faithful ministry, our Jubilarians would attest to that. But the sacrifice and challenges are real, too. You all know that. In it all, through it all, we are to whisper God, instruments of His peace."

Father Jablonski is ready to "whisper God" as well as he spends his first week as a priest for the diocese.

In this week's *NCC*, he reflects on the growth of a vocation that took a young boy from a family farm in St. Johnsville, N.Y. to a parish

priest in Massena.

With a brand new degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum Father Jablonski is prepared to take on the pastoral concerns of Catholics in northern New York in the 21st century.

Because of the *NCC*'s deadline on Saturday afternoon, full coverage of the ordination celebration will have to wait until the next paper (which, as the summer publication begins will be dated June 14). In the meantime we offer prayers and congratulations to all the priests of the week. We are so grateful that - day in and day out - you whisper God to us.

## FATHER MUENCH SAYS...

## Making time for gratitude in my life

I would like to return to gratitude today. Gratitude touches my life everyday but there are many times when gratitude holds my attention more than others.

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord calls to mind for me the times I was transferred as a priest – leaving one parish for another.

For me, this was a time to express my gratitude to many in the parish for their support and help while I was pastor in that parish.

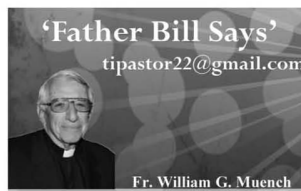
I continue to try and make gratitude an important part of my life. I have often quoted to you Brother David's statement on gratitude. He writes, "If you want to find happiness, be a grateful person."

Take this week for example. In a special way, I have many to thank.

A couple of weeks ago, I ended up with a short stay in the hospital. Can you believe, appendicitis?

I know and am so pleased that many friends, family, people of the parish came forth to promise me their prayers during my operation and stay in the hospital.

I want to guarantee you that prayer has power – I say this from my own experience. I



know well the powerful support when many are praying for me, especially during illness.

So, I am grateful to so many who have remembered me in their prayers – this goes back over many years.

Through this all, I thank God, of course. I thank God for constant protection over all of my years. There is so many reasons and situations where I know that God was watching over me. God has been with me through it all, protecting and guiding me.

I think first and most important of my vocation; I am so thankful for the many gifts and talents and abilities that were given to me by God that lead me to the priesthood. My gratitude continues, even now – God's inspirations and helps in my ministry even during my retirement. God has been so good to me.

Each time I prepare to cele-

brate the Holy Mass, I call to mind in prayer that Eucharist means thanksgiving. As I prepare, I call to mind my intentions for those who need my prayers, sick and needy.

I also remember to offer my gratitude for all that has happened to me that very day. For me, Mass is a celebration of gratitude – the Mass is the perfect prayer, the perfect time for me to commemorate in peace and joy all that God has brought into my life. I am so grateful.

Recently, I was invited to talk to the Bereavement Group in Watertown, a wonderful group of people. I am certain that I learned more that evening, than I ever presented to them. I was deeply touched by their

stories.

After our discussion roamed to many places, I discovered that we all found a centering moment with gratitude. Several shared with us their thoughts of gratitude – gratitude for the gift of their loved one who had died.

One of the folks described how she often joined with her dying husband – spending evenings sharing memories with each other – recalling the many people and things for which they continued to be grateful. So, today, I remind you again of the importance of gratitude. I encourage you all to join me as we turn to the Lord in joy and happiness to thank God for all that has blessed our lives.



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# Whisperers of God

Bishop LaValley's homily for the Jubilarian Mass at the Priest Convocation May 16

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In his letter to the Galatians, Paul lists nine signs of the Holy Spirit. Peace is one of them and, you know that when experienced, God's peace greatly reduces the distress and fear that is part of human existence.

God whispers peace to us in a variety of ways: through the sacraments, especially reconciliation; through the exercise of virtue, the doing of good; through our parish family, as people reveal God to us through deeds of love and kindness.

In an Easter reflection, Bishop Morneau wrote that the visitations of our loving God, divine whispers, are daily affairs and will be noticed and responded to if our faith is deep. Such whispers are sources of Christ's peace for us.

Mountains and oceans, simply by their massiveness, whisper something of the divine to us. So, too, sunsets that paint the western sky in purples and pinks, filling our evenings with beauty.

Then there is the granite in those hills, solid and seemingly eternal, hinting of permanence in an ever-changing world.

When we take in the beauty, we are visited by God's handiwork.

Yet, I would suggest that today our souls and those of our parishioners, hunger for two simple gifts: understanding and a smile.

Whenever we find an empathetic heart, whenever we feel the compassion of a fellow-sufferer, our loneliness is lessened and we hear in these experiences God's love for us.

And a smile is so powerful



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop LaValley is shown with five of the 2017 priest jubilarians after the Jubilee Mass May 16 at the Priest Convocation in Lake Placid. From left are Father Douglas G. Comstock, 50 years; Father F. James Shurtleff, 50 years; Father Donald J. Manfred, 50 years; Bishop LaValley, Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father David DeLuca, 50 years; and Father John Yonkovig, 40 years, Missing, Father Robert O. Lamitie, 60 years; Father Alfred H. Fish, 40 years; Msgr. Harry K. Snow, 40 years; and Father Adrian Gallagher, 25 years.

that it can, as Albert Schweitzer maintains, "stay a suicide." A smile of affirmation endorses our dignity, giving us a sense of worth.

Vocations in the Church today are greatly enhanced when an understanding heart and joy in one's priesthood is evident in our demeanor, conversation and in our preaching.

Mountains and sunsets and granite lack the capacity for compassion and affirmation. They know no sympathy, they are incapable of smiling.

But people, people whisper God to us because they can enter into our experience and rejoice in our victories and cry with us in our sorrows. And we do the same for them. People have the potential for smiling and transmitting the love that

God has given to them.

Especially throughout this Easter season we are challenged to hear people whisper God to us; we are challenged to whisper God to others. Yes, the visitations of our loving and kind God are daily affairs. We must be aware of them in our own lives.

As priests, we become whisperers of God for others. Being a person of faith has never been easy. Just a cursory study of the Scriptures makes that clear. Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles is just one of many examples. Here, they stoned Paul, dragged him out of the city, leaving him for dead. When the disciples gathered around him, he got up and moved on into the city.

I wonder, did they whisper God to him? Was that

all he needed to be lifted from the doorstep of death to the next encounter of discipleship? It sure seemed like he was down and out, left for dead. Somebody whispered God to him and new life for him was found.

Brothers, it's true that the beauty of God's creation, whether it's the grandeur of these Adirondacks, the sunrise on Lake Champlain or sunsets on the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario, they all shout out "God is awesome!" Yet, it is the whispers of the divine that you and I transmit that touch the human person in ways that nothing in creation, nothing else is able.

We whisper, verbally and non-verbally, the divine to others.

To whom will you intentionally whisper God today and be an instrument of His

peace? Be specific. With much understanding and a gentle smile will you whisper God to a brother priest struggling with loneliness, anger or exhaustion?

**Especially throughout this Easter season we are challenged to hear people whisper God to us; we are challenged to whisper God to others**

With an understanding, gentle, accepting smile, will you whisper God to your neighboring pastor and find in him not a competitor, but be a source of compassion and font of encouragement for him who might be struggling in his ministry?

Will you whisper God with an understanding smile to the parishioner who just gets under your skin and tries your patience every time you see him or her?

Will you even whisper God to your bishop with an understanding, gentle smile every time you get frustrated with his making more work for you, especially as you try to sort through your parish's Living Stones Pastoral Plan?

There is no doubt that the joys of the priesthood are tremendous. I'm confident that, after decades of faithful ministry, our Jubilarians would attest to that. But the sacrifice and challenges are real, too. You all know that. In it all, through it all, we are to whisper God, instruments of His peace.

These, our Jubilarians still have their voices after these many years of priestly service. That means they've been doing a lot of whispering.

Congratulations to you, my brothers. With much gratitude, I pray God's peace be with you always.



# New priest looks back on his journey of faith

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

Father Michael J. Jablonski's path to his ordination as a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg was not a straight, uncomplicated one.

Growing up on his family's dairy farm in St. Johnsville, New York, young Mike was more interested in friends and fun than in his faith.

Before entering the seminary, he earned an associate's degree in social sciences, a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in middle school education, language arts, history and reading.

He worked as a farm hand and herdsman, construction laborer, substitute teacher and car salesman.

But today, Mike Jablonski is now Father Jablonski, ready to begin his first pastoral assignment as parochial vicar for the Catholic parishes in Massena.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained the new priest Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

## Looking back

In an email interview with the North Country Catholic, Father Jablonski looked back on the growth of his vocation to the priesthood.

As a teenager, he said, "my faith was not always as strong as when I was a child. I went to Mass and received my sacraments but I was not close to the Lord. Instead I wanted to go hang around my friends and only run to God when things got tough.

"Well, I learned that was not enough," Father Jablonski said, "God wanted my whole attention and love. This is what he wants from all of us.

"So, I was "hit" by God at the age of 18; feeling isolated and alone at the time, I finally asked him what he wanted me to do," he said. "I started to go back to Mass.

"My journey began from there," Father Jablonski said. "I was at Mass and felt drawn to be up at the altar, giving people the Lord's body and blood.

"That drawing to the



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Father Michael Jablonski who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg this past Saturday reflects on the growth of his vocation.

priesthood grew and grew from there," he said. "From 1999 to 2017, wow what a journey it has been."

## First steps

I decided to explore my vocation when I was in college at Herkimer County Community College," he said. "I was

involved at the parish as a lector and Eucharistic minister, as well as visiting some of the sick. At the time, the priests of the religious communities attracted me. The reason was that they wore neat looking habits."

"I found the Fathers of Mercy and entered in 2005," he said. "The community was good. I learned a lot about myself and enriched my faith but, in the end, I found that religious life was not for me. I left the community in January, 2006."

Father Jablonski went home to look for work. Since the family farm had been sold he earned money as a substitute teacher during the school year and then by selling cars.

When he was laid off, he decided to return to school, entering Franciscan University in Steubenville in January, 2007.

After graduating in 2009 and searching in vain for a permanent teaching position, he renewed his pursuit of the priesthood.

## Coming to Ogdensburg

"In the fall of 2010, I decided to contact the Diocese of Ogdensburg and met with Father Bryan Stitt (diocesan vocation director at that time)," he said. "I applied and entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in the

fall of 2011 and graduated from there on May 13."

Looking back on his life, Father Jablonski said that "the Lord put many priests in my life who had a great influence on the growth of my vocation.

"The priests I met were present and there for me," he said. "I want to be the same for every person. It can be for advice, counsel, a shoulder to cry on, joys to share or even confession.

"Presence is key for me and all the priests who I have befriended and knew were present for whatever need there was," he said. "Be present and approachable, that is what we should all be striving for, not only as priest but all Christians.

## Welcoming people

Although Father Jablonski is a native of the Diocese of Albany, he was very attracted to the North Country Church.

"I was drawn by the welcoming nature of the people," he said. "The beauty of the diocese and the people who have such joy. The people take pride in their churches and places they are from. I found that they are very similar to me and I can relate to them.

"They have welcomed me with so much love and joy, that is the part of Christ working within their lives," he said. "that is what attracted me to the diocese, not only the people but all the clergy as well.

What does Father Jablonski hope for in his life as a priest?

"I look forward to serving the people of the North Country in whatever assignment I receive, he said, "to bring the sacraments to the people of God, inside and outside the Church.

"To be part of the New Evangelization in the Diocese of Ogdensburg," he said. "That is what I am looking forward to."

"With help from all of the people of the diocese," Father Jablonski said, "I want to be the best and most faithful priest I can be."



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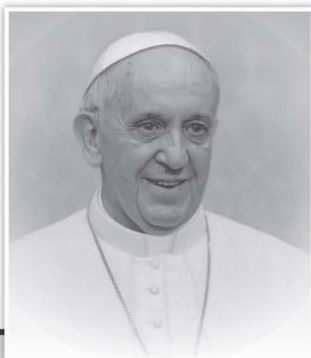
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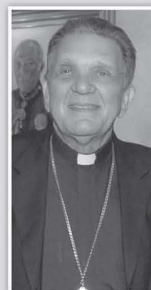


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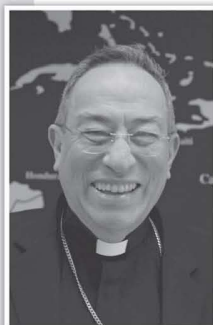


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Father Lamitie, a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 60 years, retired from active ministry in 2001 and now resides in Fort Pierce, Florida.

A native of Scotia, New York, he was born Sept. 11, 1931 in Albany. He studied for two years at Siena College before beginning studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's

Seminary in Baltimore.

Father Lamitie was ordained May 18, 1957, by Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg.

The priest has served as assistant pastor in Sackets Harbor, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; Notre Dame, Malone; St. John's, Plattsburgh; and St. Anthony's in Watertown.

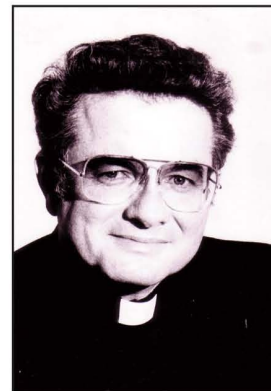
He has been pastor in

Keene, Lake Clear, Brasher Falls and Lake Placid.

From 1970 to 1975, Father Lamitie served the diocese as pro-synodal just for the Marriage Tribunal and as a chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

He was instrumental in establishing the Guggenheim Center as a site for special diocesan programs.

Father Lamitie also served as a prison chaplain for at the Bare Hill Correctional Facility in Malone and Adirondack Correctional Facility, RayBrook.



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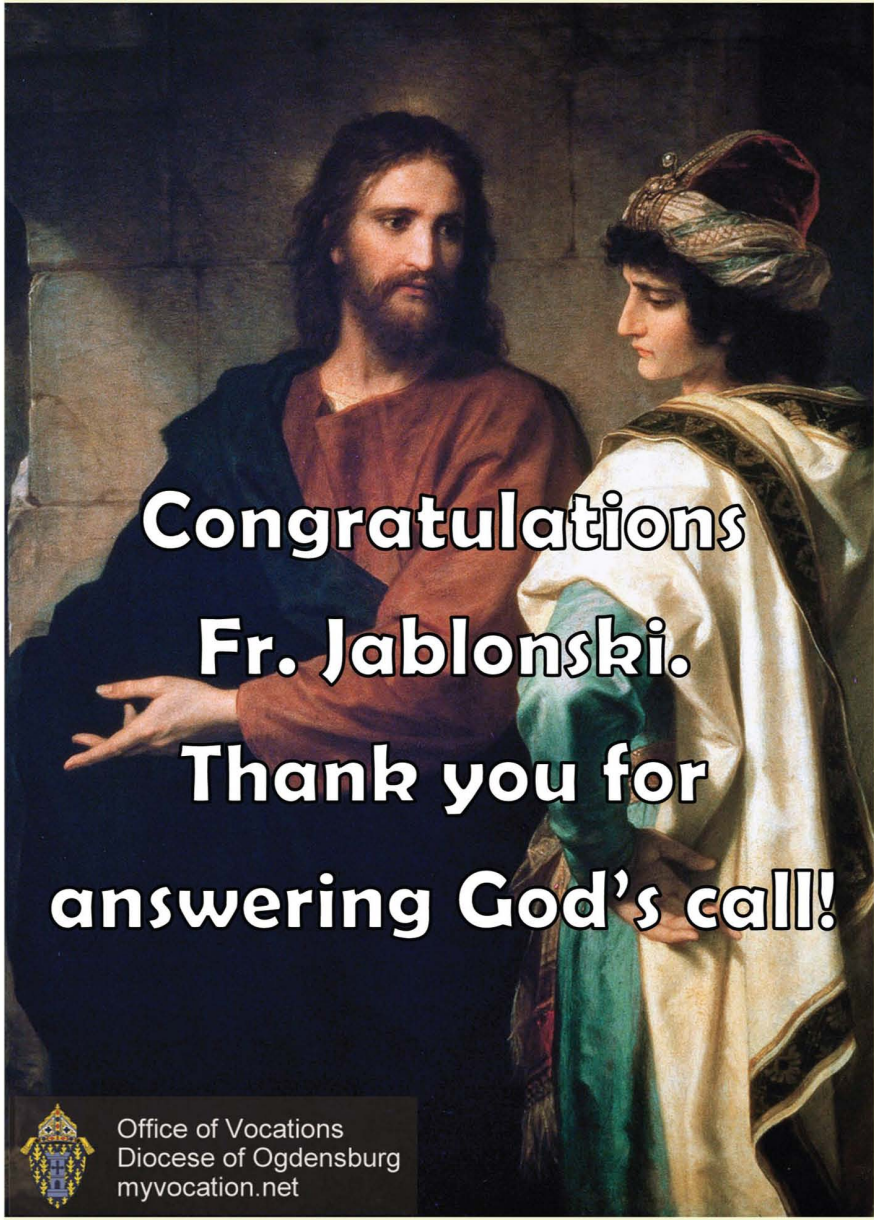
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# Four priests observe 50 years of priesthood

Four priests are celebrating their 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, three diocesan priests and one Missionary of the Sacred Heart. Their profiles follow:

## Father Comstock

Father Douglas G. Comstock has been pastor of the Catholic Community of Alexandria, which includes St. Cyril of Alexandria Church in Alexandria Bay and St. Francis Xavier Church in Redwood, since 2008. He is a native of Alexandria Bay, born May 29, 1941.

Father Comstock attended Alexandria Central School Wadhams Hall Seminary, Ogdensburg, before receiving a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Md. He furthered his studies at the American College of the Immaculate Conception at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, where he received BA, MA and STG degrees.

He was ordained a priest in Louvain on June 24, 1967.

Since his ordination he has served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, as secretary to Bishop Stanislaus Brzana and as assistant chancellor of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. From 1971-79 he was on the faculty of Wadhams Hall Seminary College.

In 1979, he returned to the American College in Louvain where he was director of spiritual formation until 1982, when he began serving as vice rector until 1984.

Returning to this country in 1984, Father Comstock became pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Brownville, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Dexter, where he served until 1986, when he was appointed pastor of St. Bernard Church, Saranac Lake.

In 1993, he became pastor of St. Andrew Church, Sackets Harbor, and Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson until his current appointment in Alexandria Bay.

Within the Diocese of Ogdensburg, he was founding

chairperson of the Department of Worship, a member of the Council of Priests, the College of Consultors, the Priests' Personnel Board and the board of Catholic Charities. He was a member of the board of trustees of Mater Dei College, Ogdensburg for seven years, serving as president for two years.

Father Comstock will be honored June 14 as Citizen of the Year by the Alexandria Bay Chamber of Commerce.

## Father Manfred

Father Manfred, pastor in Croghan and Harrisville, for the past year, had served as pastor of Sacred Heart in Massena since 1998 and pastor of St. Lawrence in Louisville since 2002. In 2011, the two parishes were merged and he served as pastor of the Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence.

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

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

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

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

The priest was appointed director of the newly formed permanent deacon formation program in 1976 and served in that position until 1985.

He has also served the diocese as director of deacon personnel and continuing formation, as a member of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees and dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.

## Father Shurtleff

Father Shurtleff, pastor emeritus of Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg was pastor of Notre Dame from 1999 until his retirement in 2016.

He currently resides at St. Mary's Cathedral and offers pastoral care throughout the Ogdensburg area.

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

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

Father Shurtleff has served as assistant pastor in Brownville, Holy Family in Watertown and Sacred Heart

in Massena. He was the bishop's secretary and assistant chancellor from 1972 to 1981 when he was named pastor in Colton.

In 1987, Father Shurtleff became pastor in Brasher Falls and one year later was given added responsibilities as pastor in Hogsansburg.

In 1992 he became pastor at St. Joseph's in Malone, a position he held until his current assignment at Notre Dame. Father Shurtleff also served the diocese as Director of the Department of Worship.

## Father DeLuca

Born May 16, 1939, in Ravenna, Ohio, Father David made his first vows as a Missionary of the Sacred Sept. 13, 1960, Youngstown, Ohio.

He was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 17, 1966, by Bishop Geo. Rehring, D.D., Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, Ohio.

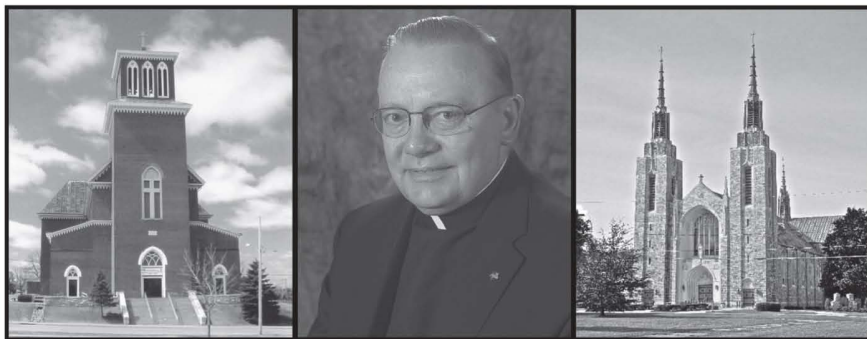
Father David accepted an appointment to serve as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. Except for periodic

leave for vacations, he kept to his missionary apostolate from Dec. 18, 1967 to June 1998—just short of 31 years.

On returning permanently to the United States, Father David took up studies (1999-2001) at the Chicago Theological Union towards a graduate degree in cross cultural studies with a minor in liturgy. He was posted to the Sacred Heart Retreat and Renewal Center in Youngstown, Ohio, in 2001-2003, went back to CTU for his comprehensives in 2003 and was awarded an MA in theology.

From August 2003-2008 he taught theology at Allentown Central Catholic and for much of that time also served as a chaplain to the student body.

In 2009 he was assigned to the MSC community in Watertown, to be available for pastoral ministry as needed by pastors in the Diocese of Ogdensburg except when on call for mission appeals and other commitments carried forward from previous assignments.



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**Bishop's Schedule**

**June 1** - 7 p.m., Confirmation for St. John's, St. Peter's and Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh at St. John's Church

**June 2** - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral  
7 p.m., Canon Law Class at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

**June 3** - 4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Regis Mission in Hogansburg

**June 4** - 10:30 a.m., 50th Anniversary Mass for the Sacred Heart Foundation at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown  
3 p.m., Confirmation for St. Mary's & Notre Dame, Ogdensburg, St. Raphael's, Heuvelton, St. Mary's, Evans Mills, St. Andrew's, Norwood, Parish of the Visitation & St. Raymond, Norfolk, St. Patrick's, Brasher Falls, St. Lawrence, North Lawrence and Saints Philip & James, Lisbon at St. Mary's Cathedral

**June 6** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**June 7** - 12 p.m., Lunch and Meeting with Priests' Ongoing Formation Group

**June 8** - 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Department Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

**June 9** - 7 p.m., Confirmation for Sacred Heart, Chazy, St. Joseph's, West Chazy, St. Joseph's, Mooers and St. Ann's, Mooers Forks at Sacred Heart Church

**June 10** - 10 a.m., Confirmation at St. James Church in Cadyville  
5:30 a.m., Confirmation for St. Mary's, Champlain and St. Patrick's, Rouses Point at St. Mary's Church

**June 11-16** - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana

**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK**

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated June 14

**Rest in Peace**

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

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

**June 1** - Rev. Tobias M. Glenn, 1907; Rev. Charles B. Cotter, 2001

**June 2** - Msgr. John L. Plunkett, 1950; Deacon Richard T. Larche, 1989

**June 3** - Rev. Auriemma Veronneau, O.M.I., 1962; His Holiness, Blessed John XXIII, Pope, 1963; Rev. Franz P. Romuald Reiter, 1971; Rev. Bernard W. Desnoyers, 1987

**June 4** - V. Rev. Ferdinand Richard, O.M.I., 1971

**June 5** - Rev. Charles Donaher, O.S.A., 1984

**June 6** - Msgr. Euclid Elie, 1962; Rev. John E. Silver, 2014

**June 8** - Rev. James J. McGowan, 1961; Deacon Ronald Cornea, 1995

**June 9** - Rev. James Bolton, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. John W. Ryan, 1982

**June 10** - ev. Alfred J. Boulerville, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M. Conv., 1979

**June 11** - Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993

**June 12** - Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001; Rev. Francis J. Coryer, 2012

**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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions.  
Upcoming sessions:  
**June 5** - 5 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga.

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**Environmental Stewardship****"Look at the birds of the air..." Matthew 6:26**

Early on in Matthew's Gospel Jesus tells us not to worry and uses examples from the natural world around him to teach us lessons for life.

Recently at the Diocesan Youth rally in May, the Faith and Ecology group offered a workshop entitled "Look at the birds of the air..." and Care for God's Creation."

Richard West, licensed falconer from Adams was invited to bring several 'birds of prey', i.e. falcons, owls, hawks to allow the youth to observe up close the beauty and magnificence of God's winged creatures.

He also shared with them some lessons they could teach us about life.

One lesson is they only take what they need, that speaks to us about moderation and our over-consumption habits.

Another lesson is they know how to wait.

This has much to teach us about patience and our demands for instant gratification.

A third lesson is they recognize his voice when he calls, and they always fly home to him.

Like in the parable of the Good Shepherd, the sheep know the shepherd's voice and follow him. Jesus' lesson is that we need to listen for His voice and always come home to Him.

Jesus uses so many other examples, i.e. wildflowers, vine and the branches, seed and the sower, the grain of wheat to teach us valuable lessons about who we are and the meaning of our lives rooted in Him.

During these lovely spring days, let us offer a prayer to God asking Him to open our senses of sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste to experience in wonder and awe the incredible miracles we are witnessing each day.

Let us ask for the wisdom to learn the lessons He wishes to teach us this springtime, and the new life

He offers to us through the Risen Christ.





May God bless Fr. Fish on the Fortieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Congratulations and prayerful thanks from the parishioners of St. Ann's Church of St. Regis Falls, St. Peter's Oratory of Santa Clara, and the Church of the Holy Cross of Hopkinton.





*As is traditional in the diocese, 40 years jubilarians receive Crux in Parasceve*

## Three are honored for 40 years of priesthood

Three priests of the diocese have been honored with the Crux in Parasceve, a replica of the cross hanging in Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg, in recognition of their 40th anniversary of the priesthood.

Father Alfred H. Fish, Msgr. Harry K. Snow and Father John R. Yonkovig have offered priestly ministry to the people of the North Country since 1977.

A short biography of the 40-year jubilarians follows:

### Father Fish

Father Alfred H. Fish, pastor in St. Regis Falls and Hopkinton since 2004 had previously served as administrator of the two parishes from 2003.

Born March 1, 1951, in Sidney, New York, he grew up in Willsboro. He studied for the

priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary College and the North American College in Rome Italy before his ordination Sept. 3, 1977, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Fish has been assistant pastor in Ticonderoga, Sacred Heart in Massena and in Champlain. He was also administrator in Willsboro, Lyon Mountain and Olmstedville. In 1985, Father Fish was named pastor in Olmstedville until 1989 when he became pastor in West Leyden.

The priest was named pastor in Brushton from 1997 until his assignment in St. Regis Falls and Hopkinton.

### Msgr. Snow

Msgr. Harry K. Snow, judicial vicar of the diocese, has served as pastor in Waddington and Madrid since 2012.

Msgr. Snow served as rector of St. Mary's Cathedral from 1997 until he was name administrator of St. Andrew's in Norwood in 2003. He became pastor in Norwood in 2004 while serving as dean of St. Lawrence Deanery from 2003 to 2006.

A native of Norfolk, Msgr. Snow was born May 6, 1951. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora before his ordination April 30, 1977, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Msgr. Snow's pastoral assignments include appointments as assistant pastor in Brasher Falls, Lowville and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. In 1980, he was named secretary of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal and Chaplain of Mater Dei College. He

has also served as chaplain at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility.

In 1983, Msgr. Snow began graduate studies in canon law receiving a master's degree from St. Paul's University in Ottawa. In 1985, he was named Associate Judicial Vicar and Judicial Vicar in 1988.

Msgr. Snow also served as a pastor in Morristown and Brier Hill. He was named a Prelate of Honor with the title monsignor in 1995.

### Father Yonkovig

Father John R. Yonkovig, has been pastor in Lake Placid and Keene since 2010. Previously, he was pastor of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh from 1993.

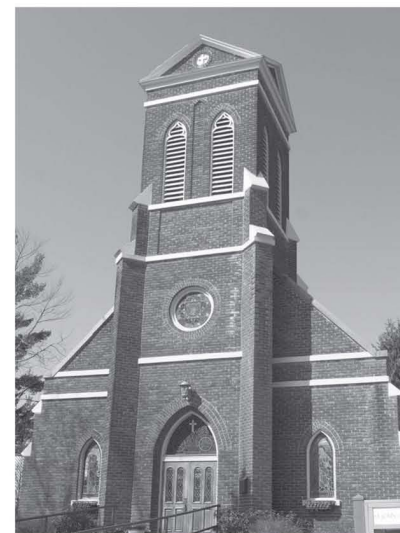
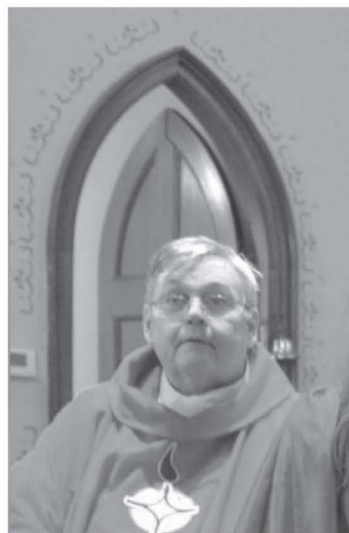
Father Yonkovig served the diocese as Director of the Department of Christian Forma-

tion from 1986 until 1993. He has also served as associate director of religious education and as the diocesan youth director.

The priest, a native of Watertown, was born April 10, 1951. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore before his ordination on April 30, 1977, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

The priest's other pastoral assignments have been as associate pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, as canonical pastor in Lisbon and as administrator in Morrisonville and Treadwells Mills for four months in 2002 and later as administrator in Ellenburg for three months in 2005 while remaining as pastor in Plattsburgh.

*The parishioners of St. John the Baptist in Madrid  
and St. Mary's in Waddington,  
with grateful prayers to Jesus the Good Shepherd,  
congratulate Msgr. Snow for 40 years of Priesthood.*





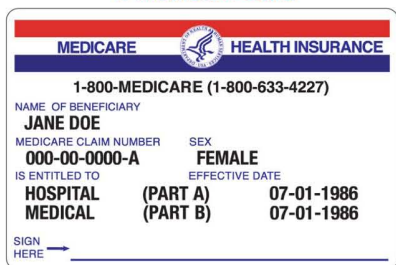
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# Fr. Gallagher celebrates 25 years as a priest

Father Adrian Gallagher, pastor in Mooers Forks, Mooers, Altona and Sciota, is celebrating 25 years of priesthood this year.

Father Gallagher was born June 8, 1963, and grew up in Malone as a parishioner of St. Joseph' Parish. He studied at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College in Ogdensburg for two

years before entering the Conventual Franciscan order in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Father Gallagher was ordained to the priesthood July 18, 1992 in Baltimore by Cardinal William H. Keeler.

During his years as a Franciscan, he served as a high school teacher in Baltimore and in Buffalo, ran the friars'

home for runaway teens in Buffalo and served as a parish priest in the Dioceses of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Father Gallagher returned to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 2013 to be closer to his aging parents and was incardinated as a priest of the diocese Feb. 29, 2016.

He was appointed pastor in Mooers and Mooers Forks in 2014 and was given additional responsibilities as pastor in Altona and Sciota earlier this year.

Father Gallagher has shared the following message on the occasion of his 25th jubilee:

*I am very humbled and blessed to be a priest of Jesus Christ! Each Mass reminds me of the tremendous gift God has bestowed upon me.*

*In these 25 years, my greatest blessing has become the deeper depth of faith I have acquired in being exposed to the faith of those*



Father Adrian Gallagher, a native of Malone, was ordained as a Franciscan priest in 1992. He was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 2016.

*who have remained faithful despite tremendous hardship.*

*My former Franciscan Community life has enriched me as a person tremendously and I am deeply grateful to my former Franciscan brothers for their*

*wonderful contribution to who I am today; they have blessed me abundantly.*

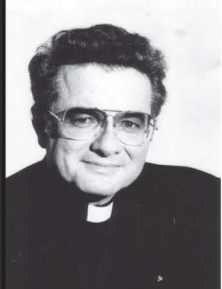
*I am also humbled and blessed to have been so warmly welcomed back into my home Diocese of Ogdensburg. Bishop LaValley and the priests of the diocese have gone out of their way to be warm and welcoming and I am deeply grateful that the Lord has enriched my continuing priestly years with such faithful and good brothers.*

*Equally so, the initial welcome of the people of St. Joseph's in Mooers and St. Ann's in Mooers Forks was very much a blessing as I am finding the same of the people of Holy Angels in Altona and St. Louis in Sciota in these few months.*

*May what I am able to do as their pastor be given to the honor and glory of God alone!*

*I will spend this anniversary year quietly reflecting and being grateful for the goodness God has bestowed upon me.*

Congratulations and thank you,  
**Father Robert O. Lamitie**



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## Congratulations

**Fr. Donald Manfred**

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

**Gunmen take Catholic hostages; Philippines' Duterte sets martial law**  
MANILA, Philippines (CNS) -- Gunmen claiming to have links with the Islamic State group threatened to kill hostages, including a Catholic priest, who were taken from the southern Philippine city of Marawi May 23. President Rodrigo Duterte imposed martial law across the entire Muslim-majority region of Mindanao late May 23, but ucanews.com reported that many, including church leaders, characterized the imposition of martial law as an overreaction. As of early morning May 25, nothing had been heard of the whereabouts of the priest and the prelatore's staff and some churchgoers who were taken captive. Cardinal Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato appealed to Muslim religious leaders to intercede with the gunmen, who claimed to be Muslims, for the safety of the hostages who were reportedly used as "human shields" when the militants attacked the city. Archbishop Socrates Villegas, president of the Philippine bishops' conference, said the terrorists "have threatened to kill the hostages if government forces pitted against them are not recalled. As the government forces ensure that the law is upheld, we beg of them to make the safety of the hostages a primordial consideration," he added.

## God is no warlord claiming victory with enemies' blood, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- If it seems hard to find God in this world, it is because he chooses to be with the defeated and dejected and in places where most people are loath to go, Pope Francis said. "God does not like to be loved the way a warlord would like, dragging his people to victory, debasing them in the blood of his enemies," the pope said May 24 at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. The audience began just after Pope Francis had met U.S. President Donald Trump. "Our God is a dim flame that burns on a cold and windy day, and, for as fragile as his presence seems in this world, he has chosen the place everyone disdains," Pope Francis told the crowd in the square. Continuing his series of talks on Christian hope, the pope looked at the Gospel of Luke's account of the two disciples traveling on the road to Emmaus after Jesus had been crucified and buried. In the story, the pope said, the disciples, are struggling to understand how such a fate could have befallen the man they had faith in: the son of God.

## Pope, English church leaders offer prayers after Manchester attack

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) -- Pope Francis decried the "barbaric attack" on concertgoers in Manchester, adding his voice to Catholic leaders dismayed at what British officials said was the deadliest case of terrorism since 2005. In a telegram sent to English church officials on Pope Francis' behalf, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said the pope "was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life" after a suicide bomb killed at least 22 people and injured another 59 at Manchester Arena May 22. Many concertgoers at the Ariana Grande concert were teenagers, young adults and families. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack. The pope "expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence," the telegram said, as "he commends the generous efforts of the emergency and security personnel and offers the assurance of his prayers for the injured, and for all who have died. Mindful in a particular way of those children and young people who have lost their lives, and of their grieving families, Pope Francis invokes God's blessings of peace, healing and strength upon the nation."

# Pope, President Trump speak of hopes for peace

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump spent 30 minutes speaking privately in the library of the Apostolic Palace May 24, and as the president left, he told the pope, "I won't forget what you said."

The atmosphere at the beginning was formal and a bit stiff. However, the mood lightened when Pope Francis met the first lady, Melania Trump, and asked if she fed her husband "potica," a traditional cake in Slovenia, her homeland. There were smiles all around.

Pope Francis gave Trump a split medallion held together by an olive tree, which his interpreter told Trump is "a symbol of peace."

Speaking in Spanish, the pope told Trump, "I am giving you this because I hope you may be this olive tree to make peace."

The president responded, "We can use peace."

Pope Francis also gave the president a copy of his message for World Peace Day 2017 and told him, "I signed it personally for you." In addition, he gave Trump copies of three of his documents: "The Joy of the Gospel"; "Amoris Laetitia," on the family; and "Laudato Si," on the environment.

Knowing that Pope Francis frequently has quoted the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Trump presented Pope Francis with a large gift box containing five of the slain civil rights leader's books, including a signed copy of "The Strength to Love."

"I think you will enjoy them," Trump told the pope. "I hope you do."

After meeting the pope, Trump went downstairs to meet Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, and Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Vatican foreign minister. He was accompa-



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis greets U.S. President Donald Trump during a private audience at the Vatican May 24.

nied by Rex Tillerson, U.S. secretary of state, and H.R. McMaster, his national security adviser. The meeting lasted 50 minutes.

Tillerson later told reporters that climate change did not come up in the meeting with the pope, but that U.S. officials had "a good exchange on the climate change issue" with Cardinal Parolin.

"The cardinal was expressing their view that they think it's an important issue," Tillerson said. "I think they were encouraging continued participation in the Paris accord. But we had a good exchange (on) the difficulty of balancing addressing climate change, responses to climate change, and ensuring that you still have a thriving economy and you can still offer people jobs so they can feed their families and have a prosperous economy."

The Vatican described the president's meetings with

both the pope and with top Vatican diplomats as consisting of "cordial discussions," with both sides appreciating "the good existing bilateral relations between the Holy See and the United States of America, as well as the joint commitment in favor of life, and freedom of worship and conscience."

"It is hoped that there may be serene collaboration between the state and the Catholic Church in the United States, engaged in service to the people in the fields of health care, education and assistance to immigrants," the Vatican said.

The discussions also included "an exchange of views" on international affairs and on "the promotion of peace in the world through political negotiation and interreligious dialogue, with particular reference to the situation in the Middle East and the protection of Christian communities."



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## Prayer, mission create a joy no one can take away, pope says

By Carol Glatz  
 Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The Christian road map for life's journey is to keep Jesus in one's heart, one's eyes on heaven and one's feet on the ground, spreading the Gospel, Pope Francis said.

"Christian life will be beautiful and will also be joyful" if people hold in their hearts the joy they felt when they first encountered Christ, pray daily to God in heaven and go forth in mission, he said May 26 during a morning Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

In his homily, the pope said the sacred Scriptures in-

dicating three places and things that make up "the road map of the Christian spirit": Galilee and memory; heaven and prayer; the world and mission.

The first place is one's own personal Galilee, where he or she encountered Christ the very first time and "we had this joy, this enthusiasm to follow him."

"To be a good Christian, it is necessary to always remember the first encounter with Jesus or successive encounters," he said, because with this "grace of memory," each person will find certainty and strength during times of trial.

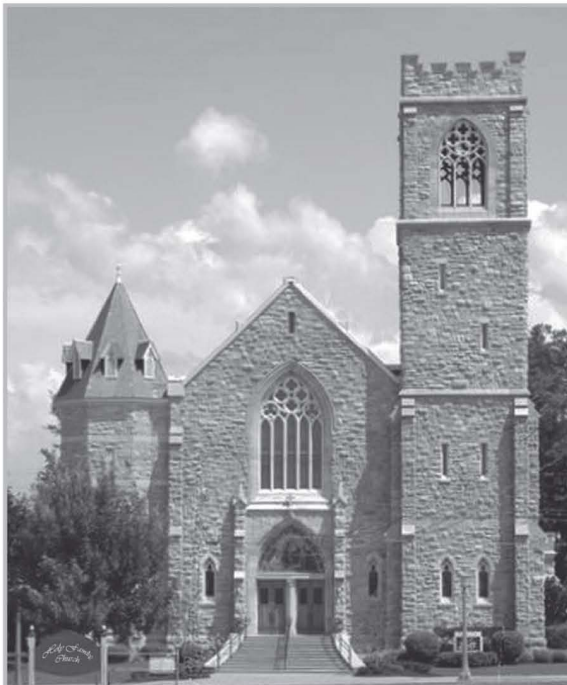
The second point of reference, he said, is prayer,

knowing that Jesus is in heaven ready "to intercede for us."

Therefore, "we have to ask for the grace of contemplating heaven, the grace of prayer, the relationship with Jesus in prayer in which he listens to us in this moment, he is with us," the pope said.

The last place on this map is the world, he said.

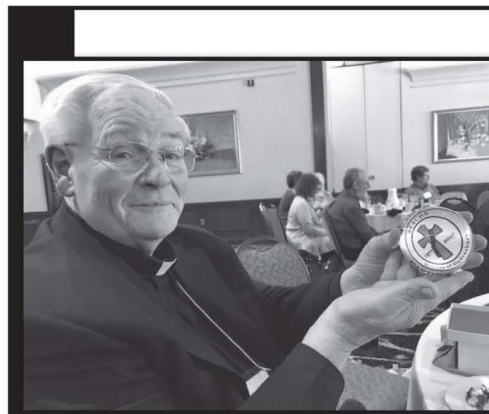
Jesus told his disciples, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," which means Christians are called to go and be in the world "to proclaim the Word of God, to say that we are saved, that he has come to give us grace, to bring all of us with him before the father," Pope Francis said.



### Congratulations!

**Rev. Michael Jablonski**  
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 on his Golden Jubilee

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to  
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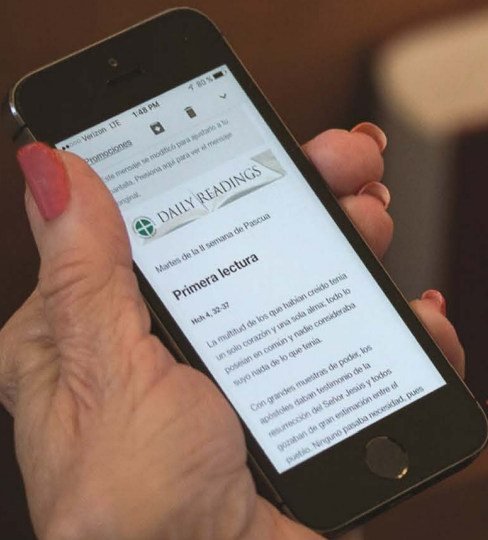
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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Pentecost: celebrating the power of the Spirit

In about 33 A.D. Scripture tells us that a remarkable event happened in Palestine.

In wind and thunder and fire, in the city of Jerusalem, The Holy Spirit of God entered into a building where twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ were praying with some women.

They claimed that their leader had been crucified by Roman authorities that he had risen from the dead, and then had been taken up into



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the clouds before their very eyes. History tells us that it was the birthday of the Catholic Church.

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles baptized in water and the Spirit about three thousand Jews, and after the Spirit had entered the house of Cornelius, they baptized Jew and Gentile.

The power of the Spirit was with these totally changed men, and neither threats nor imprisonments, beatings or stonings, could prevent them

from preaching with great persuasion and power

They went to whatever country or city the Spirit led them-- even to Rome and beyond.

It is no wonder that the unstoppable Holy Spirit, through the apostles, soon brought the good news to country after country.

The realization that this same Jesus now lived in all who would believe, and remained with them in Spirit and Truth, gave joy and courage..

Why hasn't the Spirit of God, working through us, brought the whole world to belief?

Because of human weak-

JUNE 4

The Feast of Pentecost

READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

ness. Because of complacency sometimes in the face of human success. We know all about that in today's world. Sins of bishops, priests, religious, and lay people have slowed the work of evangelizing .

The lessening of moral discipline in society has poisoned and confused the

young who are often cynical about the importance of faith.

Fewer and fewer listen to and heed the authoritative teaching of the Church.

On this Pentecost, we are urgently called to re-focus our belief in the presence and daily inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit alone can give us that hope in His Power to repair what is broken, to enflame hearts who turn to Him in prayer and listening.

Centuries have passed since this one fire-storm in Palestine, changed the course of history.

But the power of the Spirit is as strong as ever.

## VATICAN LETTER

# New cardinals fit the pope's formula for faith

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis, who described himself as coming from "the ends of the earth," continues to go to the far reaches of the globe to seek those who will advise him and possibly elect the next pope.

Announcing May 21 that he was adding five churchmen to the College of Cardinals, Pope Francis said their geographic mix - two Europeans, an African, an Asian and a Central American --reflect the catholicity of the church.

After the June 28 consistory, 62 countries will have at least one cardinal elector - a cardinal under the age of 80 and, therefore, eligible both to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope, but also available for membership on various Vatican congregations, councils and dicasteries.

Obviously, Pope Francis is continuing the big push begun under Blessed Paul VI to internationalize the College of Cardinals. The cardinal electors that chose St. John Paul II in 1978 came from 49 countries. The group that elected now-retired Pope Benedict XVI in 2005 came from 51 nations (52 if England and Scotland are counted separately). And the cardinals who gathered in the Sistine Chapel to elect Pope Francis hailed from 47 countries.

But for Pope Francis it is not just about numbers, and he is not looking for some "balanced" geographical mix.

If it is about catholicity, as he said, then it is about the way the faith is lived, expressed and grows in different cultures and how those experiences become riches for the church as a whole.

Here Pope Francis' understanding of inculturation and his favorite geometrical shape - the polyhedron - come into play. (A polyhedron is an irregular shape with many sides; the sides do not have to be the same size and they do not have to be spaced the same distance from the center.)

As Pope Francis wrote in "The Joy of the Gospel," the 2013 exhortation that laid out his vision for his pontificate, in a polyhedron each part "preserves its distinctiveness" but contributes to the whole.

For Christians, he said, seeing the global church as a polyhedron "evokes the totality or integrity of the Gospel, which the church passes down to us and sends us forth to proclaim."

Every facet or side of the three-dimensional object represents "the genius" of each people who has received "in its own way the entire Gospel and embodies it in expressions of prayer, fraternity, justice, struggle and celebration."

Masterpieces of theology and spirituality, music, art and architecture obviously are gifts Catholics are called to share with each other. But, for Pope Francis, so are the experiences of keeping the faith amid crushing poverty or persecution.

The five churchmen who will become cardinals June 28 are: Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez of San Salvador, El Salvador, 74; Archbishop Jean Zerbo of Bamako, Mali, 73; Archbishop Juan Jose Omella of Barcelona, Spain, 71; Bishop Anders Arborelius of Stockholm, 67; and Bishop Louis-Marie Ling Mangkhankhoun, apostolic vicar of Pakse, Laos, 73.

The short biographies the Vatican released May 21 give glimpses of the gifts Pope Francis wants them to share with the rest of the church. For ex-

ample:

- Cardinal-designate Rosa Chavez, who worked closely with Blessed Oscar Romero before he was assassinated in 1980, is the president of Caritas El Salvador and president of Caritas Latin America and Caribbean.

- Cardinal-designate Zerbo played an active role in the Mali peace process, trying to end years of civil strife that began in 2012.

- Cardinal-designate Mangkhankhoun is known for training catechists and making pastoral visits to remote mountain villages.

- Cardinal-designate Arborelius is a convert to Catholicism and the first native-born Swede to serve as a Catholic bishop in Sweden since the Protestant Reformation.

- Cardinal-designate Omella has been a longtime member and two-term president of the Spanish bishops' social concerns commission.

In Pope Francis' vision, appreciating the polyhedron that is the universal church means not only going out to the "peripheries" with the Gospel, but listening to stories of faith there and giving witness of that experience to Christians living in places often mistakenly considered central, if not the center of the Christian world.

In his homily on Epiphany, Jan. 6, Pope Francis noted that the Three Wise Men first went to Herod's palace in Jerusalem, but they discovered "that what they sought was not in a palace, but elsewhere, both existentially and geographically."

"The Magi experienced longing; they were tired of the usual fare. They were all too familiar with, and weary of, the Herods of their own day," the pope said. Off the beaten track, in Bethlehem, "before the small, poor and vulnerable infant," they "discovered the glory of God."



## AT THE MOVIES

# PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Iconic and eccentric buccaneer Capt. Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) hoists the black flag for a fifth time in "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" (Disney). The result is a flashy but ultimately unsatisfying journey for the theme park ride-based franchise that first set sail in 2003.

On the upside, the crowded, overlong proceedings are relatively family-friendly. So parents willing to overlook some adult punning may give mature teens the go-ahead to board.

This time out, Jack joins forces with Carina Smyth (Kaya Scodelario), a young science scholar whose ahead-of-her-time learning has led her to be charged with witchcraft, and with Henry Turner (Brenton Thwaites), an equally youthful sailor. Henry is the son of Jack's old associate Will (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth (Keira Knightley) Turner.

All three main characters are seeking the same magical artifact, the Trident of Poseidon, each for a different reason. They're pursued along the hunt by the British navy, by the ghost of Capt. Armando Salazar (Javier Bardem), one of Jack's old adversaries, and by living but one-legged freebooter Capt. Hector Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush).

As directed by Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, "Dead Men" is a special effects-driven



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

Kaya Scodelario and Johnny Depp star in a scene from the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales."

adventure long on spectacle but short on human interest. The mayhem is almost all stylized, however, and the dialogue is virtually free of vulgarity.

One scene, played for laughs, finds an incidental character -- who subsequently turns out to be married -- in a compromising (though not directly sexual) situation with Jack.

The humor, such as it is, jokingly reinforces Jack's reputation as a womanizer while also deflating the ego of the cheater's husband, a pompous town official on the island of St. Martin. It's a frivolous treatment of a serious subject, but the script quickly passes on to other matters.

On the other side of the

moral ledger, late plot developments set the stage for a climactic act of self-sacrificing parental love. And Henry and Carina, who are obviously destined for each other, content themselves, once their bickering morphs into love, with kissing.

The film contains much action violence with little blood, brief implications of adultery, a single gruesome image, occasional mature wordplay and at least one crass term. 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.

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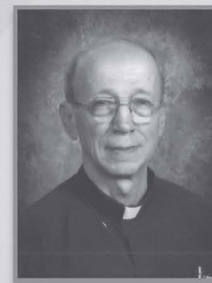
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## GARAGE SALE

**Plattsburgh** – Annual Seton Garage sale to be held.

**Date:** June 3 and 4

**Place:** Seton Catholic

**Features:** the storage unit will be open every day. Heavy items will need to be scheduled through setonschoolfamily@gmail.org. We will accept most items with the exception of TV's, computers, printers and mattresses. Please try to price your items.

## MISSION OF HOPE BENEFIT

**Peru** - The band Towne Meeting will be performing their eighth concert for the North Country Mission of Hope.

**Date:** June 4

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Price:** donation

**Features:** Each year all of the proceeds from the concert have been donated to the Mission for building safe cooking stoves for families in Nicaragua. Due to the generosity of the band and the ongoing support of the people of the North Country, 345 families now have safe stoves which replace the dangerous open fires previously used for cooking. About the band: Towne Meeting has released five CDs since 2008 with their most recent CD, "Journeys" (2015). Each concert features a variety of songs from their CDs as well as many new selections. Many are folk songs but they branch out into other genres. Band members are Dennis Hulbert, vocals and guitar; Miles Moody, vocals and guitar; Gary VanCour, vocals, guitar, and ukulele; and the band's newest member Anastasia Pratt, vocals and bass.

## CARS &amp; ANNUAL BAZAAR

**Mooers Forks** – The 2nd Annual Festival of Cars and Annual Bazaar to be held.

**Date:** June 4

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

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

**Cost:** Car pre-registration, \$10; at the show (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), \$15

**Features:** Free entertainment, craft show, pull tabs, theme baskets. Top 40 picks and special awards. Lots of food

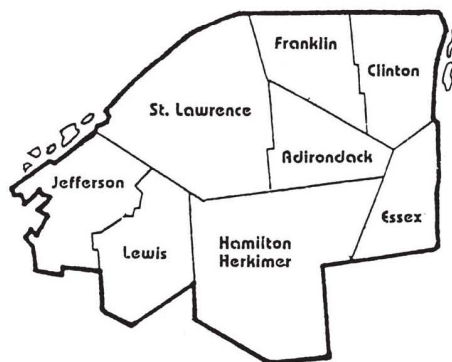
**Contact:** To pre-register your vehicle or for more information call 518-236-5632

## IGNATIUS PRAYER

**Ellenburg Center** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will host 2 workshops on Ignatius Prayer.

**Date:** June 17

**Time:** 11 a.m.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese."

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,

Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;

e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

**Features:** First workshop on Meditation followed by lunch and then the second workshop will be on Contemplation.

**Contact:** Reservations necessary. Please call 518-594-3253

## HEALING MISSION

**West Chazy** – A Healing Mission is set

**Date:** June 19, 20 and 21

**Time:** All three evenings begin at 7 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** Paul Rymniak

**Features:** The Sacrament of Confession will be available during the Mission.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Peru** - St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament is set

**Date:** June 16

**Place:** Adirondack Country Club.

**Features:** The tournament is dedicated to its former chairman, Bill McBride Jr., who died Feb. 28. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 593-2652 or email gnetlombard@charter.net

## FRANKLIN

## HEARTS ON FIRE

**Malone** – Hearts on Fire to be held the first Friday of the month.

**Schedule:** 7 p.m., Praise & Worship

Holy Hour; 8 p.m., Bonfire, snacks

**Place:** Notre Dame Church

## GARAGE SALE

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

**Date:** June 7 - June 19 (Closed Sundays)

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

**Place:** Notre Dame Church parking lot

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

## JEFFERSON

## INTERESTED IN LEADING RCIA?

**Clayton** – Pam Ballentine will present a program on RCIA.

**Date:** June 20

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Features:** Training for new and seasoned RCIA catechists, helpful to parishes forming RCIA teams, and a discussion of adult catechesis in general. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. There is no charge

**Contact:** For more information contact St. Mary's Office at 315-686-3398

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** June 22

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

## ANNUAL HEALING MASS

**Clayton** – Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service set

**Date:** June 10

**Time:** 11 a.m.

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

**Features:** The Celebrants will be Father Arthur LaBaff and Father Christopher Looby. During Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered and immediately following Mass will be prayer teams, to pray for individual needs. A social time will take place in the Parish Center. The Tetrault family will be available to share stories

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

## MINISTRY FAIR

**Clayton** – The Parishes of St. Mary's and St. John's to hold a Ministry Fair.

**Dates:** June 4 after the 9 a.m. Mass

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

**Features:** Learn about the many ministries active in our parishes. Speak with parishioners about their ministries. (Others, with the hopes of promoting ministries in their home parishes, are also invited.)

**Contact:** For more information, contact the parish office at 315-686-3398.

## LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

**Houseville** – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of June.

**Date:** June 4

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

**Schedule:** At 2:25 p.m. viewing the 4th DVD entitled "Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy" from the series entitled; Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. At 3:00 p.m. the program includes: Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## GARAGE SALE DAYS

**Raymondville** – Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond will host a garage sale.

**Date:** June 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 3, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

**Features:** Food and drink will be available for purchase each day. A 50/50 raffle will be drawn on Saturday.

## K OF C BRUNCH

**Norfolk** - The Norfolk Knights of Columbus will host their monthly brunch.

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children under 12, \$5; Under 5, Free; Immediate Family of Four, \$20 (additional person above 4 is \$3)

## MANICOTTI MONDAY

**Norfolk** – Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond will host Manicotti Monday.

**Date:** June 5

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 6:30

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center

**Cost:** \$9.75 per meal; under 5, Free

## ST. RAPHAEL'S FOOD PANTRY

**Heuvelton** - St. Raphael's Food Pantry will be open every Friday.

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 11

**Place:** Parish Center

**Contact:** Father O'Brien at 315-393-

2920 or 315-344-2383.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

**Saranac Lake** - A diocesan Catholic Men's Retreat is set

**Date:** June 9-11

**Place:** Guggenheim Center

**Features:** Theme is "Be A Man: Becoming the man God created you to be."

**Contact:** Steve Tartaglia (startaglia@rcdony.org) or John Miner (jminer@roadrunner.com)

## RACHEL VINEYARD RETREATS

**Saranac Lake** - Two Rachel's Vineyard after-abortion healing retreats will be offered in the diocese in 2017.

**Dates:** The spring retreat will be June 16-18. The fall retreat will be Sept. 1-3.

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Features:** Fr. Thomas Higman will serve as the chaplain for the spring retreat and Father Mark Riley in the fall.

**Contact:** For more information and a confidential registration form visit www.rcdony.org/prolife. Dates and locations of retreats outside the diocese are available at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

## LATIN MISSA CANTATA

**Ogdensburg** – Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preach at a Sung Mass, commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum*

**Date:** July 7

**Time:** 6 p.m.

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

**Features:** *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* is an Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict XVI in which he expanded the circumstances in which priests of the Latin Church may celebrate the Tridentine Mass. Music for the liturgy will be directed by Lukas Gruber, current Director of Music at St. Mary's, Potsdam, accompanied by Marie-Claire d'Arcy, Director of Music and Organist at St. Andre Bessette Parish, Malone. A picnic on the cathedral lawn will follow





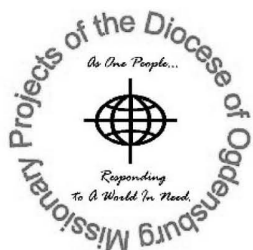
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## OBITUARIES

**Alexandria Bay** – Edward D. Brady, 65; Funeral May 22, 2017 at St. Cyril's Church; burial in Redwood Cemetery.

**AuSable Forks** – Evelyn Louise Walton, 86; Funeral May 27, 2017 at Holy Name Church; burial in Jay Central Cemetery.

**Carthage** – Susan Camille Joynt, 60; Funeral May 18, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in Sty. James Cemetery.

**Carthage** – William Joseph Scherer, 69; Funeral Services May 23, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in New St. James Cemetery.

**Canton** – Samantha Marie Curtis, 18; Funeral May 22, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

**Canton** – Rita (St. Dennis) Lawrence, 85; Funeral May 26, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Chasm Falls** – Col. (Ret) Jarold L. "Jerrie" Hutchinson, 82; Funeral Services May 26, 2017 at St. Helen's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Colton** – Elizabeth W. "Betty" (Woods) Beha, 85; Funeral Services May 22, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery, Parishville.

**Fort Covington** – Barbara J. LeMay, 80; Funeral Services May 27, 2017 at St. Mary's of the Fort.

**Lake Clear** – Howard Coombs, 84; Funeral Services June 9, 2017 at St. John's Church.

**Lake Placid** – Helen Smith Dennin, 93; Funeral May 24, 2017 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Susan (Lucas) Bush, 68; Funeral Services May 26, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Brantingham.

**Lowville** – Richard D. Levesque, 90; Funeral Services May 27, 2017 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Branting Cemetery.

**Mooers** – Julie "Judy" Monty Forkey, 83; Funeral May 25, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Norfolk** – Diane M. Clark, 78; Funeral May 24, 2017 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Joseph Louis Levaque, 92; Funeral Services at St. Peter's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Madeleine L. Pombrio, 90; Funeral Services May 25, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Potsdam** – Elizabeth A. (Price) Jerome, 80; Funeral May 23, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Bayside Cemetery.

**Potsdam** – Lois Perkins, 89; Funeral Services May 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** – Evelyn M. (Peer) Camelo, 84; Funeral Services May 22, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**South Colton** – Grace Elizabeth (Gorman) Casselman, 92; Funeral Services May 22, 2017 at St. Paul's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** – Henry William "Bill" Crossman, 91; Funeral Services May 26, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** – Peral J. Farrelly Ezzo Sharrow, 94; Funeral Services May 25, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Mary M. (Baker) Bouchard, 96; Funeral Services May 25, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Cecilia M. Capone, 57; Funeral Services May 26, 2017 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Ruth A. (Grey) Dora, 77; Funeral Services May 26, 2017 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

**Watertown** – Robert P. Gillespie, 90; Funeral Services May 23, 2017 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

### Ann Manson Main, 89

Ann Manson Main (Mrs. Robert Gordon Main Sr.), 89, of Malone, died May 18, 2017, at the residence of her son with whom she had made her home during the past decade. She was accompanied by her family and the caregivers who had been a loving part of her life over decades, years, and months. She had been in failing health for the last year after a years-long struggle with post-polio syndrome.

Born May 25, 1927, in Malone, she was

the younger daughter of Archie McCoy Manson and Lucy Jarvis Manson. Her mother was an immigrant from Quebec.

Upon his return from World War I, her father sold his overcoat for \$3 in order to finance the purchase of a bicycle shop on Mill Street, which ultimately became Manson Brothers Garage on Pearl Street.

She grew up on "French Hill" in Malone, where she was surrounded by the love and support of her family and many other first-generation Americans of French-Canadian ancestry, to whom she remained connected throughout her life.

Living all of her life in Malone, she attended local public schools, first on Duane Street, then at Flanders Elementary School, and was graduated from Franklin Academy in 1944. She was the salutatorian of her class.

The following year she was graduated from Marjorie Webster Junior College in Silver Springs, Maryland. During this period she was also employed in the office of United States Sen. Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin as secretary to his speech writer.

Upon her return to Malone, she was employed as a secretary in the offices of Frank J. Wagner, public accountant and auditor, and for Archie Hyde at the Hyde Drug Company, where she had previously worked during high school as one of the iconic soda fountain girls.

As a young girl, she worked as an usher at the Franklin County Fair grandstand during afternoon horse racing and for the evening entertainment program, as well as a weed puller at Langdon Farms and as a sales clerk at Woolworth's Department Store.

She was united in marriage with Robert G. Main Sr. on Aug. 27, 1950, in the priests' parlor of the rectory at Notre Dame Church in Malone by the Rev. Edward A. Tetrault.

From then on, she devoted herself to being a wife, mother and homemaker. Judge Main predeceased her on Feb. 2, 1998.

She was a lifelong communicant of Notre Dame Church and St. Andre Bessette parish.

She served her parish teaching religious education and was a volunteer director of religious education for several years. In the early 1960s, she founded the local St. Vincent de Paul store with Bea Nichols of St. John Bosco Church and Jean Partish of St. Joseph's Church under

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## OBITUARIES

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the direction of the late Rev. Msgr. William J. Argy, then pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Following her husband's death, she devoted herself to her family and to a number of charitable endeavors at her church, at the Alice Hyde Medical Center, the Academic Board of Trustees of Franklin Academy, and a number of other local charities. She delighted in helping others, and as a polio survivor, many of her efforts were directed to ease the mobility needs of the physically handicapped. Her philanthropy was recognized by the Franklin County Bar Association in 2015 with the presentation to her of the Liberty Bell Award.

She was a close follower of current events, was an avid reader and engaged in handwork which she delighted in sharing. She made many of her own clothes, and her self-designed and hand-knit baby caps and jewelry can be found locally and around the world, and were part of the inspiration for her daughter's knitting books. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, children and friends, and visited destinations across her native land and around the world. But most particularly, she delighted in being a homemaker. In recent years, as her own mobility diminished, she enjoyed the stream of visitors who came to her in friendship for conversation, comfort and solace.

She was a member of the Notre Dame Altar and Rosary Society and the Alice Hyde Medical Center Auxiliary. In 2012, she was inducted into the



Ann Munson Main

Franklin Academy Academic Hall of Fame as salutatorian of the Class of 1944.

She is survived by a son, Robert G. Main Jr., and a daughter, Lucy Ann Main, both of Malone. She is also survived by two nephews and godsons, Charles Archie McKee and Andrew Manson McKee, and their families. The last of her generation of descendants of Alphonse Jarvis and Mary Bordeaux Jarvis, she is survived also by her Jarvis cousins of the next generation: Anne LaBaron Voss, James Dixon, Richard Dixon, Edward Dixon, Mary Alys Killian and John Joseph Dixon and their families. Likewise, she is survived by the three cherished friends who assisted her family in watching over her, caring for her and protecting her in the last years of her life: Daisy Raville, a friend of 50 years; Glenn Lamica, who helped her since he was 14 years old; and Eleanor Quigley, a companion for 15 years. The



last years of her life were enhanced by the daily nursing care she received from Sherry LaFave, Kayla McCarthy and Ellen Miller, and by the skilled care of Gina Boyea, Crystal Villnave and Heather Gratton.

Besides her parents and her husband of 47 years, she was predeceased by a sister and brother-in-law, Helen Alys McKee and Charles F. McKee; a sister-in-law, Charlotte M. Main; and her only niece and goddaughter, Bess McKee Hanna.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Notre Dame Church in Malone with the Rev. Joseph W. Giroux, pastor, as principal celebrant. Burial followed in the family plot at Morningside Cemetery in Malone.

Memorial donations may be made to the Academic Board of Trustees of Franklin Academy for inclusion in the scholarship fund established by Mrs. Main at the time of the death of her niece, Bess McKee Hanna, in 2015. Contributions may be forwarded to Steven A. Vanier, Esq., treasurer, 367 West Main St., Malone, NY 12953.

Arrangements were made through the Brusco-Desnoyers Funeral Service Inc. in Malone. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.brusco-funeralservice.com](http://www.brusco-funeralservice.com).

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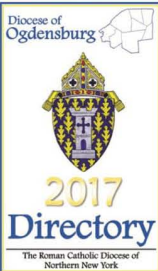


Shea Charleson crowned the statue of Mary May 9 at the May Crowning held at St. Patrick's Church in Colton. Several other children of the parish participated in the ceremony, carrying flowers to be placed before Mary.



Immaculate Heart Central Elementary School in Watertown (pre-k to 6th grade) held a May Crowning May 19 at Holy Family Church with Father Steven Murray. Among the children who participated were, from left, Isabella Bombard, Keely Cooney and Jonah Chirico.

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