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The mystery of the cross

VATICAN CITY (CNS)- Following the cross without Christ and his resurrection reduces God's love to a hopeless and masochistic form of spirituality, Pope Francis said.

Christians must beware of separating Christ from his humble descent to death and

viewing it as a "mystery of tragedy," the pope said .

"A Christ without a cross is not the Lord: He is a teacher, nothing more," the pope said. "The other temptation is a cross without Christ, that is, the anguish of remaining down, depressed by the

weight of sin and without hope. This is a type of spiritual masochism: only the cross, without hope and without Christ."

Celebrating the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Sept 14, the pope reflected on the day's first reading in which

St. Paul says that Christ "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."

Because of Jesus' descent "to the lowest point, even to humiliation," the pope said, God "exalted him and raised him up."

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All married couples are invited to the Sept. 24 Mass

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A NEW CONVENT IN CADYVILLE



Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod after blessing their new convent in Cadyville earlier this month. This will be the second convent for the religious order which has served the diocese since 2009 in Watertown. Three new Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod have been assigned as pastoral associates in Clinton County parishes while four will continue their ministry in the Jefferson Deanery. Msgr. Dennis J. Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh and dean of Clinton Deanery, said, "The Clinton Deanery is blessed to welcome a new convent of religious in our area. It will provide a unique spiritual presence in Cadyville, in addition to enhancing our spiritual life throughout the deanery."

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RECOVERY BEGINS

After fire at
St. Patrick's



SHAN MOORE PHOTO

A Rouses Point Volunteer Fire Department fire truck is nosed up close to a statue of the Virgin Mary at St. Patrick's Church in Rouses Point. Extinguishing the recent fire in the north tower of the church required use of this truck's aerial ladder. Damage from smoke, flames and water was considerable in the tower, the choir loft stairs and ceilings in both the lobby and basement parish hall. Parishioners will attend Mass at St. Mary's in Champlain until the cleanup is complete.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Charles is definitely in charge

Much like his grandmother, young Thomas William Kilian did not have much time to enjoy the benefits of being the one and only child in his family.

A mere 15 months after the blessed arrival of first born "me," brother Jack became the shiny new babe in our household.

Tommy enjoyed 19 months as the center of his mommy/daddy/Tommy universe before Charles Benjamin nudged his way into the spotlight.

And now, Tommy is a big

brother and, like Grammy, will never remember life as an "only."



Mary Lou
Kilian

I'm willing to bet, though, that he'll love having a little brother as much as I loved growing up with seven little brothers and sisters. And love is the operative word for everything. When another child is added to a family, the love isn't divided but rather multiplied, exponentially.

Decades later, I can still remember wondering how I could possibly love a second child as much as I loved my

first. Becoming a parent is life-changing in a thousand ways but for me, at least, it was the first time I knew I could actually lay down my life for another human being.

Of course, that feeling extended to our second baby and our third just as it had eight times for my parents, 14 times for my aunt and uncle.

Charlie has been around for just a few weeks but he's already expanded the hearts of his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins... and even his brother.

Ironically, Charlie works this magic in ways that might not work for you and me. It's not

easy keeping a baby happy, especially one who hasn't figured out that daytime is for waking and nighttime is for sleeping! These days, Charlie is definitely in charge of a home that revolves around meeting his every need.

But his parents know how privileged they are to have this baby in their lives. His grandparents know how richly blessed they are to be able to spoil this little guy as much as Anna, Patrick, Caroline and Tommy.

Welcome to the world, little Charlie.

We thank God every day for your life!

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

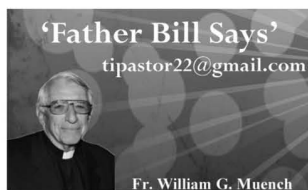
Don't become a hard-hearted Hannah!

Last week, I joined with some family and friends for a reunion of sorts in Vermont. One day we decided to visit that quaint town of Weston. Since I was alone, my sister-in-law, Mary Lee, decided to keep me company on the drive.

As we were talking, I noticed on the radio screen the title of a song – an old favorite of mine – so I just had to turn it up. I don't know if you have ever heard it "Hard Hearted Hannah, the Vamp of Savannah," but it was too wonderful to miss.

Then, on the very next Sunday, I was surprised to see that the psalm response at Mass was, "If today you hear his word, harden not your heart." I decide to focus my homily on that quote as Jesus comes to our world to soften our hard hearts. I did mention Hannah, also. I found it interesting that one of the altar servers was a Hannah.

Like many song writers, the Scriptures use the heart as the image and center of love and concern. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised his apostles that his Holy Spirit will come to them and to all of us to



make an abode in our hearts. I have heard holy persons mention that, in prayer, we should place in our hearts those we love and those we are remembering in our prayers. This is truly a beautiful image – filling our hearts with our loved ones.

But what about a hard heart? A hard heart is a heart that does not feel, in fact, cannot feel. A hard heart finds love difficult, even impossible. A hard heart is a closed heart; there is no room for those we love or are in need of our prayers. A hard heart finds it difficult to respond to others. The Holy Spirit cannot touch a hard heart.

I can guarantee you that I can recognize someone with a hard heart just by looking in their eyes, just by talking with them. I remember a person telling me that they had held a

grudge against another, I think it was a sister or brother, for nearly ten years. I was overwhelmed by their hard heart.

Yet, the Psalmist urges us to find the Lord – "If today you hear his word, harden not your heart."

The Lord Jesus came to this world of ours to soften our hearts. Jesus wants us to discover the happiness and peace that comes only when we have an open and loving heart. The one who will soften our hard heart is our Savior, Jesus. Jesus suffered and died for us to help us discover the joy of a soft heart. Jesus challenges us and leads us to make our hearts open and loving.

So, a soft, open heart – an open heart is a blessing, a gift from our God. When our heart is open it is a loving heart, a heart that is sensitive to others, that can be touched by those in need. It is open to others in care and concern.

An open heart brings us a certain peace to be deliriously happy. I know I find a wonderful happiness when I am with such a person, someone special who I know just radiates an open and loving heart. If

things are not going so well on a particular day I know I can find a moment to soften my heart when I spend time with those who have that open and loving heart.

This is the real gift of the Holy Eucharist, that wonderful sacrament. Receiving the Lord in the Eucharist is a magnificent moment when the Lord becomes one with me. The Eucharist gives a certain sustenance not just to my body but also to my heart, transforming that heart.

We have a song that says "Lord, transform my heart of stone to a heart of flesh." When you are afflicted with a hard heart I urge you to find the Lord, especially in the Blessed Eucharist. Allow Jesus to soften your heart.

One more thing – this is always a *daily* challenge. Each day we are challenged by the concerns of life and we can so easily become hard hearted. Many is the morning I know well when I recognize that I am hard hearted. The only solution is to find the Lord – in prayer or in the Blessed Eucharist – that Jesus may indeed soften our hard hearts.

Celebrate Christ: 'Called to Lead' set for Oct. 20-21

LAKE PLACID – Registration is now open for Celebrate Christ 2017, "Called to Lead," a two-day conference to be held Oct. 20 and 21 at the Crowne Plaza.

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The Oct. 20 session is directed at pastors, Catholic school principals, teachers and school personnel while Oct. 21 is designed for pastors, parish catechetical leaders, catechists, youth ministers, RCIA Directors, adult faith formation, lay ministers and all interested in parish ministry

Keynote speaker

Chris Lowney, author of five books, including the just-published "Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church," will be the keynote speaker. He has also authored the bestselling "Heroic Leadership" and "Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He leads."

A one-time Jesuit seminarian, Lowney later served as a managing director of JP Morgan & Co on three continents until leaving the firm in 2001. He currently chairs the board of Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the largest healthcare systems in the United States.

St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan director of Catholic education, said, "Leadership is a vital factor as we focus our attention and resources on the diocesan priority of building parishes with living stones. Chris Lowney's presentation Leadership Lessons from Pope Francis: Doing the Laundry, Dusty Shoes and the Monastery Bell will encourage us and support our efforts to carry out the diocesan priorities."

Registration information

Registration information is available at www.rcdony.org/celebrate. A \$30 fee covers the conference and lunch. The deadline is Sept. 29.

On the day of the conference, registration and exhibits open at 7:30 a.m. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m.

Sharing the Light of Faith

One of the highlights of the day will be the presentation of the *Sharing the Light of Faith Award* which recognizes an outstanding individual in the diocese who has had a major impact on the faith life of the Church. The individual must be one who is generous in his/her response to the call of God in giving witness to the gospel through exemplary service to a parish and, in doing so, to the diocese at large.

Past recipients have been Sister Kieran Quinn, OSU (1988); Mrs. Alice Dixon, Madrid (1989); Margaret Woods, Massena (1990); Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana (1991); Sister Mary Felicitas Wells, RSM (1992); Mrs. Lucille Peters, Hogansburg (1993); Mae Schneeberger, Croghan (1994); Rev. J. Michael Gaffney (1995);

Also, Margaret Testani, Ogdensburg (1996); Sister Maurice Black, SSJ (1997); Thomas Schneeberger, Croghan (1998); Anne C. Thomas, Sackets Harbor (1999); Sophia Roffe, Old Forge (2000); Eunice Trombley, Cumberland Head (2001); Barbara Corron, West Chazy (2002); Glory Rufa, Massena (2003); Anne Borsellino, Massena (2004); Cathy Bishop, Watertown (2007); Joan Fetsko, Lyon Mountain (2009); Tamara Murphy, Malone (2011) and Sister Diane Marie Ulsamer (2015).

Priests from Philippines serve parishes in diocese

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has assigned Father Alex Guimpol, who recently arrived from the Archdiocese of Caceres, Philippines, to serve as parochial vicar at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake. The assignment is effective immediately.

Bishop LaValley and the Archbishop of

Caceres have an arrangement whereas priests from the Philippines are made available to serve in our diocese for a period of five years.

Father Eduardo Pesigan, who is currently assigned to St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, is also from Caceres.



Bishop Terry LaValley cordially invites you to the

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George Shnob is honored by St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh

'His music touched the heart'

By Shan Moore
Staff writer

PLATTSBURGH — George Shnob isn't one to blow his own horn.

But there's not a church, nor synagogue, in Clinton County that has not resounded with his music.

Over many years, dating back to a stint in the U.S. Army, the Mooers native has either accompanied or directed the voices of others and added his own baritone to the mix in many other locales, as well.

"His gift of music is just amazing," said Phil Bernard of Plattsburgh.

Phil, her husband Lou and the late Jim and Joan Fleury worked together with George to form the Sweet Adelines Chorus in 1967, and there was no doubt that George would be director.

"He knows his craft; he's a great musician," Mrs. Bernard said. "He knew barbershop harmony, and he knew the structure of chords that would make that sound pop."

And as it turned out, she said, "George would go along with anything he thought would please the chorus or please the audience.

"For our shows, we put him in crazy costumes."

Picture George Shnob, typically quiet and humble, sporting a basket of fruit on his head a la Carmen Miranda.

"He was not shy in front of the chorus" with the baton in his hand, Mrs. Bernard said. "We had so much fun."

And imagine the laughter when the Sweet Adelines, traveling for a regional contest, arrived at a hotel to find that Phil, with her name more typically given to a male, had been paired with George to share a room.

"It was really very hilarious," she said.

By the way, George doesn't have a horn to blow — he



George Shnob received the Stafford Award for Public Service from St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh Sept. 10 in recognition of his service as organist and longtime music director at the parish. Msgr. Dennis J Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's, made the presentation. They are shown above with surprise guests, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, right, and Father John R. Yonkovig of Lake Placid, former St. Peter's pastor. More than 350 people attended the tribute.

plays keyboard.

Public service award

Sunday, Sept. 10, the Sweet Adelines were among a number of groups that performed a special musical tribute to George at St. Peter's Catholic Church, held in the wake of his retirement as longtime organist and music director there.

It's the parish's way, according to a press release from the pastor, Msgr. Dennis Duprey, to show "grateful appreciation for his contribution to church music and his contribution to the service of people and music in the greater community."

In 2009, the parish created the Student Assistance Endowment Fund in George's name at Clinton Community College to help students with financial emergencies stay in school.

At the recent event, he was presented the Sen. Ronald Stafford Award for Public Service, an honor created by

the late senator's family to recognize extraordinary public service of a St. Peter's parishioner.

Past recipients include Brother Raymond Fortin, Dr. John Boule and the Rev. Roland St. Pierre.

Selfless devotion

Father John Yonkovig, now at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid, was newly arrived at St. Peter's in 1993 when he had the task of hiring a new music minister.

George Shnob was an easy pick.

"He had a great devotion to the Mass," the priest recalled. "And the other thing that was so clear was his ease of dealing with people."

Some musicians can be difficult in their reach for perfection, Father Yonkovig said, but not George.

"I think he could make people who couldn't sing sound good in the choir," he said, laughing.

A music minister should

ers many responsibilities beyond the Mass, the priest said, including music for funerals, special events ...

From George, he said, "I never once heard a protest.

"He really was selfless in his devotion to the music, St. Peter's and the people of St. Peter's."

'Amazing Grace'

Shnob lives at the Samuel F. Vilas Home in Plattsburgh now, following a stroke a few months ago.

A clock marks each hour with the strains of "Amazing Grace," a hymn inmates loved to hear Shnob play when he was organist at Clinton Correctional Facility. Shnob hasn't attempted to play one of the pianos at the Vilas Home since moving in — he doesn't think his fingers have recovered enough dexterity.

"If I'd try it and not be able to do it, it would be more (disappointing)," he said.

Shnob's first instrument,

besides his voice, was an old pump organ in the home where he grew up, the youngest child of Leona and Edmond Shnob.

He taught himself to play but much later took lessons to sharpen his skills.

The young man graduated from Mooers Central School in 1954. He served three years in the Army and found a job as a meat cutter at the Grand Union in Champlain once home again.

He took the position of registrar at Clinton Community College as he completed his associate degree there in 1972. Then he moved on to earn a bachelor of arts in French and Canadian studies from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1973.

He retired as registrar in 2002.

Shnob also taught French at CCC and Clinton County Senior Center and tutored groups, among them officials who work at the U.S. border with Quebec and others.

"You find a way to fit things in," he said of his busy life.

Touched hearts

And the whole time Shnob was making music.

For many years, he was the organist at Plattsburgh Air Force Base. He directed the Madrigal Singing Chorus in Franklin Centre, Que., until sidelined by a heart attack.

Along with directing the Sweet Adelines, he sang with the Cumberland Bay Barber-shop Chorus and Barber-shop Quartet.

He was cantor and organist at many weddings and funerals, church and community socials and other events.

And then there was his work at St. Peter's.

"I've had some wonderful choir members," he said.

George, said Father Yonkovig, "encouraged a lot of young people to get involved with music.

"His music touched the heart in so many ways."

GENEROSITY AND JOY AS SUMMER COMES TO A CLOSE

FACES OF FAITH



The Norwood Knights of Columbus Council 2309 recently presented a check for \$500 to the Community Outreach Program which runs the Norwood food pantry. Pictured, front from left, are Marcia Murray, Miki McKenna, treasurer of Outreach; Jim Murray, past grand knight of the council; and Mark Tebo, council treasurer; back, Barbara Lustyik, Don Lustyik, Kelly Lustyik, Andy French, deputy grand knight; John Murray, grand knight; and Tony Garrow, warden of the council.



Ellis Auto of Malone made a donation to the local Catholic Charities office with funds raised during the recent celebration of its 25th anniversary. From left are Rick Ellis, the original owner of Ellis Auto; Jason Ellis, who manages the dealership and business with Randy Wood, his brother in law; Joelle Lamica, local director of Catholic Charities; and Melody Ransom, the child and family counselor at Catholic Charities. The anniversary celebration included a 50/50 drawing, a chinese auction and a dunking tank where several Ellis employees were dunked to benefit Catholic Charities. The Ellis family and employees are longtime supporters of Catholic Charities and other community organizations.



Madison Laguador, Nia Durant and Ellia Mayne had plenty of smiles on the first day of school at Trinity Catholic in Massena.



During the sixth week of the Camp Guggenheim program, the 16-18-year old campers participate in a Service Day. Among this year's activities was a car wash to benefit Rachel's Vineyard. The campers raised \$409 for the after-abortion healing retreat in the diocese. The diocesan Respect Life Office, directed by John and Colleen Miner, offered a message of gratitude to the campers. Pictured are Kelly Southwick, Lauren Laughman, Georgia Barton and Madison Gray.

October is Respect Life Month

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Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 20 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg
6 p.m., Missionaries of the Sacred Heart 44th Annual Benefit Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Watertown

Sept. 21 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
5 p.m., Diocesan Review Board Meeting followed by dinner at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Sept. 22 – 2 p.m., Sesquicentennial Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Rochester

Sept. 23 – 10:30 a.m., Council of Religious Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Sept. 24 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
2:30 p.m., Diocesan Marriage Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral

Sept. 25 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Sept. 27-28 – New York State Catholic Conference Board of Bishop's Meeting in Douglaston, NY

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 24 – Marriage Jubilee, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
Oct. 1 – Blue Mass, St. Patrick's, Watertown
Oct. 20-21 – Celebrate Christ, Crowne Point, Lake Placid
Oct. 25 – Catholic Charities Caritas dinner, Gran View, Ogdensburg



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Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 20 – Msgr. Edmund J. Brown, 1954; Rev. Donald Gallagher, 1959; Rev. Edward J. Wright, 1993; Msgr. Floyd J. Brown, 1994
Sept. 21 – Rev. M. Stanton, 1908; Rev. M. J. Geraghty, O.S.A., 1914; Rev. Michael J. Brown, 1917; Rev. Wilbert LeBeau, 1953
Sept. 22 – Rev. John McDermott, 1870; Rev. Pierre L'Esperance, M.S.C., 1942; Msgr. John M. Hogan, 1951
Sept. 23 – Rev. P. Phillips, 1872; Rev. Marcel Dupont, M.S.C., 1982
Sept. 24 – Rev. John Talbot Smith, 1923; Rev. Leo Staves, O.M.I., 1994; Deacon Reginald F. Merrill, 2005
Sept. 25 – Rev. Frederick Shue, 1989
Sept. 26 – Rev. Francis Van Compenhandt, 1880; Rev. Stephen Royet, M.S.C., 1933; Rev. Michael F. Gallivan, 1939; Rev. Joseph Ludger Desjardins, 1941; Rev. Earl Mayo, 1994; Msgr. Francis A. White, 2007

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:
Sept. 25 – 5:30 p.m., SS Philip and James Church, Lisbon
Sept. 28 – 9 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, Chazy
Oct. 2 – 1:30 p.m., Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown
Oct. 3 – 4:30 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Indian Lake.

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

Environmental Stewardship

What happening around us?

Celebrating the Season of Creation first calls us to praise and prayer.

Autumn in northern New York in its incredible blaze of color is a feast for our eyes that causes us to say "Wow!" It can cause us to lift up our hearts and voices in praise of our Creator.

Secondly, the Season calls us to look around at what is happening to Creation, as Pope Francis urges every person on the planet to do in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: On care for our Common Home.

As we turn our eyes to the catastrophic events of the past weeks from wildfires in the west, the floods in Texas, the hurricanes in the Islands, Florida and Louisiana, the earthquake in Mexico, and the tropical cyclone in India and Pakistan, we can see that the environment is changing.

We need to listen to what the scientists have predicted concerning the warming and rising sea levels and effects on the poor and all life.

They have discovered that the carbon emissions from fossil fuel plays an enormous part in these changes.

So what does that have to do with me?

A third way we can celebrate this Season is to become more educated in the root causes of this current reality. And then, reflect in light of our Catholic faith on how we can respond to the "cries of the earth and the cries of the poor."

Conference in Burlington

Our neighboring diocese in Burlington is offering a conference on "Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation." on Sept. 30 at St. Michael's College.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Carolyn Woo, who was the former President & CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), along with many other presentations on ways to develop a lifestyle that will promote ecological justice and a sustainable future for all. Bob Hurd from OCP will lead the songs.

For more info.: <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/yearofcreation>.

An action for the week:

Give up plastic bags when shopping and bring your own. Try it!

Homily for funeral Mass for Father Patrick Mundy, Sept. 8 at St. John's in Plattsburgh

'You are the best of priests'

By Msgr. Dennis Duprey
Pastor, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh

There are two things that Father Pat was terrible at: one was order, and the other memory.

Why? Because when he put away dishes, and he loved to do that, it was not at all a problem for him to put a frying pan in with the crystal. And memory, well there are many stories; most of you have at least one.

Yet both order and memory are necessary to be a good priest. Father Pat was not good at them as the world sees them, but, blessings for all of us, he was superb at them as God sees order and memory - Holy Orders and "Do This in Memory of Me."

Father Pat loved to celebrate Mass in a depth of faith that only he and God will ever fully appreciate

As you know, different people define a good priest in different ways. But for Christ and for every priest one way only is the defining focus of our lives. That is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

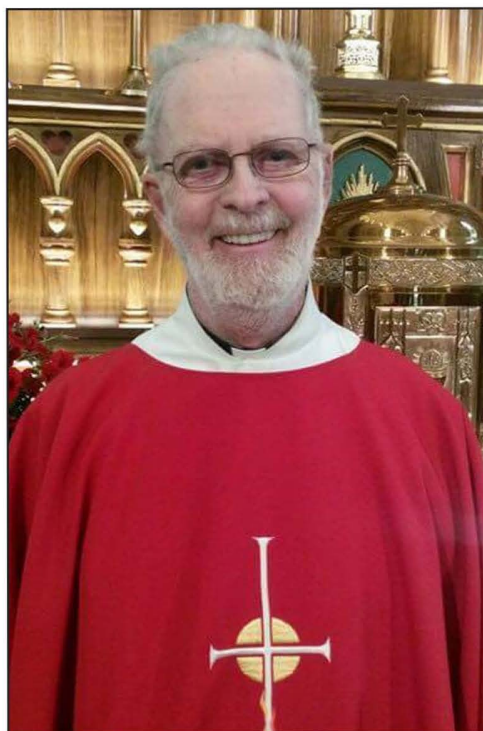
Father Pat loved to celebrate Mass in a depth of faith that only he and God will ever fully appreciate. It is the paschal mystery of dying with Christ to rise with him for the forgiveness of sins. That is the heart of the Mass and of our faith.

Father Pat saw Heaven as the direction that we should order our lives, and believed as we do that the Order of the Sacrifice of the Mass was the singular best way to wed heaven and earth. From its very beginning until its conclusion the Mass is not focused on the priest nor on the congregation. It is about God in his fullness! It helps us to know who we are and to whom we belong. It is not simply about our favorite sermon, our cherished music, our decorations, our atmosphere, our convenience or our time. It is always about God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And so he commands us to "Do this in memory of me..."

As one thinks about this, many believe it is about memory, like an intellectual exercise. Well, if defining a good priest as a question of who has a good memory, Father Pat would not be one. For that matter nor would I.

When he celebrated the Mass and did it in Memory of Him, it was about remembering him now, speaking with him now, and glorifying him now. It is more than a past event called to mind but rather a present dying and rising. You see memory is not primarily about the past, but about remembering someone now, being present to him or her, especially the least.

Father Pat was a master of the spiritual order because he knew who came first. He understood the first commandment and the commandment



Father Patrick W. Mundy, who died Sept. 4, was remembered at a Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 8 at St. John the Baptist Church in Plattsburgh. The homily was delivered by Msgr. Dennis J. Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh. Father Mundy resided with Msgr. Duprey at St. Peter's for the last years of his life.

to love and serve others especially those most in need. He brought order to the spiritual chaos of this world. In the spiritual order, celebration of the sacrifice of the mass is central. Because from this holy table all of the order of the Paschal mystery of deaths and life flow.

And so it did for Father Pat who saw almost everything in the spirit of rising with Christ, in the spirit of Heaven. In fact he saw Heaven in places that most of us simply complain about. If you asked him how he was, he was always fine. He never lied about himself but he also rarely complained. He saw his life's work to bring a heaven here on this good earth so that you and I could better understand the home to which we are called.

Father Pat has always known that. It is often reflected in his simple expression when we get ill focused away from God or his people: "Ah, the human condition." He was telling us to pay attention to Heaven, to God.

God's way, which Father Pat's strove to follow was seen in his countless acts of kindness helping the least among us: Catholic Charities work

for years, and his special work in the missions of Peru benefited greatly from his ministry.

When he was there as pastor, a powerful earthquake destroyed many of the churches where our missionaries had helped out. Even a school built by our missionaries for poor children lay in waste. Though not a builder, in his determined and kind way he got that school rebuilt. To this day there is a marker on the school where poor children are educate, honoring the work of this good priest.

He was a master of the spiritual order because he knew who came first. He understood the first commandment and the commandment to love and serve others especially those most in need

In addition, his memory work of remembering Christ in the needy extended to his kind work in so many parishes.

On top it all in his quite listening to God and to the many who were troubled, and finally his goodness, even in monastic life, he was always there for the least of God's people.

This is why Jesus commanded us to do this in memory of him.

Whatever you do to the least you do for me. A few nights ago as Father Pat was dying, a lovely piece of music was being played.

It simply said I will remember you, will you remember me. As it was being played his kind family held his hands.

I thought to myself as I was privilege to look on, who will hold my hand as I go home to God. Who will hold yours and who's hand will you hold.

The Mundys were remembering their uncle not for his past which they honored, but for his being with them now. They were walking him to the gate of Heaven not to let go but to let him know they are coming and he is with us in the Communion of Saints.

It is of course the work of us all but especially the work of priests to prepare people for heaven, to hold their hand to the gate, to figuratively hold their hearts and souls. It was Father Pat's life work. He did it well and always in Memory of Him.

Father Pat you showed us the best example of order, and who cares about the frying pan.

You have one of the finest memories in real life. Who care if you forgot an engagement or two for lunch?

You are the best of priests. May you now hear the Words of the Master and enter into the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Tu eres sacerdote para simper. GRACIAS
You are a priest forever. THANK YOU

K of C Council celebrates 120 years

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

PLATTSBURGH - In 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut, a group of Catholic men led by an unassuming Irish priest formed a secretive society dedicated to bringing help to Catholic widows and orphans in that working class, immigrant city.

Plattsburgh Council was established just 15 years after the Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut

In an era when information and ideas passed no faster than a horse's trot, a council of that fraternal order was founded in Plattsburgh a scant 15 years later.

In early August, the Knights of the Msgr. Morris L. Dwyer Council 255 gathered to celebrate 120 years of the charitable works the council has performed over the years, and continues to perform today.

Addressing a packed Emmaus Room at St. Peter's Church - which included Bishop Terry LaValley, five past Grand Knights of Council 255, council chaplain Father Timothy Canaan as well as numerous Knights and their families - Advocate David Clark focused his attention not on the past but on the present works of the



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As the Msgr. Morris L. Dwyer Knights of Columbus Council 255 celebrated its 120th anniversary, Kevin Goddeau, left, was named Knight of the Year for the council. He was introduced by David Clark, advocate. Bishop Terry R. LaValley, right, was one of the special guests at the Aug. 6 celebration.



Plattsburgh council.

In the calendar year 2016 alone, Clark said, Council 255 donated nearly \$100,000 to churches and charitable causes in and around the Plattsburgh area.

He then introduced the Knight of the Year Kevin Goddeau who, Clark said, is the lynchpin in the bingo operation, and it's bingo which allows the Knights to do what Past Grand Knight Randy Smith described as the yeomen's work that they do.

Obviously surprised by the honor, Goddeau said, "We've got a great crew that works very well together, and we're

able to achieve some great goals together."

Bishop LaValley took the occasion to thank the men of Council 255 for continuing to represent the 120 years of service to faith, charity, unity and fraternity that the Knights of Columbus stand for.

"I just think it's a great day to celebrate," the bishop said, "On the Feast of the Transfiguration, we hear 'listen to him'. For the past 120 years these Knights have done more than just listen. They have acted on what they've heard. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Council Lecturer Steven Forgette, a stalwart of the Council for as long as those assembled can remember, took to the microphone to sum up what the Order means to him, and to those Knights who have gone before him in the past 120 years:

His message follows:

Our Honored Order of The Knights of Columbus is a mystery and an enigma to many people. Some people find our exclusive membership to be kind of pompous and elitist. However, if they are honest, they cannot deny the great comfort and

consolation that our order brings to those who are in need, through our heroic acts of charity. This year alone over \$177 million and over 75 million volunteer hours were donated to many worthy charitable causes.

Our order, like our beloved Holy Roman Catholic Church cannot be understood from the outside. It can only be truly experienced from the inside. For those who observe us through the critical lens of an outsider, is to miss the character and the true spirit of our order's motive and foundation.

There are some dangers in belonging to an order such as ours. We can be tempted to thoughts of 'self-importance.' As Knights, we must guard against these temptations by protecting our souls with 'The Armor of Faith & Humility.' Please, let us reflect on this for just a few moments:

As Roman Catholic Knights, our 'nobility' does not depend on an accident of birth - but on how we choose to live our lives every single day. It is the grace and promises of our Baptism, which makes us 'children of God and co-heirs with Jesus Christ.'

Down through the centuries, there have always been Knights. As Knights of the 21st Century, our vocation is to serve. So, we humbly serve to bring glory and honor to our King. We also 'serve' in order to ennoble our own souls through the practice of 'Heroic & Knightly Virtues.'

In closing, I would like to end with these 'two great truths' that my mentors taught me, when I first started my 'Quest for Knighthood,' so many years ago. They are what I call 'the heart and soul of Catholic Knighthood: 1. for God and neighbor - we live and serve, and 2, by our 'deeds' shall our Knighthood be known.

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BISHOP'S FUND 2017... ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ONE FAMILY

Bishop's Fund keeps Guggenheim in good shape

By James Crowley
Diocesan chancellor

Many wonder whether the Diocese of Ogdensburg needs facilities like Guggenheim. The calendar opens camp Memorial Day and closes Columbus Day. Before the season opens, all the requests to use the facilities provide quite a challenge to accommodate various groups.

As keeper of the calendar, I assure you the Dorm and Lodge have no openings during the summer and few in the fall. In 2017, the close of camp was extended for one late retreat.

The Guggenheim Center has an original Adirondack great camp and a separate dormitory style camp on the shores of beautiful Lower Saranac Lake.

Edmond Guggenheim, son of poor Swiss immigrants who later built Anaconda Copper, purchased the property in 1917. Eventually, two small older camps were removed and replaced by the Lodge and Boathouse and became Camp Rockledge. In 1963, Edmund, a Jew, donated the property to the Diocese of Ogdensburg and helped to build the "Dorm" side of camp. After his death in 1972, the camp was renamed after its benefactor.

That same summer Camp Guggenheim hosted the first summer camp. In this 46th year, Summer Camp and nineteen staff led by Kelly Donnelly hosted 339 children ages 12 to 16 over six weeks.

Three Family camp sessions will host dozens of families including an all vol-

unteer staff led by Dayna Leader and Steve Tartaglia.

Other retreats held in the Dorm included numerous school and youth groups. Most of these groups come from within the Diocese, but one class retreat hails from the Pittsburgh area.

The Lodge will host over two dozen separate events. Some of these last a few hours, most are multiple days.

Where could the Diocese host these events without the Guggenheim Center?

The maintenance of 125 acres of Adirondack forest land, the original Lodge, boathouse and outbuildings along with the dorm, dining hall, "In" and garage provides a challenge balancing efficient and judicious use of resources while respecting the beautiful Adirondack environment and the

Great Camp heritage and providing a safe space for old and young to experience the Guggenheim Center.

Edmund's donation provides a beautiful and holy space for Summer Camp, Family Camp and the numerous retreats and gatherings.

Mr. Ralph Bennett, the Center's director, and contracted, local companies provide the needed expertise and experience to keep the camp healthy in the face of the beautiful and harsh Adirondack environment.

Major projects the past few years included new shingle roofs on the original buildings to keep them dry and authentic. Last year saw new metal roofs on the dorm, kitchen, In, and several small sheds. The winter of 2016 - 2017 created unusually high ice destroying


several piers supporting the boathouse.

The long term solution requires replacing all the lake facing supports.


The fees charged to groups using the Guggenheim Center cover the day-to-day expenses of maintenance, supplies and payroll.

Following his predecessors' lead, Bishop LaValley continues a policy to keep fees affordable by supporting the major projects, like those listed, through an annual grant from the Bishop's Fund.

It is only through your generous gift to the Bishop's Fund that we can respect the history of the Lodge healthy, provide a safe and modern space for large groups in the Dorm and keep the Guggenheim Center our home on the lake.



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Father Clyde Lewis oversees cleanup after parish fire... again

Recovery begins for Rouses Point church

By Shan Moore
Staff Writer

ROUSES POINT — St. Patrick's Church here is undergoing repair after a recent fire in its north tower.

Just a few years ago, the former St. Mary's Academy in Champlain went up in flames.

Fire in north tower of St. Patrick's Church causes damage from fire, smoke, water

Father Clyde Lewis is pastor of both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's, so it was inevitable that someone would ask the question: "Do fires follow you around, Father?"

The priest had to chuckle as he repeated that query from a parishioner.

"In all the time I've been a priest," he said wryly, "yes."

Father Lewis's first assignment after ordainment was St. Bernard's Parish in Saranac Lake.

He arrived there in 1965, and soon afterwards the church burned down.

"It was arson," he said.

Churches in Watertown and Ogdensburg must have had a little more divine protection, for they remained standing during Father



Firefighters start cleaning up after the fire in the north tower of St. Patrick's Church in Rouses Point. Damage from smoke, flames and water was considerable in the tower, the choir loft stairs and ceilings in both the lobby and basement Parish Hall.

Lewis's assignments there.

And while there was no fire at St. Augustine's in Peru during his pastorship there, he led the way for the church, parish center and convent to be razed.

"The church was too small," he said. "(Plattsburgh Air Force Base) was growing

— the parish was doubling."

So new facilities rose to replace the outdated ones.

"Then I came here," Father Lewis said from St. Mary's Rectory in Champlain. "We all know what happened to St. Mary's (Academy)."

The priest recalled his years at those other parishes

even as he planned for St. Patrick's repair.

He didn't know how long the work on this latest disaster would take, but during that time, Masses will be celebrated at St. Mary's in the Village of Champlain.

So for now, the schedule is 4 and 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays.

The flames, along with smoke and water, caused considerable damage in the church, Father Lewis said.

"It had been smoldering quite a while," he said of the fire, which seemed to have started due to frayed wiring that powers the carillon.

"We'll probably have to replace two speakers for the carillon," he said.

Tommy Laundrie, a former Rouses Point police officer, spotted smoke drifting from the tower on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 2.

He called 911, and fire crews mobilized.

"They responded quickly," Father Lewis said.

But while the fire was knocked down fast, water from fire hoses took down a couple of ceilings in the tower; they collapsed on firefighters, who weren't injured.

"Water was like a river coming down from the choir loft," Father Lewis said, and so that stairway has to be replaced. Water flowed into the space above the ceiling in the church lobby, so those tiles will need replacing. And it also damaged the ceiling in the basement-level Parish Hall.

"If there's fire up in the tower, you have to use water," the priest said philosophically.

PM Leary Restoration is doing the cleanup and repair work. "They did it at (St. Mary's) rectory after the flood," the priest said.

Yes, he has dealt with flooding, too.

Warning that emergency in the rectory came from an alarm system that also alerted church leaders to excessive carbon monoxide released by the church boiler.

Had the water risen without interruption, the priest said, it might have topped off at 4 feet.

"Thank God, we had the alarm," Father Lewis said.

Even so, the rectory needed some \$30,000 in repairs.

And during that renovation, it was realized the electrical plugs and rectory were miswired, another disaster waiting to happen.

And the priest caught the signs of another pending crisis, this one in St. Mary's Church sanctuary.

"We were blowing (light) bulbs — I knew something was wrong there."

The man called to look at the issue discovered the wires were badly frayed.

"He said, 'God must be in this church because it should have burned down.'"



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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope amends church law on Mass translations

MEDELLIN, Colombia (CNS) -- In changes to the Code of Canon Law regarding translations of the Mass and other liturgical texts, Pope Francis highlighted respect for the responsibility of national and regional bishops' conferences. The changes, released by the Vatican Sept. 9 as Pope Francis was traveling in Colombia, noted the sometimes tense relationship between bishops' conferences and the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments over translations of texts from Latin to the bishops' local languages. The heart of the document, which applies only to the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, changes two clauses in Canon 838 of the Code of Canon Law. The Vatican no longer will "review" translations submitted by bishops' conferences, but will "recognize" them. And rather than being called to "prepare and publish" the translations, the bishops are to "approve and publish" them. Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the worship congregation, said under the new rules, the Vatican's "confirmatio" of a translation is "ordinarily granted based on trust and confidence," and "supposes a positive evaluation of the faithfulness and congruence of the texts produced with respect to the typical Latin text." Pope Francis made no announcement of immediate changes to the translations currently in use. The document is titled "Magnum Principium" ("The Great Principle") and refers to what Pope Francis called the "great principle" of the Second Vatican Council that the liturgy should be understood by the people at prayer, and therefore bishops were asked to prepare and approve translations of the texts.

Judicial group launches ads opposing 'religious litmus test'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Washington-based Judicial Crisis Network Sept. 15 launched a 10-day digital ad campaign objecting to a U.S. Democratic senator grilling a Catholic judicial nominee Sept. 6 about what impact her faith would have on her interpretation of the law. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, spurred outrage about possible religious tests for judicial appointees with the questions she put to Amy Coney Barrett, nominee for a seat on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Judicial Crisis Network, a group that describes itself as dedicated to strengthening liberty and justice in America, called Feinstein's grilling of the nominee "disgusting and repulsive." The ad, under the headline "Catholics Need Not Apply," is appearing on YouTube and Twitter and also can be viewed at <https://judicialnetwork.com/multimedia>. "This is going to be known as 'Feinstein's Folly.' Her line of questioning reeked of 'No Catholics Need Apply,' while ignoring Professor Barrett's stellar qualifications, experience and fierce commitment to defending the Constitution," said Carrie Severino, the network's chief counsel and policy director. "Feinstein was fundamentally at odds with our constitutional commitment to religious freedom, not to mention politically tone-deaf," she said in a statement. "More than one out of every five Americans is Catholic, and that includes a growing Latino population. A nominee's faith should have nothing to do with his or her qualifications to be a federal judge. Period."

N.Y. court ruling that upholds ban on physician- assisted suicide welcomed

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) -- The director of pro-life activities for the New York State Catholic Conference applauded the state's highest court for unanimously determining that the state constitution does not include a fundamental right to physician-assisted suicide.

Kathleen M. Gallagher said the New York Court of Appeals "wisely determined that New York's law prohibiting assisted suicide applies to everyone, including those physicians who may wish to assist their patients' death."

In an 81-page decision Sept. 7 in the case, *Myers v. Schneiderman*, the court said state law prohibiting physician-assisted suicide stems from "legitimate government interests" to protect human life.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman was the principal defendant in the case.

The court ruled 5-0 - with two judges not participating in the case - that there is a distinction between a patient refusing life-sustaining treat-

ment, which is allowed under state law, and a physician working to hasten the death of a mentally competent patient wishing to end their life because of a terminal illness.

The judges said that the plaintiffs in the case could best address their arguments to the state legislature.

Gallagher said in a statement released soon after the decision became public that the Catholic Church has long recognized a patient's right to refuse life-sustaining treatment, but has never supported physician-assisted suicide.

"The decision is a significant victory for those who would be most at risk of abuse and most susceptible to pressure to take their own lives, including the isolated elderly, persons with disabilities, and those who are depressed and overcome with hopelessness," Gallagher said.

"Twenty years ago, in *Vacco v. Quill*, the United States Supreme Court declared that physician-assisted suicide is

not a constitutional right and, with this decision, the New York State Court of Appeals agrees," she added.

The case was filed in 2015 by three terminally ill patients and doctors who care for them. It was filed to prevent state prosecutors from filing criminal charges against physicians providing mentally competent, rapidly deteriorating patients with drugs to assist in their suicides.

The plaintiffs did not claim that any New York doctor was prosecuted for assisted suicide, but they filed the case to seek a ruling to clarify that state law against the practice was not meant to apply to trained doctors providing aid in dying to terminally ill patients who had given their approval.

Since the filing, the ruling said, two of the plaintiffs have died and the third is in remission from cancer.

States where physician-assisted suicide is legal are California, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.

Seeks aid for hurricane victims

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington has asked his fellow bishops around the country to take up an emergency collection in their dioceses during weekend Masses Sept. 23-24 to help those recovering from devastation wrought by Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and the southeastern region of the United States.

"While emergency outreach was immediate, we know that the road to recovery and the rebuilding of communities will be long and additional support will

be needed," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston in a statement issued late Sept. 14.

Special collections set in parishes across Diocese of Ogdensburg

The funds collected "will be used in the affected areas to support humanitarian aid, assistance with long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the church in U.S. and the

Caribbean," he said.

Cardinal DiNardo acknowledged that his call "comes on the heels" of the emergency collection for victims of Hurricane Harvey, which hit Texas and Louisiana and held on for days before moving inland. Harvey, too, "caused catastrophic damage and compelled us to respond," he said.

"Likewise, Hurricane Irma has been devastating and our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean, especially the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and the southern U.S. need our help," the cardinal said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

To act as God acts... to think as God thinks

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" God tells us.

Today's Gospel is a very good illustration of this truth. If a union boss were to hear this in Church this Sunday, he might have a stroke! "Unfair!", we cry at the first hearing.

Then, as we cool down and think, we have to admit that the landowner has a point in his defense. It's his money, and he can do what he wants with it.

Actually, the grumbling of

those who had worked a full day was their problem.

They were envious, and envy is a very human vice.

Since it's a parable told by Jesus, the landowner is obviously God...and God always wins. No, God sees a lot of things differently than we do!

Now we really have to face the lesson of the day - if my ways of thinking and judging are truly far from the Lord's way, then I must have some adjusting to do!

Perhaps I need to work

harder in the areas of forgiveness, mercy, and generosity, to mention a few.

St. Paul urges the Philippians today to conduct themselves in a way that is "worthy of the gospel of Christ".

If I'm honest, I have to admit that I demand apologies more than I give them. And I don't want to be the one to go first. That leads me to harbor grudges, to make mountains out of molehills, and so extend the hurt into months and years, when I could end the whole thing quickly by reconciling immediately.

How sad to see a son or a daughter keep their dis-

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Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

tance from a dying parent, even refusing to attend the funeral! It happens! ,

And how many times have I waited to reconcile until it was too late? The pain and stress on both parties is so unnecessary. Both are the losers.

To forgive is to be free, and to free the other person as well. Once we have rec-

onciled with a friend who has offended us, or whom we have offended, we open the way to form a new and closer relationship. And that could give us joy for years....instead of prolonged stress and unhappiness.

To think as God thinks requires openness and a broad vision, free of self-pity and selfish brooding. It takes a habit of gratitude. It means sitting down and reflecting, "What does God want me to do in this situation? It takes courage and humility and the grace to act this way. It helps if we just ask a simple question, "What would Jesus do?"



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MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Understanding sex to be 'in accord with reason'

An article published in 2012 in *The Atlantic* described the sexual practices of the Aka and Ngandu people who live in the tropical forests of central Africa. Researchers Barry and Bonnie Hewlett, anthropologists from Washington State University, found that married Aka and Ngandu men and women consistently reported having sex multiple times in a single night.

They also discovered that practices of, and even the concepts of, homosexuality and masturbation appeared to be largely unknown to the groups:

"In both cultures, men and women view sexual intercourse as a kind of 'work of the night.' The purpose of this work is the production of children - a critical matter in an area with a very high infant mortality rate. Semen is understood by the Aka and Ngandu to be necessary not only to conception, but also to fetal development. A woman who is already pregnant will see having inter-

course as contributing to the health of her fetus. The Aka and Ngandu speak of sex as 'searching for children'... Said one Aka woman, 'It is fun to have sex, but it is to look for a child.' Meanwhile, a Ngandu woman confessed, 'after losing so many infants I lost courage to have sex.'

Is the strong cultural focus on sex as a reproductive tool the reason masturbation and homosexual practices seem to be virtually unknown among the Aka and Ngandu? That isn't clear. But the Hewletts did find that their informants - whom they knew well from years of field work 'were not aware of these practices, did not have terms for them,' and, in the case of the Aka, had a hard time even understanding about what the researchers were asking when they asked about homosexual behaviors."

Modern-day Western societies, meanwhile, have adopted an alternative un-

derstanding of sexuality, one that leans heavily on adjectives like "pleasure-seeking" or even "recreational," quite distinct from the category of a "search for children."

They feature practices of contraception, male and female sterilizations, abortions, and the sanctioning of homosexual, masturbatory, and other non-procreative sexual behaviors.

In earlier times, however, Western views more closely resembled those of the Aka and Ngandu, especially in recognizing the fundamental orientation of sexuality towards the good of offspring. The Catholic Church has long affirmed that married love has a twofold significance, being ordered both toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

once noted that nature intends, in broad strokes, not only the generation of children, but also their

"carrying forth and promotion all the way to the perfect state of man as man" — in other words, both the engendering and conscientious raising of children. Recognizing this natural ordering towards "mature offspring" also points to certain natural inclinations that prompt

men and women to protect and care for their children: we are inclined to have sexual relations; we are inclined to be certain that the child we are going to be committed to is our own, and to care for that child continually; and we are inclined to remain with the mother/father of that child, sharing a life of mutual assistance marked by true friendship in the commitment of marriage. Nature



Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk
Ph.D.

has given us these inclinations to serve the good of the species and our personal good.

If human sexuality is properly understood as directed towards bringing forth life within marriage, this raises the possibility that other non-procreative uses of the generative power of man would constitute an inappropriate use of this human faculty, something the Christian tradition has affirmed and commonly taught.

Certain types of sexual activity have always been seen, to borrow the Latin phrase, as "contra naturam" (against nature), that is to say, performed in such a way that generation cannot follow. Among such practices would be included masturbation, sodomy, and bestiality. Certain other types of sexual activity, while not contrary to nature in that sense, are still opposed to the order of reason, because the act is done

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AT THE MOVIES

It

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Moviegoers looking for nothing more than to be unsettled will likely be satisfied with the horror adaptation "It" (Warner Bros.). However, while director Andy Muschietti's generally effective screen version of Stephen King's 1986 novel promotes friendship and fear-conquering solidarity, it also includes some grisly sights that, taken together with other elements, make it suitable for few.

Set in a small Maine town in the late 1980s - the novel took place in the 1950s - the film finds an ensemble of middle-school kids being preyed on by a demonic clown called Pennywise (twitchy Bill Skarsgard) and by other manifestations of evil.

The youngsters, led by stutterer Bill Denbrough (Jaeden Lieberher) and Beverly Marsh (Sophia Lillis), a girl with a dark domestic secret, are bound together by

their status as outsiders. Thus they christen themselves the Losers' Club. Other members include overweight Ben (Jeremy Ray Taylor), bespectacled Richie (Finn Wolfhard) and under-sized hypochondriac Eddie (Jack Dylan Grazer).

For Bill, the struggle against Pennywise has a special urgency since he suspects (as the audience knows, correctly) that the malevolent jester was behind the disappearance of his little brother, Georgie (Jackson Robert Scott).

The early scene in which Pennywise deploys rows of fangs to bite Georgie's arm off marks a notable departure from the movie's generally restrained approach to mayhem.

Screenwriters Chase Palmer, Cary Fukunaga and Gary Dauberman emphasize the camaraderie uniting the youthful crusaders as they battle their occult opponents.

By unwelcome contrast, though, the script ranges virtually all adults on the

side of darkness - Beverly's unnamed father (Stephen Bogaert) is particularly villainous.

Matching Georgie's dismemberment is a sequence in which Muschietti does to Beverly's bathroom what Stanley Kubrick did to the elevators of the Overlook Hotel in another Stephen King property, 1980's "The Shining" -- flooding the place in gallons of gore.

Though such moments are rare, they are sufficiently excessive to deter even a large swath of grownups.

Additionally, there's a nasty undertone to some of the dialogue since the lads of the Losers' Club revel in exchanging sexual insults, including jibes aimed at one another's female relatives.

An underwear-clad dip in the local quarry also affords the boys a chance to ogle the contents of Beverly's bra.

Though their fascination is played for laughs, it registers as something more than innocent curiosity.



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Bill Skarsgard stars in a scene from the movie "It."

The film contains mature themes, including implied incestuous child sexual abuse, occasional bloody violence and disturbing images, intermittent sexual humor, a few uses of profanity, pervasive rough and frequent crude language and obscene gestures.

The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Understanding

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in a way that the due care and education of children is not provided for. This is implied, for example, when men and women who are not married to each other engage in sexual relations, as in situations of adultery, fornication, incest or sexual assault.

St. Thomas noted that the sexual act is one to which we humans, like all animals, are naturally inclined, and as such it would be a grave error to assert that the act could be evil in itself. Nevertheless, the manner in which the act takes place and the details surrounding


it are essential to determining whether the act occurs in an authentically human way, that is to say, in a way that is "secundum naturam" (in accord with nature) and in accord with the dictates of reason.

—
Father Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.nbc-center.org

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BLESSING OF THE ROSES

Saranac Lake - The Secular Discalced Carmelites are holding their annual Blessing of The Roses in devotion to St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Bernard's Church

Features: The holy hour includes Adoration, Vespers, and Benediction. Blessed roses will be distributed to participants; light refreshments

Contact: John Miner at jminer@roadrunner.com

CLINTON

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.

ESSEX

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Elizabethtown - St. Elizabeth's Church will hold its annual Harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-13, \$5; under 5, Free

FRANKLIN

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: Call 518-483-2780 to order your take-out.

HOLY HARVEST FESTIVAL

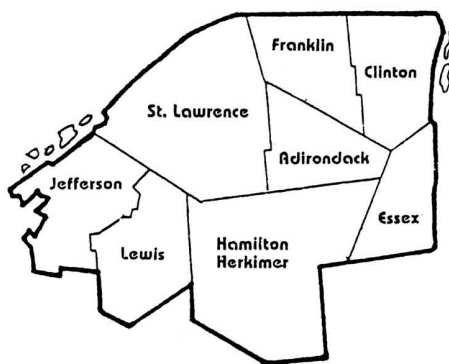
Malone - St. André Bessette Parish to have its Holy Harvest Festival

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 12 p.m. to 3

Place: Holy Family School

Features: A harvest dinner featuring smoked pulled pork, potato salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rolls and dessert will begin at noon. Cost for the meal: Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$8; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free. Take-outs will be



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

available. Entertainment by the Old Timer's Band. Harvest table filled with goodies, children's games & activities and a raffle with a \$1,000 first prize

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: A Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Sony Pulickal. More information will be available in church bulletins.

DISCERNMENT MEETING

Long Lake - Fishers Club, an organization for men considering a vocation to the priesthood will meet.

Dates: Oct. 1, Nov. 26, Dec. 3

Place: St. Henry's Church

Features: The group meets on Sunday afternoon for discernment, Evening Prayer and dinner; each gathering is facilitated by a priest. High school juniors and older men invited to attend.

Contact: Fr. Howard Venette pastor.stbarts@roadrunner.com 315-369-3554

JEFFERSON

CATHOLICISM CLASSES

Evans Mills - Indian River Knights of Columbus will be offering the final six lessons of Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism series in weekly classes.

Date: Beginning Sept. 20

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Workbooks available for \$20 but anyone can attend with or without one.

Features: DVD presentation followed by discussion of homework assignments. Although we completed the first four lessons some months ago, the episodic treatment of subjects makes it possible for new students to join without feeling they have missed essential material. These are informal presentations and include free refreshments.

CIDER DAYS

Sackets Harbor - Cider Days to be held at St. Andrew's Church.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 12 p.m. to 5

Features: games, food, and music.

ADORATION

Adams - The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Date: Sept. 23

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Cecilia's Church

Features: To pray for vocations

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - Bereavement meeting to be held.

Date: Sept. 25

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: SSJ Motherhouse

Speaker: James Monaco, Local psychoanalyst on "Mourning Your Loss"

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown - St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Society to hold spaghetti dinner.

Date: Sept. 28

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

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

Adams - The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity will celebrate the transitus of St. Francis to eternal life.

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

LEWIS

ADORATION

Lowville - One hour of exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, and benediction is set

Date: Sept. 21

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

Date: Oct. 1

Schedule: At 2:25 p.m. before the monthly devotions, we will view the DVD entitled, "God's Master Plan" from the Series: Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC. At 3 p.m. The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

TURKEY DINNER

Copenhagen - St. Mary's Annual Turkey Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 5

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Copenhagen Fire Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$4.50; Children under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$8

Features: Bazaar and Bake sale to be held. Raffle items and 50/50 Raffle

POLISH FEST

Houseville - St. Hedwig's to have Polish Fest.

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.

ST. LAWRENCE

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Massena - A cabbage roll sale to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Social Hall

Cost: \$4, Large; Please bring your own container.

CLM ASSOCIATION DINNER

Norfolk - Annual CLM (commissioned lay ministers) Association Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 11

Time: Begin with Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner.

Place: Parish of the Visitation

Cost: \$12 per person

Features: Dinner will be catered by Sergios. For all commissioned lay ministers and their spouses in St. Lawrence, Franklin and Adirondack Deaneries. The special guest speaker will be Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

Contact: Register by calling Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or e-mail jgrizzuto@rcdony.org. No registrations at the door.

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,

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Thoughts on the Missionary Cooperation plan

As the Summer of 2017 draws to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the Parishes and Pastors on West side of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for their participation in another successful Missionary Cooperation Plan. This past Summer brought fifteen Mission Aid Societies to the West side of the Diocese.

The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) introduces each parish to a real-life missionary who represents a mission cause from a faraway place.

In doing so, it serves as a preview and helps to prepare your parish for the celebration of World Mission Sunday in October.

It also makes the needs of the Missions more real and more personal, as the faithful of the parish have an opportunity to relate to this visiting missionary in a way that might otherwise be relegated to a bulletin or pulpit announcement.

Most diocesan mission directors agree that where there has been a successful and satisfying parish experience of participating in the MCP, the enthusiasm and response to Mission Appeals also improves.

The MCP offered an opportunity for the faithful in a parish to meet face to face a missionary or mission representative and to be educated about our mission vocation.

Hopefully parishioners were animated about the needs of the mission Church as they respond with prayers and material help. The invitation from the Holy Spirit to participate in the ongoing Pentecost.

The personal introduction of the missionary visitor by the pastor to parishioners goes a long way in relating the importance of the mission message to be given.

The faithful were encouraged to meet and greet the MCP visitor and extended personal words of welcome, as part of the mission experience

The success of the program, both in terms of animation and cooperation, depends heavily on the work of the pastor. Without their assistance and thoughtfulness, the Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) would not be the success that it is today. It is a program well worth cultivating and nourishing in every parish to help spread the good news of Jesus Love.

Again, my heart-felt thanks to all involved with making another Summer Mission Coop a great success.

This program is not perfect by any means. There are many moving parts and things to communicate and coordinate, but at the end of the day, it's mission accomplished.

The Spirit of the Mission lives on!

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
<http://www.rcdony.org/mission-office.html>

OBITUARIES

Carthage – Ernest J. Ricci, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chaumont – Richard J. Whattam, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2017 at the Becker-Cleveland Funeral Home; burial in Three Mile Bay Cemetery.

Dannemora – Doris (Broderick) Breyette, 97; Funeral Services St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Fort Covington – Margaret Ann (Rushlow) Safford, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2017 at the Cappello-McKenzie and Cosgrove Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Joan (Schmidt) Karaszkiwicz, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2017 at St. James Church.

Gouverneur – Kathleen (Martin) Norman, 59; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2017 at St. James Church.

Lake Placid – Barbara J. Nugent-Bitterman, 61; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2017 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Mooers Forks – Sue (Rabideau) Jodoin, 67; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2017 at St. Ann's Church.

Morrisonville – Elizabeth D. "Bessie" (Rivers) Reyell, 96; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Elaine "Katie" (Lovely) Chevrier, 64; Funeral Services Sept. 11, 2017 at Frary Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg – Teri Lyn (LaRose) Mashaw, 53; Funeral Services Sept. 11, 2017 at Notre Dame Church

Plattsburgh – Ronald J. "Ron" Miner, 59; Funeral Services Sept. 11, 2017 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Henry – Thomas J. DePaolis, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Jerrald "Jerry" N. Cherie, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church.

Sciota – Rita A. Drake, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2017 at St. Louis de France Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Star Lake – Barbara G. (Janack) Cole, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2017 at the French Funeral Home; burial in St. Hubert Cemetery.

Watertown – Rosalie Palumbo Cavise, 95; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Dr. Joven G. Kuan, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2017 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Watertown – Kevin J. Schenk, 54; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church.

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Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 8, 2017 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

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

The car this year is a 2017 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the form & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

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ST. LAWRENCE

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Ogdensburg – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 will be having an all you can eat spaghetti dinner.

Date: Sept. 22

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Seniors over 65, \$8
Children under 10, \$5; Under 5, Free

DIOCESAN EVENTS

LIFECAINS ACROSS DIOCESE

Lifecains are to be held across the diocese on Respect Life Sunday.

Date: Oct 1

Schroon Lake - 2 p.m. to 3, Rt 9. Main St & Fairfield Ave

Potsdam - 2 p.m. to 3, Market & Main St

Plattsburgh - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30, Smithfield Blvd

Saranac Lake - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30, River Street

Massena - 3 p.m. to 4, Main St. & Route 37

Features: Peaceful, prayerful, prolific witness, rain or shine. Signs provided.

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.

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

CELEBRATE CHRIST

Lake Placid - Join Catholics from the diocese at Celebrate Christ 2017.

Date: Oct. 21

Place: Crowne Plaza

Features: Chris Lowney author of five books, including the just-published *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church* is the keynote speaker. Chris has also authored the bestselling *Heroic Leadership* and *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*.

Contact: Registration information and a schedule for the day are available at www.rcdony.org/celebrate or by calling the Western Regional Faith Formation Office at (315) 782-3620. Registration for the event is required and must be made by Sept. 29.

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

BLUE MASS PREPARATIONS



In preparation for the upcoming Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass, members of the diocesan Blue Mass Committee recently met for planning with local law enforcement in Jefferson County. The Blue Mass will be offered by Bishop LaValley Oct. 1 at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown at 2:30 in prayerful support of the men and women serving in law enforcement and corrections in the diocese. Shown, from left, are Father Shane Lynch, (committee member), Jeff Co. Lt. Kevin Amann, Jeff Co. Under Sheriff Brian McDermott, Jeff Co. Sheriff Colleen O'Neill (committee member), Watertown Police Chief Charles Donoghue, RCMP Paul Fuhr, US Board Patrol PAIC Rodney Bentle, NYSDOC Dep. Supt. Stephen Woodard, USBP SBPA Brett Peryer, Father Chris Carrara (committee chair) and NYSP Capt. Darrin Pitkin.

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. More information concerning the Novena and special Marian Mass will be sent to the parishes in the coming weeks.

MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS

Ogdensburg - Bishop Terry LaValley will be celebrating the 2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: This Mass is for all couples celebrating their anniversaries. Family and friends are welcome to attend. A light reception will be held in the Brzana Hall directly after the Mass.

Contact: register through your parish by Sept. 8. For questions, please contact Renee Grizzuto at (315) 393-2920 or rgrizzuto@rcdony.org.

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake - One Family Guggenheim session remains

Dates: October 6 - October 8,

Features: weekend in the Adirondacks, family workshops, activities, liturgy special prayer services, outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball,

and hiking.

Contact: Register online at:

<http://www.rcdony.org/familylife.htm>

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Saranac Lake - Students in grades 9-12 are invited to register for YOUTH Lead, the annual leadership weekend held at Camp Guggenheim.

Date: Sept. 29 - Oct. 1

Cost: \$60

Contact: To register:

<http://rcdony.org/youth/leadership.html>

. For more information contact Kelly Donnelly at kdonnelly@rcdony.org.

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

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 per person, includes trans-

portation, 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 chaperones 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

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

SHRINE HARVEST DINNER

Isle La Motte, VT. - St. Anne's Shrine will hold its annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: Noon

Cost: Adults, \$11; Children 12 and under, \$6

Features: Turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Syracuse - The 2017 Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference, "In Search of a Servant's Heart," is set

Date: Oct. 28

Speakers: Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, Sister Ignatia Henneberry, OSF; and Michael Dopp.

Contact: see <http://www.syracuse-catholicwomen.org/>

JOB OPENING

Diocesan Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg has an immediate opening for the full-time position of **Diocesan Receptionist/Administrative Assistant**.

The Diocesan Receptionist/Administrative Assistant greets visitors to the Bishop Brzana Building and answers the telephone for the Diocesan Offices. The position will provide administrative support to the Chancellor and Moderator of the Curia. The Diocesan Receptionist/Administrative Assistant must possess strong interpersonal skills and good oral and written skills. Strong secretarial and computer skills are also required including knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook.

Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Deadline for application is September 30, 2017.