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Synod document: Listen to, support young people

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The Catholic Church and its members must get better at listening to young people, taking their questions seriously, recognizing them as members of the church, walking with them and offering guidance as they discern the best way to live their faith, the Synod of Bishops said.

While the synod's final document spoke of friendship, affection, sexuality and "sexual

inclinations," those issues were not the center of concern.

The synod, which began Oct. 3 and concluded with a Mass Oct. 28, brought together 267 voting members – cardinals, bishops, 18 priests and two religious brothers – and 72 experts and observers, including three dozen men and women under 30 to discuss "young people, the faith and vocational discernment."

For the vote on the final docu-

ment, 249 bishops and priests participated; two-thirds approval or 166 votes, were required to keep a paragraph in the document.

The focus of the final document was on improving ways to support young Catholics' baptismal call to holiness, to welcome the contributions they make to the church and help them in their process of growing in faith and in deciding the state of life that

would best correspond to what God wants from them.

The emphasis on the church listening to young people also led to an emphasis on the church listening to all people – including women – renewing communities and structures for a "synodal church" where all members listen to, support and challenge one another and share responsibility for the church's one mission of spreading the Gospel.

Audit: Diocese is Charter compliant

An independent audit has once again found the Diocese of Ogdensburg to be in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The Charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors.

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Father Christopher J. Looby has aided his young altar server, Gabe, to find comfort, love and acceptance in his parish community. Read the full story on Page 16.

STILL GOING STRONG



On a cold mid-October afternoon, Father Gilbert B. Menard walked into a classroom of 13 Confirmation students to give two hours of his time to teach the teens about the basics of the Mass. Father Menard turned 90 shortly after.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We truly appreciate our priests

We appreciate our priests. In fact, I think "appreciate" is an understatement. Inside this week's edition, you'll read stories of priests who have made a difference: priests who help women find healing after abortions, priests who are engaging youth and helping them find faith and love, priests who have helped their parishioners grow in their relationship with our loving God, and priests who continue to sacrifice for both God and the people they serve.

And these are just the stories that were offered up by our staff reporters or submit-

ted by readers to fill the limited space we have available.

Darcy L.
Fargo

Across the diocese, we have amazing priests doing amazing things. In addition to their duties celebrating Masses and administering the sacraments—pretty substantial duties in themselves, our priests are supporting events and organizations;

serving at parish events; teaching faith formation; ministering to the imprisoned, addicted, infirm and struggling; working at food pantries and charities that help those in need; writing

columns for this newspaper (thank you, Father Bill Muench and Msgr. Paul Whitmore); providing chaplain services for local law enforcement and emergency responders; attending meetings and serving on committees; and working in roles that support the diocese. That list is not nearly exhaustive, and it doesn't even begin to include the administrative duties involved in running a parish or multiple parishes.

And they do all these things with love, kindness, compassion and humor, often sacrificing what little downtime they have.

I'm blessed to be in a position that gives me opportuni-

ties to interact with priests across the diocese and watch them interact with the people around them. I can say with certainty that our priests are changing lives. They're reflecting Christ, and they're bringing people to Him.

Like I said, we appreciate our priests. We also love them.

I will note, despite our love for our priests, and I believe all our priests are loved, there are some who aren't mentioned in these pages. Despite best intentions, people forget to submit their ads or stories, and people miss the deadline.

These priests are loved nonetheless.

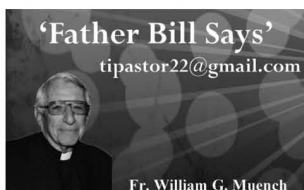
Saints remind us of our call to sanctity

The canonization of newly named saints is a powerful and important time for the Catholic Church. Recently, Pope Francis celebrated the canonization of seven saints. I also want to reaffirm that each day there are many new saints that enter Heavenly happiness. Most will not be canonized with a ceremony, but they are truly saints.

Our Catholic Church celebrates certain saints with canonization—a time to celebrate their lives and declare them models and examples for the whole Church and the whole world. Two of the recently canonized are well known to us all. There is Pope Paul VI. He was the Pope during the Second Vatican Council. He became important in enacting the many decisions of the Council.

Pope St. Paul VI was well-known for his holiness and his constant concern for the poor and the needy of the whole world.

Also canonized this month was Archbishop Oscar



Fr. William G. Muench

Romero. He was Archbishop of San Salvador, the capital city of the El Salvador. Bishop Romero proved to be a bold and vocal defender of the poor, challenging the injustices of the national ruling party.

His Sunday homilies drew large crowds to his Cathedral and were a constant disturbance to the government. He was murdered while celebrating Mass by a death squad.

He was a martyr. His memory continues to be strong throughout the Americas, and he is a patron to so many.

Watching this year's canonization ceremony, I remembered well that several years ago I attended a canonization Mass and ceremony at

St. Peter's Square. The Pope then was Pope Saint John Paul II. I was on sabbatical at the North American College, the seminary for the dioceses of the United States in Rome. I was among the nearly hundred priests who had volunteered to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at this Mass. I remember well the thousands of people that filled the square that day.

I do remember that one of those who were canonized that day was St. Baghita. Baghita was an African woman. She was thrown into slavery as a child, then saved and taken by a diplomatic family to Italy in their service.

There, she met the Canossian Sisters. She joined that religious congregation. She became well known for her holiness and her unselfish care for others. Since then, I have met some Canossian Sisters. St. Baghita continues to be honored in a special way.

My experience at that canonization Mass continues to be a very memorable for me. Each of us priests were given a ciborium filled with hosts. We stood around the Papal altar as Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Mass.

At Communion time, we were then led out to bring Holy Communion to all those people. It was quite a day for me.

I want to add to this short meditation on canonization: canonization is not only for ordained clergy—Popes, Bishops, priests. Over the years, many lay Catholics have been recognized for their holiness and sanctity.

This year, one of the seven who was canonized was a young man, who died at the age of 19. He was an Italian named Nunzio Suprizio. I don't know much of his story. He was obviously holy; he passed the various tests of the Congregation of his holiness. He is a reminder that we are all called to sanctity.

WE APPRECIATE OUR PRIESTS

‘I like the way you are a priest’

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

MALONE – “I like the way you are a priest.” Overheard after Mass, this comment sparked some serious thinking. What, exactly, about Father Joseph W. Giroux, pastor of St. André Bessette Parish, prompted such a whole-hearted response?

Maybe it is his own whole-heartedness? Whether celebrating the sacraments, listening attentively to a parishioner, preaching courageously about the abuse crisis, or charitably working through difficult parish issues, Father Giroux remains focused on the love of God and the needs of his people. This focus, and Father’s fidelity to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, has birthed several initiatives intended to lead people closer to God. There is renewed emphasis on Eucharistic Adoration, with seven hours each week and Hearts on Fire, an hour of Adoration/Praise and Worship, every First Friday.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been highlighted through catechesis and increased availability of confessions. Father Giroux also introduced the Liturgy of Hours into parish life, with Evening Prayer every Tuesday; additional hours are prayed during Holy Week. Also noteworthy has been the creation of André’s Brothers, a group of men who have gathered weekly for prayer, study, and faith formation; Father Giroux has been highly supportive of a similar group for women, St. Catherine of Siena Scripture Sisters.



Father Joseph W. Giroux, pastor of St. André Bessette Parish in Malone, baptizes Bryce Duso, son of Andrew and Brittany Duso.

As many parishioners attest, Father Giroux embodies a truth spoken by St. John Vianney: “The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you.”

Dan Andrews notes, “Father Joe has a great reverence for the Holy Eucharist. You can just see the awe and love in his face when he consecrates the Body and Blood of Christ. He finds joy in celebrating the sacraments. When my mother was in the nursing home, she had several spells when she could have died. When I asked Father to administer Last Rites, he went each time with-

out complaint. Mom got great comfort from those visits.”

In addition, says Mr. Andrews, “Father Joe – with wisdom and a heart of gold – has helped me more than I can say. When I volunteer, I notice that he gives me tasks that benefit me spiritually. Father Joe builds people up.”

Dave Petrelli agrees. “Father Joe has been able to shepherd us and provide the environment and opportunity for growth in faith, and for living out the faith,” he said. “There is a lot of noise and distraction in our world, so it’s imperative to have someone to guide us in seeking the truth. Father Joe is highly knowledgeable while pro-

viding inspiration and influence. Through him, the Holy Spirit helps us grow.”

Mr. Petrelli is grateful for specific growth opportunities.

“These initiatives have been tremendously beneficial to me,” he said. “Prior to Hearts on Fire Adoration, I cannot say that I really attended Adoration or really felt the presence of God. But there is a definite Presence there, and now I don’t want to miss Adoration opportunities. I have found Evening Prayer extremely fulfilling. Before this, I did not even know the Liturgy of the Hours existed. Now daily I participate in at least one prayer; many days I do several; good days, I do them all. Men’s group is very important to me, and to parish growth. Exposure to all of this has been enormously faith-enriching and strengthening for me and my family.”

Linda Boussey, too, has benefitted from Father Giroux’s pastoral care.

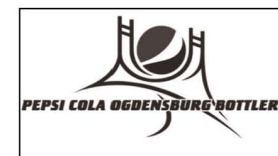
“Father’s compassion and knowledge really stand out to me,” she said. “I had been away from the Church for 50 years, but I was attending Sunday Mass to bring my elderly aunt. Because of Father Joe’s sermons, I wanted to rejoin the Church. I called him, and we had a long conversation. I thought I was probably excommunicated, but Father Joe laughed and said I just needed to make a sincere confession! He told me how to go about it, and he answered all my questions. He was there the night I went to confession; after-

wards, he hugged me and said, “Welcome home!” If he had not been so welcoming, I don’t think I would have done it. I thank God for him every day in my prayers.”

For Ms. Boussey, that was only the beginning.

“I’ve enjoyed the Hearts on Fire service every month,” she said. “Adoration and the Scripture Sisters group sessions are now an important part of my life. Father Joe has also recommended books and CDs to help me understand our faith. But I enjoy his sermons most. He ‘humanizes’ the Bible, making it much more understandable and enjoyable. Going to confession is not a chore; we talk, and he helps me see things about myself I hadn’t realized.”

Joe and Kathleen and Nichols affirm these experiences. “Our parish has been blessed by Father Joe’s priesthood, and through all the many opportunities he has established for the faithful to grow in both faith and fellowship. His focus is entirely on the spiritual growth of every soul entrusted to his care. Our own family has been blessed with both healing and renewal through Father Joe’s prayers, guidance and counseling. We especially appreciate Father’s witness of total self-giving, faith, trust, and courage as he leads St. André’ Bessette Parish. Thank you, Father Joe!”



WE APPRECIATE OUR PRIESTS

Father Reilly, Father Stitt lead healing ministry

By Colleen Miner
Staff Writer

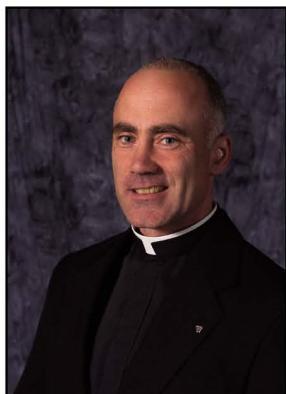
Our diocese is fortunate to have two priests trained for Rachel's Vineyard Ministry, Father Bryan D. Stitt, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Canton and Father Mark R. Reilly, pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Massena.

The pastors are part of the after-abortion healing retreat team and serve the whole weekend, offering Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. It's a blessing that many retreat locations do not have.

Father Reilly said he got involved in the ministry, which began in our diocese 11 years ago, because it "seemed like something necessary, if we are to be credible and convincing."

"That is, if we want to be heard as witnesses to the value of life in the womb, we need to also demonstrate the value of the life of those who have been hurt by the tragic choice of abortion as well," Father Reilly said. "The healing mercy of Christ, I'm convinced, must be proclaimed hand-in-hand with our firm and clear rejection of abortion."

"In a world where sound bites beat out conversations nine times out of 10, Rachel's Vineyard offers the whole story," added Father Stitt. "We don't do so to make excuses or to pretend that something devastating didn't happen, but to respect the dignity of every person that comes to us, we share our stories and give a warm and loving setting in which others can share theirs. That's great all by itself, but anyone who unplugs for a weekend can do that. We do it with

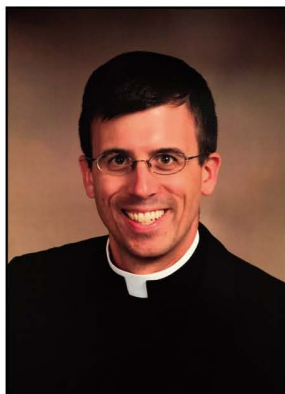


Father Mark R. Reilly

Christ, His Word and His Sacraments. We invite Christ into the stories of these women's and men's lives and rediscover that He has always been a part of ours."

The Diocese of Ogdensburg offers two Rachel's Vineyard healing retreats each year - spring and fall. Both are held at the Guggenheim Lodge in Saranac Lake, which serves as a beautiful and confidential location. Men and women who have experienced abortion or miscarriage loss are welcome to participate in the weekend which begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon.

"Every person needs the mercy of God - none of us are exempt from that," Father Reilly said. "What I find to be the case, so often, is that women who have had an abortion, or women and men who have participated in abortion in other ways, feel as though they committed 'the unforgivable sin.' They have a devastating sense that they went beyond the reach of God's mercy, forgiveness, and healing. I have found Rachel's Vineyard to be incredibly helpful in bringing someone along the



Father Bryan D. Stitt

path toward re-claiming a sense that she or he is loved, is valued, and is offered a 'new life' again in Christ - no matter where they have been or what they have done. Any time we help someone come to a place in their spiritual lives where they can realize and embark on a new relationship with God and others (including their children lost to abortion and/or miscarriage), we have taken another big step in the work of building up and healing the Church, the Body of Christ."

International Rachel's Vineyard holds periodic training conferences for those who minister in the vineyard. In September, the Diocese of Ogdensburg Rachel's Vineyard team members were able to attend. It was Father Reilly's first Leadership Conference.

"I found the conference to have been helpful in some practical ways," he said. "We had the benefit of hearing from a wide variety of experts in various fields, from psychology, to spiritual direction, to substance abuse counseling, and so on. It was almost an 'embarrassment of riches' when we had so

many different options to choose from in the breakout sessions."

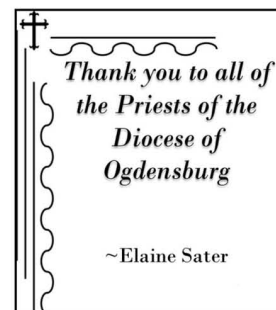
When asked if he had a chance to chat with other clergy involved in Rachel's Vineyard and if they shared similar insights, Father Reilly said, "I did speak with other priests and a few deacons while there. We didn't get too specific on things, except to compare notes a bit with particular problems and how they were handled on RV retreats, and some 'best practices' when dealing with the unique issues that can come with this kind of ministry. It was encouraging and uplifting, really, talking with them. I was particularly impressed with a few priests who were there from Kamloops, a city out west in British Columbia. They're ministering in a much more rural locale than ours - and that's saying something - and they were really great to talk with."

When asked why he sees Rachel's Vineyard as a valuable ministry, Father Stitt said, "to be able to share the revolutionary Good News is the desire of every priest. We long to share Christ in Word and Sacrament with a people that hungers for Him. That's what happens at RV retreats. People don't cross the threshold because they've got it all together - for some there has been a lot of healing before they come to us, and for others there is a lot of raw emotion still at the surface. They come to us because they are hungering for hope, healing, and (if they can put a name to it), for Christ Himself. To be a part of sharing that is a distinct honor and even a joy.

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are about healing from a loss, it's true. But they're also about acknowledging a hunger that has always been there in each of our lives."

When asked what Father Mark Reilly would say to someone suffering after an abortion, he said, "You're worth it. You're worth the time and attention that you'd receive at a Rachel's Vineyard - given without any judgement or condemnation - because you are worth it to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. He gave himself up for you, just as much as for anyone else. He wants you to receive mercy, healing, new life. You are worth it! You may feel overwhelmed, or numb, right now - what God wants for you is to let him shoulder that burden with you, to walk with you, to save you and give you a new life going forward. You're worth it!"

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held in our diocese Spring 2019. Registration is online through the Respect Life Office www.rcdony.org/prolife. For more information or to find a location outside of our diocese, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. Don't suffer alone. Help and healing is available.



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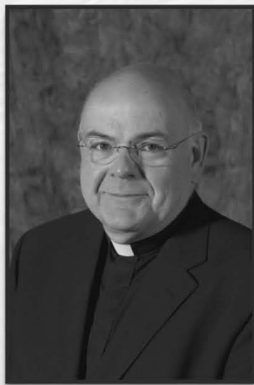
Father Martin Cline,
*We appreciate you saying yes to our
Lord's call to be a priest.*

From Deacon Larry & Vickie Ambeau

Father Garry Giroux

We thank you for the many hours of prayer and sacrifice you give so freely to teach, console, council, administer the sacraments and maintain our beautiful churches.

- The Parishioners of St. Patrick's, Brasher Falls and St. Lawrence, North Lawrence



*Thank you Msgr. Aucoin
for joining our parish
communities.*

*We look forward to your
spiritual leadership and vast
knowledge to make our
parishes even stronger.*

*~St. Joseph's, St. Mary's
& St. Theresa's*

*Fr. Douglas
Decker,
Thank you for all
you do!*

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Father Mickey Demo,

We truly appreciate that you have joined our Catholic Community together AND especially encouraging our Catholic Youth & Young Adults to get involved. Thank you for all you do.

God Bless!

~Stan & Barb Rock



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WE APPRECIATE OUR PRIESTS

Sixty years of priesthood and still going strong

Patricia Marie
Contributing Writer

Keeseville— There are some people who love, even thrive, on sharing their gifts and talents. No matter how many candles are on their birthday cake, they want to serve others by continuing to share their knowledge.

On a cold, blustery mid-October afternoon, Father Gilbert B. Menard walked into a classroom of 13 Confirmation students to give two hours of his time to teach the teens about the basics of the Mass.

Today however, is a little more special than previous classes, because Father Menard will turn 90 years old in a few days.

Father Gibby, as he is affectionately known, has been a priest for 63 years. Although well beyond retirement, he is beloved in Keeseville. When the community's current pastor, Father Kris C. Lauzon is away, Father Menard celebrates Mass in both churches of the parish, St. John the Baptist Church and Church of the Immaculate Conception, and offers the scheduled daily Masses and/or weekend Masses.

Father Menard taught at Mater Dei College and at Wadhams Hall. Between the two colleges, he taught three languages: Greek, Latin and French. When the colleges closed, he became a parish priest, occasionally teaching a course in the public schools in the same communities in which he served. Additionally, he worked with individuals who wanted to become Catholic.

Five years ago, the Confirmation program director, who knew Father Menard quite well,



A longtime teacher, Father Gilbert B. Menard teaches Confirmation class once a year in Keeseville.

wanted to tap into his immense experiences as a priest and teacher, so he invited Father Menard to speak at one of the confirmation classes.

The students enjoyed Father's stories and his method of teaching. Consequently, it's become a yearly tradition to have Father Menard teach one class each year.

In his teachings, Father always includes his love for Our Blessed Mother and her Rosary, and he strongly encourages everyone, especially the students to do the same.

As Father Menard explained the parts of the Mass during class, he told the young students that knowing their faith was extremely important, because they could evangelize others just by their words and actions, which is driven by knowledge of their faith.

One of Father Menard's teaching gifts involve his keen memory, as he often relates stories to the students about many of his own experiences as a priest to help illustrate a specific point.

One such example was that as a young priest, he was called to a local hospital to administer the Anointing of the Sick to a parishioner, who was in danger of dying.

In those days, there were usually two beds to a hospital room, divided by only a thin curtain. Almost any conversation could be easily overheard

by the patient's hospital roommate.

After listening to the words of the Sacramental Rite for the sick man, the parishioner's roommate told Father Menard that, although he wasn't Catholic, he was touched by the words he heard and wanted the same thing for himself.

As Father Menard ex-

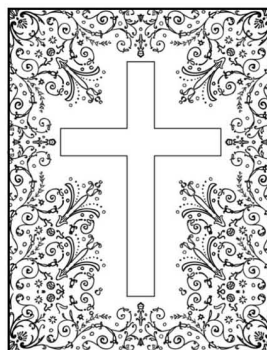
plained the sacrament's purpose, the man was impressed and wanted to learn more. Since the two men shared the same hospital room, the parishioner was able to answer questions, because he knew his faith. Eventually his roommate became Catholic.

A second story Father told the students was as a parish priest, he would use his homilies as an opportunity to teach the children about the Sunday Gospel. He would often direct his comments to teach the little ones.

In doing so, the parents learned more about their faith as well.

There is a scriptural passage written on the arch above the altar in the Immaculate Conception Church: "...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..." (Mt. 6:21)

At 90 years of age, Father Menard's treasure and heart is his love of teaching.



Thank you
Father Don Manfred
For your love and
devotion to our parish.

From all the parishioners at
St. Francis Solanus Church in
Harrisville.



**FATHER RICHARD
STURTZ**

Thank you Fr. Sturtz
for all you do for us
at St. Joseph's Home.



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Environmental Stewardship

Rising sea levels: What's it all about?

Recently the news media reported that sea levels are rising even more rapidly than was predicted. What does that mean and why do I need to be concerned? What does Pope Francis urge us as Catholics to do?

In the next two articles these questions will be explored.

As the climate of the planet has changed over the past century and a half, many regions have experienced significant warming, especially those near the poles.

It is generally agreed upon by climatologists that our action of burning fossil fuels has contributed greatly to these changing weather patterns, which are impacting all forms of life and will eventually reshape the coastlines of our planet.

One of the most profound consequences of a warming planet is the rapid deterioration of most glaciers, which is adding substantial amounts of fresh water to the oceans.

This influx of water, along with the thermal expansion of this liquid as heating occurs, has caused the level of the oceans to rise a measurable amount.

It has been noted by scientists that monitor the oceans that sea level has already risen approximately 8 inches over the past 14 decades. Additionally, researchers have discovered that this rise is not constant but rather accelerating at an alarming rate.

Projections by various teams of scientists investigating this phenomena range from an increase of 2 to 6 feet over the next 8 decades.

How will this reality affect the lives of the human family? How will it affect those most vulnerable and least able to adapt to this change in the environment? What are some ways that we can help to slow down this process? How does this relate to living the Gospel as a Catholic?

(To be continued next week)

By Tom Kalinowski, author/ former biology teacher/ member of Faith and Ecology Group

Bishop's Public Schedule

Nov. 1 – Noon – All Saints Day Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
Nov. 3 – 4 p.m. – Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora
Nov. 4 – 10 a.m. – Mass at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid followed by Confirmation Destination
Nov. 5 – 11 a.m. – Catholic Charities Corporation Meeting at the Spratt Building in Ogdensburg followed by lunch at Bishop's Residence

7:15 p.m. – Novena followed by Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 6 – 11 a.m. – Development Board of Advisors Meeting at Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
Nov. 7 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

1 p.m. – Catholic Charities Annual Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Rest in Peace

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

Oct. 31 – Rev. James Rooney, 1863; Rev. Lucien Jean, M.S.C., 1964; Rev. Ivan G. Boyea, 1996

Nov. 2 – Rev. Thomas Walsh, 1888; Rev. John Henry Lyons, 1931; Msgr. James J. Ruddy, 1987

Nov. 3 – Rev. Thomas Plunkett, 1904

Nov. 4 – Msgr. Benjamin Harrison Staie, 1970

Nov. 5 – Rev. Bernard Wyzykowski, 1969; Rev. John Michael Wyzykowski, 1969

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OBITUARIES

Altona – Joyce M. (LaValley) Rabideau, 73; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 26, 2018 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Mooers Riverside Cemetery.

Carthage – Lucille R. (Genito) Pike, 79; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 18, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chateaugay – William G. King, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2018 at Chateaugay Funeral Home.

Chateaugay – Kenneth Joseph O'Neill, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 20, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Chazy – Ward H. Dwight, Jr., 86; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 27, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church.

Clayton – Thomas P. Lawrence, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 24, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Omar Cemetery.

Dexter – Wayne J. Doctore, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2018 at Johnson Funeral Home.

Gouverneur – James John Rubar II, 71; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 24, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in East Riverside Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Nelson P. Sawatis, 74; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 16, 2018 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Peter Sunday, Sr.; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 25, 2018 at St. Regis Church.

Long Lake – Mary Rose (Waterford) Becker, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 20, 2018 at St. Henry's Church; burial in

Long Lake Cemetery.

Lowville – David Collins, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 20, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Lowville – Colleen Rose McElroy; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2018 at the Sundquist Funeral Home.

Lowville – Joyce Margaret (Petrie) Terrillion, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 24, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Barbara A. Pageau; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 9, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Massena – Joyce A. (Page) Bush, 78; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 23, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville.

Massena – Joseph Robert Puente, 74; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 29, 2018 at St. Mary's Church.

Massena – James Reagan, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 26, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church.

Massena – Deborah A. (Crawford) Wagstaff, 61; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2018 at the Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mooers Forks – Theresa Sample, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 22, 2018 at St. Ann's Church; burial in Union Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Virginia M. (King) Beard, 81; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 19, 2018 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Vaughn J. Montroy, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 27, 2018 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Parishville.

Ogdensburg – Lawrence J. Powers, 63; Funeral Services Oct. 26, 2018 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru – Roger E. Lemieux, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 17, 2018 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Howard L. Begor, 70;

Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 27, 2018 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Brent Burke Deshaies, 47; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 27, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Mary's of the Lake.

Plattsburgh – Dr. Donald T. Kasprzak, MD, 97; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 22, 2018 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Margaret R. (Frennier) Matton, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 20, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Henry – Frank Kudlacik, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 22, 2018 St. Patrick's Church; burial in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Port Leyden – Constance May (Salmon) Mooney, 71; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 17, 2018 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Wildwood Cemetery.

Potsdam – Lucienne Alida (Séguin) Dionne, 98; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 23, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam – Darlene D. (Fountain) Stephenson, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 26, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Barbara A. (Dupree) Kristoffersen, 58; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2018 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – George P. Denton, 78; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Forest Dale Cemetery, Crown Point.

Watertown – Myrtle B. (Canaan) Benway, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 29, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Watertown – Lucia A. Scordo, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 20, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Antonette C. (Marra) Stowell, 91; Mass of Christian Burial to be held Oct. 17, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

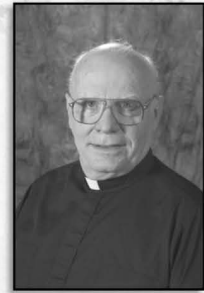
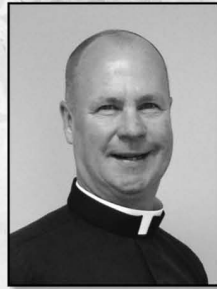
Upcoming sessions:
Oct. 25 – 6 p.m., Holy Ghost Parish Center, Tupper Lake
Nov. 14 – 4:30 p.m., Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown

We appreciate our priests

Fr. Patrick Ratigan,

We are very blessed to have you in our midst.


Love and Prayers, Jimmy & Robin Law



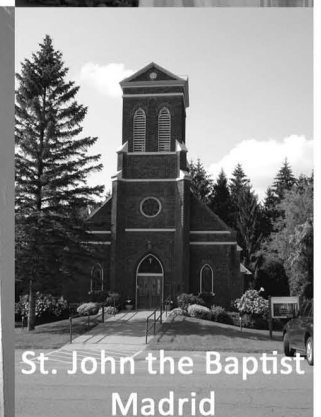
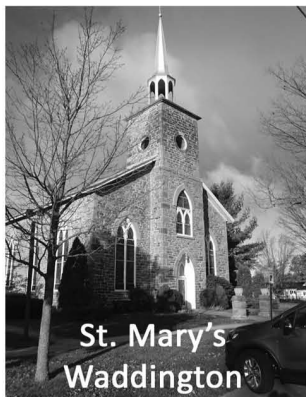
Fr. Tom Kornmeyer and Fr. John Looby:

For all you are, all you've done, and all that you continue to do, with much appreciation, St. Francis, St. George's, St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's, St. Mary's & Our Lady of Fatima Churches
May God continue to bless and keep you.

Monsignor Whitmore,
Thank you for all you do for everyone!! You brought us together almost 20 years ago!!!
Thank You!!!!
~Deacon James and Christine Chaufy



**Thank you Fr. Doug
for following the Shepherd's Voice
and being a blessing for our
parishes and our diocese
and for always being willing
to go the extra mile**



We appreciate our priests

The Parishioners of Sacred Heart
are most grateful for the prayerful
presence of our Pastor, **Father Ted**,
and our resident Father, **Monsignor Deno**.
May Jesus and Mary continue to bless you both!



To the Priests at St. Mary's Cathedral:
Fr. Joseph Morgan, Fr. Justin Thomas,
Fr. Vincent Jazmines, Fr. Richard Sturtz, and
Fr. Jim Shurtleff

May God Continue to be good to you and
it is so nice to be such good friends.



~Deacon Spike and Betty Bateman

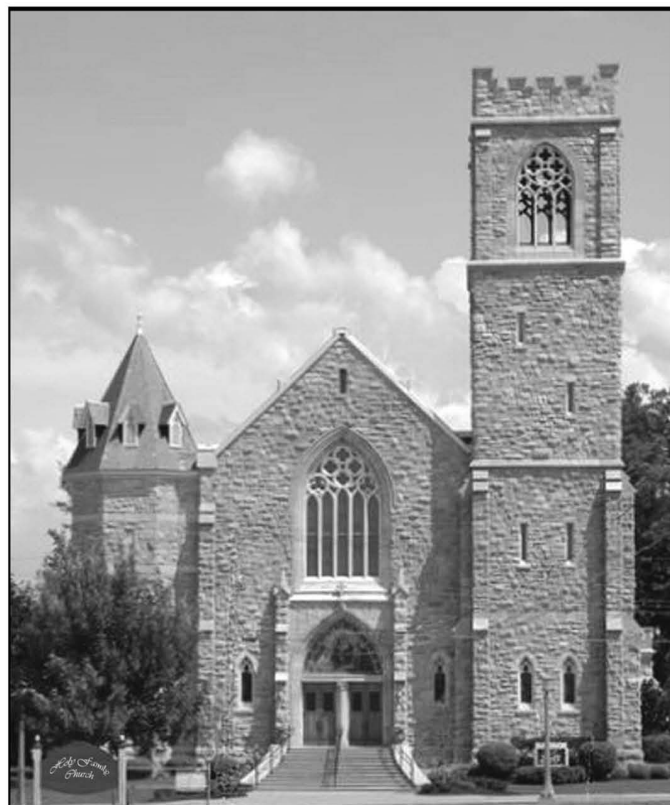
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Fr. Pierre Aubin, MSC

Oh good and faithful servant.

For your dedication, foresight and shepherding of our parish since 2003.

We are grateful for all you have given and we wish you a wonderful retirement.



The parishioners of Holy Family Church in
Watertown extend our thanks and appreciation
to our pastor, Father Steve Murray,
along with our resident retired priests,
Father Leo Wiley and Monsignor Paul Whitmore,
for the many blessings you bestow on us!

We are thankful for the service of all priests, but
especially the priests of our neighbor parishes,
Father Christopher Looby,
Monsignor Robert Aucoin,
Father William Muench,
Father Michael Gaffney,
Father Vincent Freeh, Father Jonas Tandayu,
Father Herman Pongantung,
Father Robert Decker, and Father Martin Cline.

May God bless all of you abundantly!

We appreciate our priests


Father Murray,
*You feed your flock
 with the love of
 Jesus.*
 Sam and Joyce
 Surace

*Thank you
 Fr. Shane
 for all you do.*
 From Edwards Sacred
 Heart and Altar &
 Rosary

Fr. Marullo, the parishes of
 St. John's Church, Lyons
 Falls; St. Martin's Church in
 Port Leyden; St. Mary's
 Nativity, West Leyden and
 St. Mary's Church in
 Constableville appreciate all
 you do for our
 churches. God Bless !!!

Fr. Rocker,
 Thank you for everything you do.


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**Fr. Guy
 Edwards**
 Thank you!
 From
 St. John's Church,
 Plattsburgh

*Msgr. Murphy,
 Fr. Amyot, and
 Fr. Downs,
 You are greatly
 appreciated!*

St. Andrews Altar and Rosary Society



**Fr. Joseph
 Morgan**

Thank you for your daily
 inspiration and help on our
 families needs.

Cassie, Janise and Ethan

Fr. Gaffney and Fr. Muench
 We are grateful to have you in our parish and
 we thank you for all you do for everyone. God
 Bless Both of you.
 ~St. Andrew's Altar and Rosary



**St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's
 Watertown, NY**

Welcome our new Pastor
Rev. Christopher J. Looby



and our new Pastoral Vicar
Rev. Herman Pongantung, MSC



Thank you for your ministry.

Fr. Clyde Lewis

*Many thanks for all that
 you continue to do for
 St. Mary's, Champlain
 and St. Patrick's,
 Rouses Point*

From all of your
 parishioners



Thank you
 to our Shepherds

**Bishop Terry LaValley
 Father Joseph Morgan
 Father Justin Thomas
 Fr. Richard Sturtz
 Father Vicente Jazmines
 Father Jim Shurtleff**

*Parishioners of
 St. Mary's Cathedral
 &
 Notre Dame Church
 "Our Lady's Parish"
 One Parish, One Family of Faith*



Audit finds diocese compliant with Charter

An independent audit has once again found the Diocese of Ogdensburg to be in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The Charter, implemented in 2002, is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors. The Charter outlines policies and procedures to create a safe environment for children and young people, aid victims in finding healing and reconciliation and handling allegations of abuse. The Charter calls for zero tolerance, removal from ministry for guilty clergy, full cooperation with law enforcement, comprehensive child safety education, safe environment training and background checks for all who work with children and youth in the Church, and on-going audits to assure compliance with our diocesan safe environment policies.

The audit was conducted by StoneBridge Business

Partners through the firm's contract with the USCCB.

In its audit summary, StoneBridge noted the diocese "has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the 2017/2018 audit period."

The diocese has been found compliant in every similar audit since the Charter's inception. Audits are conducted on-site every three years. StoneBridge performs a remote audit in other years reviewing the same data collection procedures and related reports.

"The Diocese of Ogdensburg has worked diligently to ensure that we have policies and procedures that provide a safe environment for our children and youth," said Bishop Terry R. LaValley. "These efforts are proving effective. We pray that the fact that no credible allegations of abuse occurring in the last 20 years is a sign that we are on the right course. I am grateful to Mr.

John Morrison who coordinates our diocesan Safe Environment efforts and our pastors and their staffs, who work diligently in implementing our policies in our local parishes and schools."

The audit findings included several suggestions for further improvement. The recommendations will be thoroughly explored to improve the diocese's implementation of the Charter and provide the safest possible environment for our children and young people.

Over the last two decades, the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the Catholic Church throughout the United States has made documented progress in dealing with the crime of sexual abuse of minors, especially since the implementation of the Charter.

The diocese has implemented comprehensive policies and programs for child protection and safety in all our parishes, schools and programs. Morrison, director of Safe Environ-

ment, conducts periodic inspections of our parishes and schools to ensure they understand these policies and are adhering to them.

The diocese has also implemented comprehensive policies to address how allegations of misconduct are handled. The diocese reports all allegations of sexual abuse of minors to local law enforcement, and support and assistance are offered to victims. Every complaint received by the diocese is investigated and submitted to the Review

Board, which assesses the credibility of the complaint and advises the bishop regarding further action to be taken.

The Review Board members have the integrity, life experience and good judgment that enable them to assess claims of clergy sexual abuse. The Review Board is made up of counselors with expertise in child sex abuse cases, retired judges, retired law enforcement officers, teachers, medical professionals, parents and a pastor.



**St. Mary's of Ticonderoga
School and Parish would like**

to thank

Father Kevin McEwan.

We appreciate all you

do for us!



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FR. RAY MOREAU

Thank you for ministering to us, caring for us and making us laugh along the way.

St. Mary's, Brushton
St. Augustine's,
North Bangor



Fr. Chris Looby,

You are such an inspiring "Good Shepherd!" We, in the Diocese of Ogdensburg are so blessed in having you as a Priest!

Thank you,
Deacon Bernie Slate

Funeral Mass held for Deacon Frederick Mader

SARANAC LAKE—A Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Frederick J. Mader, 90, of Saranac Lake, was held Monday October 29, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church, with Bishop Terry LaValley officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Deacon Mader died on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake. He resided at Mercy Living Center in Tupper Lake since 2015, after living for over 14 years at Saranac Village at Will Rogers.

Born on April 6, 1928, in Saranac Lake, he was the son of Frederick J. Mader Sr. and Margaret M. (Florio) Mader.

Mr. Mader graduated from Saranac Lake Central High School in 1947. He was a veteran of the U.S. army, serving during the Korean Conflict from 1951-53. He was assigned to the Walter Reed Army Medical Service graduate school. He served as a

technician in the cardio-respiratory research department.

Mr. Mader attended Potsdam State Teacher's college and Paul Smith's College, where he earned an Associate's Degree in Hotel Management in 1956.

Upon graduation, he moved to Portland, Maine, where he met and married Elizabeth (Betty) T. Condon on June 28, 1958 at St. Dominick's Cathedral in Portland. She predeceased him on August 27, 1999.

After returning to Saranac Lake in 1961, Mr. Mader worked in the SLHS business office for several years. From 1965-71, he sold Metropolitan Life Insurance. He then worked from 1971-77 for the Adirondack Daily Enterprise in the advertising sales department. From 1978-87, Mr. Mader was employed by the NYS office of General Services at Camp Topridge in Paul



Deacon Frederick J. Mader

Smith's. During the 1970s and 1980s, he took numerous courses and workshops at Mater Dei and North Country Community Colleges, majoring in human services with an emphasis on counseling. During this time, he also began his studies for the diaconate. On October 4th, 1980, Mr. Mader was ordained a deacon by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana, with the first dea-

con class in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He was assigned to St. Paul's in Bloomingdale. His vocation eventually led him to a prison ministry and the position of Catholic Chaplain at the FCI in Ray Brook, where he worked from 1987 until his retirement in 1998.

Deacon Mader was a member of the American Legion, Post #447, a Fourth degree member of the Bishop Gabriel Assembly Knights of Columbus and a charter member of the Father Peter A. Ward Council #7803 Knights of Columbus in Bloomingdale. He was also Vice President of Programs for the Serra Club of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, which actively promoted religious vocations for the Catholic Church. In his retirement,

Deacon Mader remained active in his vocation, continuing as a Deacon, reassigned to St. Paul's parish in Bloomingdale. He remained active in prison ministry and as a catechist, teaching third graders at St. Paul's Parish. A strong ecumenical spirit, he enjoyed volunteering his time to area churches and prisons, and for several local community organizations. He was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling, working with his plants, cooking, hiking, and swimming. His main interest was being with his family and

grandchildren. Deacon Mader and his family very much appreciated the love and support he received in his later years from the staff at Will Rogers and Mercy Living Center.

He is survived by six sons, Frederick J. (Mary) Mader, III of Denver, Colorado, David (Beryl) Mader of Saranac Lake, John (Maritza Ovalles) Mader of Denver, Colorado, Paul (Deidre Yost) Mader of Saranac Lake, Robert (Elaine) Mader of Denver, Colorado, and Michael (Ruth) Mader of Saranac Lake; two sisters, Theresa Santor of Willsboro, and Frances Raville of Tupper Lake; 15 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, and a granddaughter, Catherine Therese, both of whom died before birth; and one brother William M. Mader; a sister-in-law, Gertrude (Trudy) Mader; and two brother-in-laws, Gordon Raville and Richard Santor Sr.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Bernard's School, Mercy Living Center or the Saranac Lake Voluntary Health Association in care of the funeral home.

Family and friends can also share their memories and sign the online guestbook at fortunekeoughfuneralhome.com.

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Hiker, farmer, but best of all our priest,

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St. Joseph's Church
Olmstedville



ADIRONDACK

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Placid – Christmas Bazaar to be held.

Date: Dec. 1

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

Place: St. Agnes School

Features: Trees, wreaths, crafts, toys, baked goods and donuts, gifts, raffles and auctions. A great way to kick off the holiday season. Lunch will be served and Santa will be visiting. Vendor space is available.

Contact: For more information call 518-523-3771 or info@stagneslp.org

CLINTON

FISHERS CLUB

Plattsburgh – The Lakesiders Fishers Club to have their fall discernment meeting.

Date: Nov. 4 & 18; Dec. 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Upper Room

Features: Discernment, Evening Prayer and Dinner for high school juniors and older.

Contact: Father Venette (hvenette@gmail.com) or Father Lucia (dlucia@rcdony.org)

HARVEST DINNER

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's Church will hold their annual harvest dinner and craft fair.

Date: Nov. 4

Time: Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Former St. Peter's School

Cost: Adults, \$11; Children \$5.00, under 5, Free

Features: Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, specially blended squash, green beans, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, apple and pumpkin pie. Take-outs available. Browse our craft fair for your holiday shopping.

TURKEY RAFFLE

Mooers – Mooers Knights of Columbus Council #6136 to have a Turkey Raffle.

Date: Nov. 10

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Mooers Fire Station

Features: Cash Prizes, Baskets, Hams, Turkeys, Lottery Board and much more.

FALL CRAFT FESTIVAL

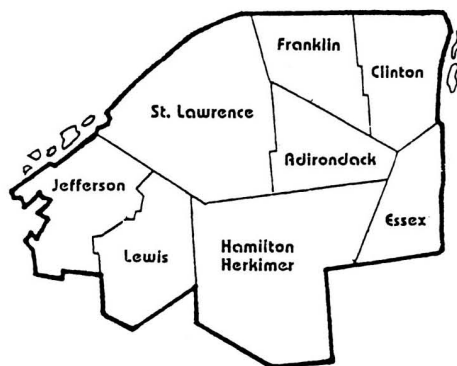
Chazy – Fabulous Fall Festival to be held.

Date: Nov. 10

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

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Features: Great craft festival with over 25 craft vendors from New York, Vermont. Hot lunches, baked goods, silent auction, in addition to hundreds of hand-



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, 315-394-0670;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

crafted items. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

Contact: For more info, contact Noreen Barcomb at sacredheart@westelcom.com or 518-846-7650.

HARVEST DINNER

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

Date: Nov. 11

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

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

Features: There will be a Harvest Dinner raffle, country store and silent auction.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Plattsburgh – Confirmation Retreat to be held.

Date: Nov. 17

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Seton Catholic School

Cost: \$25

Features: Presented through NET Ministries.

Contact: Register early through your parish religious education office.

ESSEX

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Olmstedville – Advent Bible Study to be held on Bible Basics.

Date: Starts Nov. 7th for 6 weeks.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Parish House

Features: Topics will include where and how it came about, how it developed, how to get the most out of it, and how to interpret it in the light of the church's teachings. A meal of soup and

bread will be served.

JEFFERSON

PEACEFUL PRAYER

Watertown – Pro-life representatives of Watertown's four Catholic parishes will be praying in front of Planned Parenthood on Stone Street every day, including weekends, during the month of October.

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Features: Join us in this peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life.

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – Spaghetti and Meatball dinner to be held by Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus.

Date: Nov. 3

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Watertown – Adult Faith Formation about the Eucharist to be held.

Date: Nov. 5, 12 & 19

Time: After Noon Mass

Place: St. Patrick's Chapel

Cost: \$10 for Workbooks

Features: The Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible with Dr. Brant Pitre.

Contact: Pre-registration required.

Registration form available at www.catholicwatertown.org. Please register by Oct. 19 to Deacon Kevin kmastel@spwatn.org.

ELECTION NIGHT DINNER

Alex Bay – Annual Election Night Ham Dinner to be held.

Date: Nov. 6

Time: Take-outs start at 4 p.m.; serving from 5 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Cyril's Church

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

Contact: For deliveries call Joanne Fitch at 315-955-5504

ROAST PORK DINNER

Evans Mills – St. Mary's to have a Roast Pork Dinner.

Date: Nov. 17

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$20; Seniors and children under 12, \$8; under 5, Free

Features: Raffle tickets for a Thanksgiving Lottery, wine basket and Christmas basket will be drawn.

LEWIS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Lewis Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: To pray for ALL SOULS & world peace, you are invited to celebrate morning prayer, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Lowville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of November to be held.

Date: Nov. 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

Contact: 315-348-6260

ST. LAWRENCE

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Star Lake – Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale to be held.

Date: Nov. 3

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

Place: St. Hubert's Church

Features: Handcrafted items, gift baskets, raffles and silent auctions.

MEN SHARPEN MEN

Ogdensburg – Gathering to be held for men.

Date: Starting Saturday, Nov. 3

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Bishop Brzana Hall of St. Mary's

Cathedral

Features: In this day and age when we have more gadgets and gizmos to make our lives easier and less complicated, WHY do we find ourselves so stressed-out and out of time to do the things we want and need to do? How do we sort it all out and make our lives better? What do we as CATHOLIC men need to do, and how can we make a positive impact in the lives of the men around us, especially our children and grandchildren? God has a lot to say about the role and responsibilities of men. Let us gather together so that we can make a difference in the lives of one another, for scripture says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." (Pro 27:17). All men are welcome and encouraged to join us where "Men Sharpen Men."

Contact:

www.ogdensburgcatholics.org/men
YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION
Youth Lay Ministers and Catechists, take

DIOCESAN EVENTS

advantage of this great opportunity to receive your Youth Ministry Certification from the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Schedule: Nov. 3, at St. James Minor Community Room in Carthage; Nov. 10 at St. Agnes Elementary School in Lake Placid

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

Features: This is a free training.

Contact: To register and/or learn more about the course offerings, please contact Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry tsemararo@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

YOU MUST BECOME FIRE

There will be Evenings of Prayer and Reflection throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg in celebration of National Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 4-10.

Schedule: Nov. 4 - St. Peter's Church, Lowville; Nov. 5 - St. Mary's Church, Clayton; Nov. 6 - St. John XXIII Newman Center, Plattsburgh; Nov. 13 - St. Mary's Church, Ticonderoga. Each evening's schedule will be: 5 p.m. Discernment Holy Hour; 6 p.m. Pizza & Wings; 6:30 p.m. Panel Discussion; 7:15 p.m. Video - "Is God Calling You?"; 7:30 p.m. Closing Prayer & Sending Forth

Contact: Anyone interested in knowing more about Church Vocations or how they can promote Vocations are invited. Please RSVP by emailing: dlucia@rcdony.org or crussell@rcdony.org or phone: 315-393-2920

FR. ALAN SHNOB,
Thank you for your family guidance!

Deacon Gerald & Frances Defayette



We appreciate our priests

*Father Timothy Canaan,
Thank you for being our shepherd.*

The Clark Family



*We are so blessed to have you as priests at
St. Peter's Parish in Massena.
We appreciate all the challenges you face and
are truly grateful for your vocations!*



*Thank you for all the graces you bring to our
community. God bless you,
Fr. Mark Reilly, Fr. Tojo Chacko
and Fr. Scott Belina.*



Msgr Paul Whitmore

Our Chaplain

A Shepherd after His
Own Heart!

We thank you, Lord,
for so great a gift and
blessing.

Sisters Adorers of the
Precious Blood

Thank you, Father Chris, for your devoted ministry to our parish.

The parishioners of the Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie

Father Vinny Flynn,
✝

thank you very much from all the parishioners in the Catholic
Communities of Willsboro, Westport and Elizabethtown.
We truly appreciate the time and dedication you have shown to each
of us over the past years. We wish you the very best in health and
happiness as you continue to serve God's people. God bless you!!
*The parishioners of St. Elizabeth's, St. Philip Neri and
St Philip of Jesus.*

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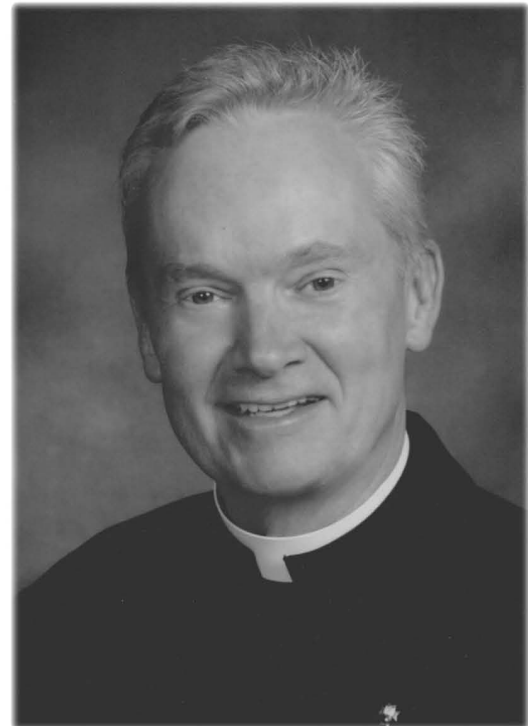
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*Thank you Fr. Don,
we are blessed to have you with us.*

*From the parishioners of
St. James, Carthage,
St. Mary's, Copenhagen and
All at Augustinian Academy.*

*We are most grateful for your
many kindnesses.*



Funeral Mass held for Charles 'Chuck' Kelly

OGDENSBURG – A Mass of Christian Burial for Charles "Chuck" W. Kelly, 83, of Ogdensburg, was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at St. Mary's Cathedral with Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

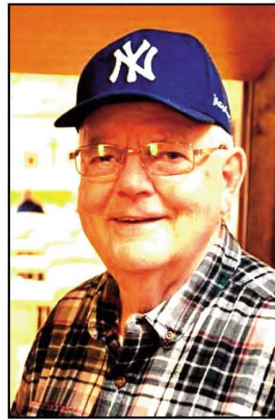
Mr. Kelly passed away early Sunday morning, October 21, 2018 at St. Joseph's Nursing Home surrounded by his loving family.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Marie Therese, of Ogdensburg; three children, Timothy M. Kelly and his wife Amy, of Fayetteville, Maureen A. Silver and her husband, Steve, of Ogdensburg, and Mary Bridget Dolan and her husband, Robert, of Ogdensburg; two brothers, Timothy Kelly, of Watertown, and John Kelly and his wife, Sandra, of Morristown; five sisters, Eleanora Rolfe, of Boca Raton, FL, Janet Kelly, of Ogdensburg, Carolyn Kelly, of Clay, Anna Marie Girard, of Ogdensburg, and Suellen Callahan, of Virginia Beach, VA; four grandchildren, MacKenzie, Mary Katherine, Keenan, and Maggie Kelly; two step-grandchildren, Jessica Haggett and her husband, Patrick, and Justin Silver (Angela); and one step-great-grandchildren, Maxton Haggett. He is predeceased by two sisters, Karen Kelly and Francis Ann Pagano.

Chuck was born on May 10, 1935, in Ogdensburg, NY, the son of John and Lillian Merry Kelly. He graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1954, where he was president of his class for three years. In 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in Bamberg, Germany and Orleans,

France. He served until 1958, when he joined The Ogdensburg Journal and was named general assignment reporter and assistant sports editor. The following year he became the sports editor, police and general assignment reporter for both The Ogdensburg Journal and the Sunday Advance News. He earned the title of the Assistant Managing Editor and later the Acting Editor of the Advance News, in 1961 and 1962, respectively. He married Marie Therese Normile, R.N. on February 11, 1961 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in North Lawrence with Rev. Bart O'Connor officiating. He succeeded Henry Belgard as the editor of the Sunday Advance News in 1963. Following the death of the editor and publisher, Frank R. Little in 1974, Mr. Kelly was named the Editor of The Ogdensburg Journal and General Manager of St. Lawrence County Newspapers in 1975. As the General Manager, he was responsible for the direction and supervision of all St. Lawrence County Newspaper properties including editorial, financial, production, distribution, and general supervision of all publications. These publications include The Ogdensburg Journal, Advance News, The Daily Courier-Observer, The Malone Telegram, The St. Lawrence Plaindealer, Canton and the Rural News. In 2010 at the age of 75, Mr. Kelly retired after 56 years of service, however, he remained as the Editor Emeritus.

Mr. Kelly has had an impressive resume that encompasses his long career working not only as a journalist, but a public servant. His civic duties



Charles W. 'Chuck' Kelly

consisted of a variety of positions in several organizations over the years, including Chairman of "Project Build" created to build the Trinity building at SLPC; Director and Past-President, Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club; Member of Mater Dei College Board of Trustees, Ogdensburg Housing Authority; Member of NYS, County, and City Democratic Committees; Member of St. Lawrence County Cancer Society Board of Directors; Member and Past-Chairman, Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Advisory Board; Member, Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Chairman Community Advisory Board for the Ogdensburg and Riverview Correctional Facilities; Past-President, Sigma Delta Chi Honorary Journalism Fraternity; Member and Chairman, A. Barton Hepburn Hospital Development Council; Member, A. Barton Hepburn Hospital Foundation Board of Directors; Member and Past-President, Ogdensburg Catholic Schools Board of Education; Member, Wadhams Hall Seminary College Board of Trustees; Mem-

ber and Chairman, Ogdensburg Recreation Commission; and Chairman, St. Lawrence Eastern Ontario Commission appointed by Governor Hugh L. Carey. His many awards include: Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1965, Boys Club Man of the Year in 1968, New York Press Association First Place Award for Kelly's Comments in 1968, NYS Dept. of Youth Service Award in 1979, NYS Associated Press First Place for Depth Reporting in 1979 & 1986, Veterans of Foreign Wars Distinguished Citizen Award, Volunteer of the Year Award for Ogdensburg and Riverview Correctional Facility in 1983, the Commitment to Community Award from the NYS Business Council in 1984, North Country Citation Award from St. Lawrence

University in 1984, DeWitt Clinton Award from the Masonic Lodge, Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the Persis Yates Boyesen Award from Fort La Presentation, Diocese of Ogdensburg Catholic Charities Caritas Award for Community Service, and Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2010. He also received two honorary degrees from Mater Dei College and St. Lawrence University.

Donations in Chuck's memory can be made to the Ogdensburg Boy's and Girls Club, 610 Paterson St, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 and St. Joseph's Foundation, 950 Linden St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Is your heart undivided in its love of Christ?

Our readings this Sunday are all about the undivided heart demanded by Moses in his farewell address to the Israelites, as well as the total commitment demanded by Jesus of his followers.

In today's first reading we find the Shema, the Great Commandment to the Law, which was to be



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worn by every one of God's chosen people on their foreheads and found on the door post of every Jewish home.

As Moses is about to die, he reminds the people he has led for 40 years through the dessert of this command of total commitment to

the One God. In today's Gospel, an-

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READINGS

Deut 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

swering the Scribes question, "What is the greatest commandment," Jesus quotes the Shema, adding to it the second great commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as

thyself."

The Scribe likes Jesus answer, as it emphasizes an interior total giving of the heart more than exterior sacrifice.

In turn, Jesus says to the Scribe, "You are not far from the kingdom of heaven."

We can well ask ourselves some questions:

1) How "total" is my heart's love for Christ alone?

2) What are the distractions that allow other

things and people water down my total commitment to Jesus?

3) Do I sincerely try to root out those distractions (including sinful behavior)?

4) How honest am I with myself, with God, and with other people in how "total" my commitment really is?

Remember, it's Jesus Christ, the total hope of our happiness now and in the future!

Father Looby helps child find acceptance, love

By Kristina Dean
Staff Writer

Growing up in the Albany diocese forty-some years ago, I can remember my dad's attempts to keep me still and quiet in church. We had a special "language" that involved counting the times he'd squeeze my hand as I held onto him. "I love you" was one squeeze, followed by a small pause, then two more quick squeezes.

I also remember why dad kept me quiet. There had been a few times when our imposing pastor had stopped talking during his homily and waited for an embarrassed mother to take her wailing child out. One time when a parent failed to leave, he asked them to go, in an annoyed tone. Although I know most places are more tolerant, the memory stays. As an adult member of my church family with my own children now, it still echoes inside me when one of them is loud and disruptive, and I cringe internally.

I know this is a common concern; I've heard from many of my Catholic friends with young chil-

dren. Church is meant for worship, refreshment and renewal, but sometimes going with your children can be more stressful than anything.

My nine-year-old son, Gabriel, has often caused me stress in this aspect. When born, Gabe aspirated meconium during his Cesarean section. Because of oxygen deprivation, he stayed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Samaritan Medical Center in Watertown for 11 days. Eventually, as he became older, we noticed some concerns with his behavior that we've been told probably stem from his birth trauma.

This developed into family trauma. Over three years, we struggled together as a family to overcome some serious diagnoses. It is very hard for me to describe, and harder still to think back to being in that dark place. We are still emerging from it. My husband, Dave, and I were at our wit's end, and we exhausted ourselves trying to find what he needed. We loved our son and saw the beautiful heart he had, but the many phone calls from

school were overwhelming. As a teacher myself, I completely understood how his presence was causing disruption in the classroom, but Dave and I didn't know how to help him. We had many doctor visits, counseling sessions, trying various ways to help him. I'm sure he was labeled as "trouble" and people avoided him. I prayed fervently and brought him to church. During this time, Father Christopher J. Looby was pastor at St. Joseph's Church.

I haven't kept track of how many times I asked Father Chris to pray for Gabe. I remember telling Father when we brought Gabe to Samaritan Emergency room for a mental evaluation. Father was so concerned, and he approached him the next Sunday prior to Mass to check on him. He hugged him and loved him, and – being a bit quirky himself – never seemed to mind Gabe's behaviors in the pews.

One day at Mass, upon observing altar servers, Gabe asked me if he could be one. We discussed that he would need to receive

his First Communion and attend Mass regularly. Although I had my doubts, Gabe seemed driven to do so. That year, my son attended our parish's education program and eventually received the sacrament of Communion. The following weekend, he started as an altar server at St. Joseph's.

Gabe does things his own way. He sometimes dances in front of the tabernacle instead of bowing. He moves around a lot, makes noises, and generally can be very distracting. But Father Chris never noticed, never said anything. One time at Mass, Father noticed that three people named after archangels were in attendance, Michael, Rafael and Gabriel. Ever since, Father Chris referred to Gabe as his favorite angel. Father has always seen the potential in Gabe. Just like Jesus, he sees the soul beneath.

When the Bishop visited St. Mary's in Evans Mills for a special Mass, I heard Father Chris telling the Bishop about Gabe, how much Gabe loves being an altar server, and I could hear in his voice how

much the priest loves Gabe.

Sometimes I have concerns about what Gabe wears to Mass. He is very particular about his clothing and how it fits. He refuses to wear jeans or dress pants and will only wear shorts or sweatpants. One time, he wore Crocs on his feet. As he came into church, he proudly showed Father Chris that his Crocs had Star Wars characters on them. Overhearing, I cringed.

Father Chris then pulled aside his vestment to show his own Crocs on his feet.


Thanks to Father Chris, Gabe has found acceptance and love, and a place where he is unconditionally loved. Church has become a place where Gabe is successful. During a time when he was constantly in trouble, this was invaluable.

I strongly believed – and still believe – that God gave Gabriel gifts, and that He intends Gabe to use his experiences somehow in the world to help others. I also believe that Father Chris helped Gabe to find his path, his peace.

Thank God for him.


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~Josie Garrant

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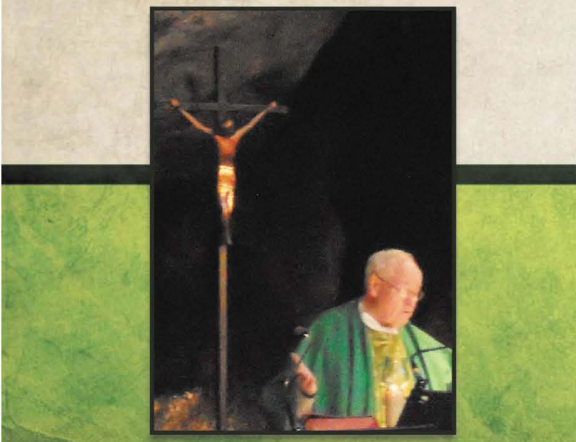
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Appreciating priests for all they do

Each Fall, the North Country Catholic takes a week to honor our hard working, spiritual, joy-filled and always present priests. In reality, we actually honor them all year, every day. Yet, I call to mind the peace and joy that we all can experience from our priests' words and good deeds. They do so much for all of us. We watch them go about their work, joined by our Bishop, Bishop LaValley, in ministering to us in the North Country.

I admire the trust of our priests as they move forward in the Holy Spirit while proclaiming the Gospel through the shared diocesan vision. We have a wonderful opportunity to join our priests in prayer and action and to renew our own faith, nurture hope, and discover love.

I especially thank Bishop LaValley and our priests for their prayers and financial support of Mission appeals overseen through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I send prayers to those priests serving in Lattakia, Syria and in Mollendo, Peru. We send our prayers to all the Missionary priest who visit our diocese every summer to participate in the Missionary Cooperation program. God bless our diocesan priests who served in Mollendo, Peru, in their missionary zeal as they continue to hear about the fruits of their labor while there.

How blessed we are today to have priests from around the world like India, Indonesia and the Philippines as they share their evangelizing spirit. Their journey with us through Christ is only made better by their experiences and world view.

By our baptisms, we are called to Christ to be his missionaries. No one knows this better than our priests. Thank you so much for all you do. For all of us. All the time...

In 2014, the Holy Father summed up priest appreciation so well. "Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigor! ("The Joy of the Gospel") - Pope Francis.

God bless our priests here and everywhere. They do great things!

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

Saranac Lake native Sister Janice O'Neil died Oct. 24

LATHAM – A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR SISTER JANICE ELIZABETH O'NEIL (SISTER ELIZABETH MICHAEL) WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCIAL HOUSE, LATHAM.

Sister Janice, 89, died Wednesday, October 24, 2018, in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany. She had been a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet for the past 66 years.

Sister Janice was born on August 6, 1929, in Saranac Lake, NY, daughter of the late John and Isabel Primeau O'Neil. After graduating from St. Bernard's Elementary School and Saranac Lake High School, she attended The College of Saint Rose and received a bachelor's degree in French in 1951. On March 19, 1952, Sister Janice entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Troy, NY, and professed final vows on August 15, 1959. She subsequently received a master's degree in French from The College of Saint Rose and served for 50 years as teacher and librarian in schools in the Albany and Syracuse Dioceses, including over three decades at St. Frances de Sales School in Herkimer. Sister Janice retired to St. Joseph's Provincial House in 2004.

Sister Janice was a faith-filled woman whose warm and welcoming spirit was a gift to all with whom she came in contact. A genuine "people person," she was blessed with a beautiful smile, a keen sense of humor and a genuine interest in each individual who crossed her path. Sister Janice's life was very much about relationships: with her loving God, with



Sister Janice Elizabeth O'Neil

her dear family, with her Sisters in community and with her many dear friends and colleagues. She enjoyed the playfulness and simplicity of the school children as well as quiet, encouraging conversations with the elderly, and in both situations, her compassionate nature and her great strength of mind and heart enabled her to brighten the lives of

many. In her later years, Sister Janice's peace-filled acceptance of her prolonged illness and inability to walk defined her and bespoke the beauty of a life well-steeped in the love of God and well-lived in service to others.

Sister Janice is survived by her beloved sister, Myrna O'Neil, of Ogdensburg; her sister-in-law, Chloe Ann O'Neil, of Parishville; her niece, Beth Rice (Steve); her nephew, John O'Neil (Meg), and their families; many dear cousins and friends; and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In addition to her parents, Sister Janice was predeceased by her brother, John G. O'Neil; and by a dear family friend, Samuel Cavallaro.

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Msgr. Murphy leads effort to engage parish youth

NORWOOD – Msgr. John R. Murphy is doing great things within his parishes of St. Andrew's, Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond, but especially with the youth.

Msgr. Murphy takes interest and gets involved in the faith formation of youth and young adults.

After a few years of trying to form a youth group within the small community, the right connection finally clicked. The parish community aligned with the guidelines of the diocese, where those in sixth grade and above were invited to become members, but the parish new it needed something different from past unsuccessful attempts.

What was it? The parish found parent involvement was a critical component. This involvement was not solely a supervisory role, but an equal sharing within this newly formed community of faith.

Msgr. Murphy wanted to help youth and young

adults find their place in the parish community. With his dedication and interest, the parish is now seeing more involvement and growing relationships with and among youth and young families.

As a result, the whole parish community is more open and welcoming to support these younger members of the parish.

Msgr. Murphy feels strongly, that the adults who work with the youth are looking for this faith relationship connection too.

From the beginning, Msgr. Murphy tries to ensure youth and young family programming includes fun times, spiritual times, as well as fundraisers and charitable works.

Msgr. Murphy and his family opened their fam-

ily camp for the youth group during summer hikes, tours, canoe trips, and barbecues. The group traveled to Montreal and Old Forge on larger trips. We have gone sledding, forging through mazes, splashing in water, and climbing to many new heights.

"Every adventure includes a spiritual component, whether it is attending a Mass with another parish, or a prayer service on a mountain top," said Carol Gonthier, youth minister in the parish community. "Msgr. Murphy has used the foundation of relationship to help nurture the youth and young families, where in turn has encompassed us all. Thank you is not enough! Grace and blessing, Msgr. Murphy."

REPORTING FOR DUTY



Seton Catholic students assist Plattsburgh Aircraft Restoration with cleaning and installing panels on the planes which serve as a memorial at the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base during the school's Service Day on Friday, Oct. 12. Collectively, Seton's middle and high school students logged more than 500 hours of community service at almost 20 sites, exemplifying the school's mission of encouraging service to others in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

The Vocation Committee of St. Anthony's, Watertown would like to thank Fr. Looby, Fr. Herman and Msgr. Aucoin for their support and dedication.



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