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Reborn in baptism

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The baptismal font is a tomb in which a person dies to sin, and it is a womb through which a person is born to new life in Christ, Pope Francis said.

"Just as our parents generated us to earthly life, the

church has regenerated us to eternal life through baptism," the pope said May 9 at his weekly general audience.

Continuing a series of audience talks about baptism, Pope Francis said that from the time a person is baptized, God's voice repeats

what God said at Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved son. You are my beloved daughter. God loves us so much," the pope told the crowd in St. Peter's Square.

"Reborn as children of God, that is what we'll be forever," he said. "Baptism, in fact, is

never repeated because it imposes an indelible spiritual seal. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. This baptismal mark will never disappear."

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THE FISHERS CLUB



Father Howard Venette, pastor in Old Forge and moderator of the Lakesiders' Fishers Club in Plattsburgh, center, is shown with two members of the club, Thomas Middleton and Aaron Akey after a recent meeting at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh. The Fishers Club is a diocesan initiative for men discerning a vocation to the priesthood. A second group - the Midlanders - meets in Canton with Father Douglas Lucia, diocesan vocation director; and Father Bryan Stitt, pastor in Canton. See story on page 6.

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MEET THE STAFF

For Camp Guggenheim



Kelly Donnelly, diocesan director of youth ministry, will serve as camp director of Camp Guggenheim for the fifth year. Profiles of all the staff for the 2018 season begin in this week's North Country Catholic and will continue in upcoming issues. The first week of camp begins July 1. Further information about the camp and registration forms are available at www.rcdony.org/youth

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A place where faith comes to life

It seems fitting that I begin and end my career with the Diocese of Ogdensburg with a focus on Camp Guggenheim.

My very first diocesan paycheck came into my hands (long before the launch of direct deposit) in July 1976 for my work as waterfront director of the diocesan camp.

In my final turn as the solo NCC editor (Darcy Fargo, the new editor starts working with me this week) we present the first installment of our annual Meet the Staff pages.

It's always a delight to read the short biographies of young adults who are so eager to

share their faith with the campers. Many started out as campers themselves and have come back year after year to spend their summers in service of God and his people.



Mary Lou
Kilian

The words of staff member Johnny McBride are typical: "This will be my 10th summer at camp and 4th summer on staff. Guggenheim was a place that my faith came to life. Each summer I do my best and try my

hardest to show the campers that being Catholic is full of wonder, helps us lead lives of joy, and is overall awesome. I look forward to everything

Camp entails and being able to share my faith with the campers is a blessing."

Being part of the staff was life-changing for me as a college student. Spending summers as part of a community of faith-filled, fun-loving peers helped me to cement a relationship with God that has supported me throughout my life.

My one regret is that I missed out on the Guggenheim experience as a camper, but alas, our diocesan camp came into existence about a week after I'd passed the 15-year age limit.

So, I will be forever grateful that our family friend, Father Doug Comstock, knew that there was a need for a waterfront director for the summer

of 1976 and knew that I could fill the role. I am grateful too, that Father Art LaBaff, youth director at the time and one of the founders of our beloved camp, was willing to become my first diocesan boss.

Much has changed in our North Country church over the past four decades. We've experienced sad losses in closures of places like Wadhams Hall and Mater Dei, and so many of our parishes and Catholic schools.

But Guggenheim is still alive and well, flourishing for another generation of Catholic kids.

As this year's campers will say many, many times during their week in the mountains: "God is good... all the time."

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

The life of a priest: a bit of a vagabond

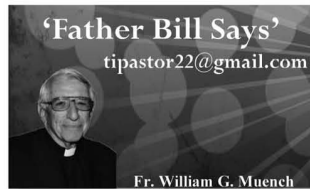
I now live in retirement in St. Andrew's Parish, Sackets Harbor. I was pastor here in this parish many years ago. Actually, this was the first parish in which I was a pastor.

I was reminded of those days recently when a lady who was living here back then gave me a parish bulletin that she had saved from those days when I was pastor. I guess she was rummaging through her scrap books.

This bulletin brought back a flood of memories. Actually, this particular bulletin was my final one as St. Andrew's pastor as I was preparing to be transferred. So, it included a farewell letter to the people of the parish.

Reading this letter now after all of these years, is rather curious – like finding something written by another.

The farewell letter was rather short; I have become rather long winded now. However, much of what I wrote then are ideas that continue to be true over and over again in my life as a pastor and a priest. God



Fr. William G. Muench

has always been so good and loving to me.

I was sincerely grateful to the people of the parish. They were so good to me. Here is what I wrote then: "How do you say thank you to the greatest people in the world? You have taken this vagabond in and made him a part of your villages and your families."

Reading that now, it was curious that I chose that word – vagabond. I wonder if my priest friends think of their years as a Catholic priest and an apostle of the Lord Jesus as being a vagabond. Is our life as a priest a bit of being a vagabond, wandering about from place to place?

I have discovered "the greatest people in the world" in

every parish. St. Paul spoke of the people he ministered to and wrote to in his letters as "saints." I have no doubt that in every parish I have been pastor to a multitude of "saints."

I added this in that bulletin letter: "it was not a job for me – this was a home and you all were part of my family."

I am certain that I meditated often on "family" as I was making my final decision to become a priest. As a priest and as a pastor, I quickly learned that I was to be a member of many families. My experience as a priest has truly been a family affair. I was there when a new child was born and entered a family. I was the one who baptized and welcomed that new child into the family of the Church.

I was part of families as their children grew up. I was there for the joyful celebrations. I was there in the difficult days and I was there during time of tragedy. There were many happy days, like the weddings. I was there with so many fami-

lies at the time of death. There were lots and lots of families.

The one thing that tied me to all the families and to my God – the Mass. The joining of the parish each Sunday for Mass is always a family time with each family joining to make the parish a family.

All of us are united together to worship the Lord and seek God's help and support for each member of the family, for each family of the parish.

So, as I read over that letter in that old bulletin I remember so much and think about how grateful I am to God for the gift of my priesthood.

This week, like many other priests in the diocese, I will remember my anniversary of my ordination as a priest.

Each time, I decided to drive across the diocese – off to visit a friend or to go to some sort of party or celebration – I still wander around some of my former parishes, visiting the Churches and remembering.

Maybe this vocation of priesthood does have a bit of vagabond in it.

Cardinal Dolan and New York Bishops announce Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

To serve New Yorkers in need

NEW YORK—Cardinal Timothy Dolan and the Catholic diocesan bishops of New York State announced the formation of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, which at \$3.2 billion will be one of the largest in the United States, and the largest focused solely on New York State.

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Mother Cabrini's legacy

The foundation is named after Sister Frances Xavier Cabrini, known as Mother Cabrini, a tireless advocate for immigrants and children and the founder of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Building upon Mother Cabrini's historic legacy the foundation will improve the health and well-being of poor and underserved New Yorkers across all parts of the state, regardless of background, including immigrant and other marginalized communities.

Born on July 15, 1850 in a small village near the city of Milan, Italy, Mother Cabrini founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, driven to help those in need in any way that she could.

In 1889, Mother Cabrini arrived in New York at a time when many Italian immigrants were struggling in the grips of poverty. She organized educational classes and helped provide for orphans with nowhere else to turn.

She traveled throughout the United States continuing to help the downtrodden and the neediest of society. Now her sisters are caring for new immigrants from all over the world.

Mother Cabrini was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1946, the first American citizen to be named a saint, in recognition of her holiness and service to mankind and was named Patroness of Immigrants in 1950.

Board members

In addition to Al Kelly, other inaugural board members include Robert M. Bennett, Kathryn Conneron, Samuel A. DiPiazza, Jr., Dr. Laura L. Forese, Stanley E. Grayson, Carla Harris, Catherine R. Kinney, Sister Pietrina Raccuglia, Kathryn Ruscitto, Kevin Ryan and Robert Unanue.

Additional foundation board members will be named in upcoming weeks. The foundation will partner with private sector and governmental experts to develop innovative and impactful grantmaking programs.

From Cardinal Dolan

"The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, born of our Catholic tradition of healing for the sick and caring for the poor, will provide assistance to needy New Yorkers of every color, every religion and every background," said Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, in the May 8 announcement.

"Named for Frances Cabrini, the 'Patroness of Immigrants,' and chaired by prominent New York businessman and philanthropic leader Al Kelly, the foundation will seek to transform the lives of underserved New Yorkers from all corners of the state and set a national model for addressing the health and wellness needs of low-income communities," the cardinal said.

Powerful force for good

"It is a tremendous honor to chair the inaugural board

of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, which will be a powerful force for good in New York and a model for other states to emulate," said Mr. Kelly, "This is an historic opportunity to transform the lives of New York's poor, neediest, most vulnerable."

Once-in-a-generation chance

"This foundation presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to change the trajectory for a broad and diverse group of New Yorkers," said Kathryn Conneron, chair of the Care Compass Network and President & CEO of Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton and a newly-named board member.

"It's a true privilege to serve on the inaugural board as we work to address pressing healthcare disparities statewide," she said.

"Low-income New Yorkers often find it hard to maintain their health," said Laura L. Forese, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of New York-Presbyterian and a newly-named board member. "With partners like the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation helping to combat the social factors that perpetuate health disparities, New York's healthcare community will be able to take these problems head on."

Start of brighter future

"Today marks the start of a brighter future for millions of New Yorkers who will benefit from the creation of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation," said Kevin Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Covenant House and newly-named board member.

"With up to \$150 million in annual grant-funding, nonprofits across the state will be able to build on successful programs to empower seniors, immigrants, youth and those in the grips of

drug addiction to truly live their best lives," he said.

To provide critical funds

"The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation will provide the critical funding we need to expand. Hundreds of organizations like mine across the state will be able to quickly and effectively scale up their operations to serve thousands more people in need, in communities that too often lack the resources and support residents need to thrive," said Jenn Hyde, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Tri-County Services, based in Rensselaer.

"Today, nearly 1.7 million New Yorkers live in poverty. They rely on help from an increasingly strapped non-profit community in order to survive," said George McDonald, Founder and President of the Doe Fund. "This new foundation is a critical addition to New York City; it will help those of us working hard every day to combat poverty do it better and at a larger scale."

From Fidelis Care assets

The foundation will result from the sale of assets from Fidelis Care to Centene Corporation. The transaction

has been approved by the New York Department of Health and the New York Department of Financial Services and is awaiting approval by the New York Attorney General.

Fidelis Care announced in September that it signed an agreement to sell substantially all of its assets to Centene Corporation (NYSE:CNC).

The proceeds from the transaction and other charitable assets of Fidelis will be used to fund the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

The foundation will grant up to \$150 million annually to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of targeted communities, eliminate barriers to care and bridge gaps in health services. It will seek to drive better care for marginalized communities, including immigrant populations and will provide flexible support for new and innovative approaches that enhance health and wellness across New York State.

This foundation will exist in perpetuity, helping generations of New Yorkers of all faiths or no faith at all and all backgrounds, and from all parts of the State.

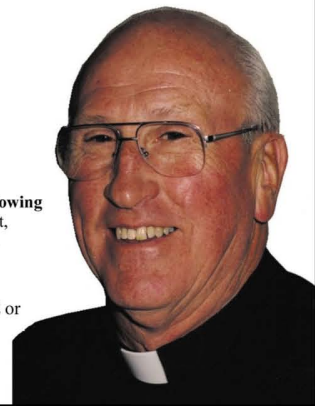
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Diocesan Catholics among 400 who attended annual summit in Ottawa

On the New Evangelization

By Darcy Fargo
Contributing writer

OTTAWA, ONT. - "Jesus told his disciples to 'go and make disciples of all the nations.' We need disciples. We need people on fire for the Lord. The Catholic Church is losing 2,200 people per day... I think some people think the New Evangelization is just a fad, just another passing movement. They say, 'we tried this program. We tried this event. It didn't work. What's next?' I can tell you: there is no plan B. We need to go and make disciples."

That was the exhortation of Michael Dopp, founder of The New Evangelization Summit held April 27 and 28. The event drew a crowd of around 400 to the host site in Ottawa and was digitally streamed to 38 locations in five countries and on three continents.

The summit included eight speakers, small group discussions, music, Mass and music, and focused on providing inspiration, resources and strategies for evangelization.

The speakers covered a variety of topics, but seemed unified in stressing two

themes: relationships and joy.

The first step toward being an effective witness is falling in love. Many Catholics are in a loveless relationship with God.

Curtis Martin, founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)

"The first step toward being an effective witness is falling in love," said Curtis Martin, founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). "Many Catholics are in a loveless relationship with God. They may be in the pews on Sunday, but they don't feel it in their hearts. You can't share what you don't have."

Martin, along with other speakers, encouraged the attendees to cultivate that relationship through prayer, forgiveness, meditating on scripture, participation in the sacraments, works of mercy and other spiritual practices, and then to share that relationship with those around us.

"Authentic love must guide our actions; love for the Lord and love for others," said Christy Dupuis, a former Catholic Christian Outreach missionary. "And we share that love one person at a time. It's easy to think, 'I have to do this big thing and reach lots of people.' But over the years, I've learned I always fail miserably when tasks replace relationships. Instead, we should think, 'who am I

called to accompany today?'"

Catholic radio host and apologist Patrick Madrid suggested taking the message of the Gospel to those relationships – in part – by utilizing available methods of communication and resources.

"When it comes to sharing our faith, let's go where the people are," said Madrid, holding up his smartphone.

Madrid suggested sharing our faith and information about it via social media, text messaging and by sharing books, videos and audio programming.

"You have to know about your faith, and/or you have to know where to find resources," he said. "We live in a great time in terms of the availability of outstanding content. We have Bishop (Robert) Barron and Catholic Answers and Relevant Radio, along with countless other content creators, making excellent videos, audio content – podcasts or CDs, books and articles."

Madrid suggested using that content to grow in personal knowledge of the faith, and also sending content to others as a means of spreading the Gospel and clarifying church teachings.

Several of the speakers noted that spreading the Gospel isn't always easy, but they stressed that it's what we're called to do as a mission church.

"In the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus encountered Simon after he had spent a night fishing and caught nothing, he told him 'put out into the deep,'" said theologian George Weigel. "We need to go beyond the shallow waters of self-sustaining Catholicism, and we need to put out into the deep."

For more information on the New Evangelization Summit, visit newevangelization.ca. Next year's summit will be held in Ottawa on May 3 and 4.

Local voices

Among the 400 gathered in Ottawa were Cathy Witkowski of St. John's Parish in Plattsburgh and Sylvie Marion and Father Mark Reilly of St. Peter's Parish in Massena.

They shared their reaction to the event:

"All the speakers were excellent, each with their own distinctive style and form of expression, but their messages were all strung together with a unifying theme. I would sum up that theme with one word: relationship. Okay, maybe two words: relationship and joy. Relationship with Christ, and life with Him in the Holy Spirit, to the delight of the Heavenly Father. We evangelize only when we have this relationship at the center of our lives, and we become contagious with a deep joy that comes from this relationship with God. All the speakers, in one way or another, were encouraging us to develop our relationship with God and find joyful confidence in the knowledge that we are deeply loved by God. When we have a living, authentic, growing relationship with God (through prayer, sacraments, growth in virtue, etc.), we experience joy, no matter what hardships may come our way. And joy - evidenced by lots of laughter, camaraderie, and mutual encouragement - was palpable at the conference. On a practical level, many networking opportunities, resources, and helpful suggestions were available. I hope to get back to the NES again next year, and I hope more people from our diocese will be there with me - we've all got work to do, and the NES can be a great help in carrying it out."

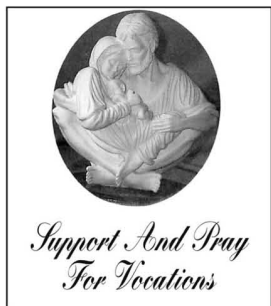
Father Mark Reilly, pastor, St. Peter's Parish, Massena

"This is my second time attending the New Evangelization Summit, and I just love coming to this event! The speakers were outstanding! They were inspiring, they were energetic, and it was clear that they were filled with the Holy Spirit. And, it was contagious. What a wonderful feeling it is to be surrounded by others who are so in love with Jesus Christ. And, to be able to talk freely, share freely, and to sing and pray together. It was amazing! I highly recommend this event to anyone regardless of where you are in your faith journey. I'm truly excited to 'cast the net into the deep' as I enter my daily life hoping to spread the Good News with those I encounter. I can't wait to go again next year!"

Sylvie Marion, St. Peter's Parish, Massena

"The main thing I took away from the weekend is that all Christians, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are called to bring others to Christ, and we can do that by reaching out to one person at a time. Our most powerful tool to ignite the fire of God's love in others is our own personal, authentic witness."

Cathy Witkowski, St. John's Parish, Plattsburgh



GUGGENHEIM 2018

MEET THE STAFF



Kelly Donnelly
Director

Hi! My name is Kelly Donnelly, I am incredibly blessed to be serving as the Camp Director for my fifth year. I live in Plattsburgh and am the Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese. I'm engaged to be married this August. Some of my hobbies include kayaking, traveling, and reading.

I love Guggenheim and getting to know the campers as they experience the joy of Christ and grow in their faith in such as nurturing, fun environment.

Please keep all of the campers, staff, and chaplains in your prayers as we enter into the summer!



Conner Cummings
Assistant director

Hello! My name is Conner Cummings, I am 22 years old and I am a senior at SUNY Potsdam studying Business Administration. I am from Alexandria Bay, New York where I attend St. Cyril's Catholic Church.

This will be my tenth year at camp, my third year on staff, and my first year serving as camp's assistant director!

Camp has always held a place in my heart and I am counting down every day in anticipation to hike, swim, and praise with all of you this summer!



Lillia Wooschlager

My name is Lillia Wooschlager and I grew up in the town of Croghan, attending St. Stephen's Parish. I am currently living in Chicago and studying music performance at DePaul University.

For the past ten years, I've looked to camp as the highlight of my summers and I can't wait to be coming back for another!

I am so excited to see the work of the Lord in the camper's hearts and to continue sharing the light of Christ with them as a Catholic community.



Johnny McBride

My name is Johnny McBride. I am originally from Saranac Lake but currently live in Waterbury, Vermont. I will be graduating from Assumption College this Spring with a major in Theology and a minor in English.

This will be my 10th summer at camp and 4th summer on staff. Guggenheim was a place that my faith came to life. Each summer I do my best and try my hardest to show the campers that being Catholic is full of wonder, helps us lead lives of joy, and is overall awesome. I look forward to everything Camp entails and being able to share my faith with the campers is a blessing.



Joy Leader

Hello, Diocese of Ogdensburg! My name is Joy Leader, and I am from St. James Parish in Gouverneur. I am currently a senior at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH where I plan to graduate this May with a degree in Spanish and Theology.

I am overjoyed to be returning to Guggenheim for my third summer on staff, and I thank God for this opportunity to serve our diocese in this way.

Please keep me and the rest of the staff in your prayers as we prepare for another incredible year, and know that we are praying for all of you!

Visit www.rcdony.org/youth for information and registration. Weekly sessions begin July 1

Goal of Fishers Club is to help men discern vocations

By Father Howard Venette
Contributing writer

PLATTSBURGH - "No man who feels that all important and mysterious call should pass up the chance to discern with those who know its true value."

That's the thought of Matthew Tetreault, a young man from Champlain, currently discerning a call to the priesthood.

His fellow discerner, Tom Middleton, writes "I find the long journey of discernment so much richer in the fellowship of others."

The richness of such fellowship is at the heart of the Fishers Club, the diocesan priesthood discernment initiative.

These men, as well as several others, regularly gathered in two regional groups for prayer, discussion and camaraderie, beginning early

this year.

The Midlanders met at St. Mary's, Canton, while the Lakesiders convened at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh.

Father Howard Venette conducted the Plattsburgh area group. Fathers Douglas Lucia, director of vocations, and Father Bryan Stitt, pastor of St. Mary's, Canton, gathered with men in the Canton area.

How is success measured for the group?

Tom's experience provides the answer: "I am especially grateful to those fellow travelers who open their hearts in prayerful consideration of God's call."

The simple goal of the Fishers Club is to bring together men to consider the one thing they have in common: the awareness of a call to the Priesthood. Hearts do open as experiences are shared within the context of a group discussion. At each

meeting, prayer in common and a relaxing meal further the fraternal atmosphere.

When asked about his time spent with the group, Aaron Akey, said, "All in all the Fishers club provides a man with the outlet to begin to exercise his desire to please God, and to steal a line from Father Merton's famous prayer: I believe the desire to please God does in fact please him."

Each discernment meeting begins with the words of Thomas Merton's prayer: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.."

Hopefully, time spent with the Fishers Club will continue to provide men with a sense of direction as they respond to the Lord's ministerial call.

Interested men of high school junior age and above will have the opportunity to gather for discernment when the Fishers Club resumes next fall.

Rosary Crusade set May 18

CARTHAGE - The 16th Annual Family Rosary Crusade has been set for May 18 at St. James Minor Church.

The program begins with Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

At 6 p.m. and at the top of the next seven hours, three complete Rosaries will be prayed in honor of Our Ladies Seven Sorrows. Each hour also has specific intentions.

Artist and event coordinator, Bob Renaud, also paints a painting each year to set a theme. For those attending St. James for at least three hours (in honor of Our Lord's passion and suffering), a print of the painting will be distributed. This year's

painting is entitled; 'With the Queen of Hearts, There's Hope'.

Further information is available on St. James parish website: catholicofcarthage-copenhagen.org or from the artist's personal website: bobrenaudart.com

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, 618 Lake Rd, Chateaugay, NY 12920; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: Day: 518-651-2267, Night: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel at 315-393-2920

Bishop's Schedule

May 16 - 12 p.m., Farewell luncheon for Mary Lou Kilian at Gran View Restaurant in Ogdensburg
7 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Church of the Holy Angels in Altona

May 17 - 12 p.m., Memorare Society Mass and Luncheon at St. Mary's Cathedral
6:30 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Mary's Cathedral

May 18 - 6:00 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Holy Family Church in Watertown

May 19 - 11:00 a.m., Confirmation at Immaculate Conception Church in Brownville
4:30 p.m., Confirmation at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams

May 20 - 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
3 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral

May 21 -23 - Presbyteral Assembly at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

May 23 - 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

Rest in Peace

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

May 15 - Rev. William Rossiter, 1908; Msgr. James R. McClure, 1960; Deacon William G. Schmidt, 2016
May 16 - Rev. Moses Legualt, 1908; Rev. John M. McIntyre, 1944
May 18 - Rev. John B. A. Legrand, 1891; Rev. Richard J. Cotter, 1928, Rev. Augustus J. Dumont, 1949
May 19 - Msgr. Arthur M. Leary, 1968; Deacon Vincent J. Frattali, 2003
May 20 - Rev. Robert Booth, 1939; Rev. Eugene Noury, O.M.I., 1961; Rev. P. Andrew L'Esperance, M.S.C., 1962
May 21 - Msgr. John Pendergast, 1998
May 22 - Msgr. Claudius Gobet, 1961

Environmental Stewardship

Planting Seeds of Hope

*"Praise the Lord
from the earth,
all mountains and hills, all fruit
trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame, reptiles
and birds on the wing." (Ps. 148)*

This week column is a continuation of last week's column on the workshop on reptiles that was presented at the Youth Rally (April 28) by the Faith and Ecology Groups.

The young people attending the workshop learned many valuable lessons about caring for God's creation.

Tom Kalinowski, a retired field biologist and member of the Faith and Ecology Group, reminded the young people that not "all of God's creatures are warm and fuzzy, but all were created by God, serve important functions in our ecosystem and deserve to be protected, not destroyed just because we don't happen to like them or find them attractive."

Mary Benvenuto told the young people that the reptiles and amphibians she brought to the rally are mainly "rescue animals," that were abandoned or given away by previous owners when they discovered they required more care than anticipated.

She cautioned the young people that caring for an animal is a responsibility that needs to be considered first, for these creatures come to depend on their owners. She urged the young people to research an animal first before acquiring it.

The table displays gave much information on reptiles and amphibians and the young people were invited to try their hands at identifying some local reptiles and amphibians. In addition, there was a display on trees and, in honor of Arbor Day, the young people were given a sapling to plant. One student, Ciara LeRoy, brought a picture of herself and the sapling that she had been given last year, which is now thriving under the care of her entire family.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Faith and Ecology Groups and their work, you may contact Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ at srbethssj@gmail.com

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope calls dicastery to promote reflection on role of women

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has updated the statutes of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, adding among other things a specific reference to the office's responsibility for promoting a deeper reflection on the role of women in the church and society. "The dicastery works to deepen the reflection on the relationship between men and women in their respective specificity, reciprocity, complementarity and equal dignity," the new statutes said. "Valuing the feminine 'genius,' it offers a contribution to ecclesial reflection on the identity and mission of women in the church and in society, promoting their participation." The new statutes, approved by the pope on an experimental basis, were released by the Vatican May 8 and were to go into force May 13. They replace statutes issued in June 2016, just before the new office began functioning under the leadership of U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell. While most of the articles in the statutes were unchanged, the new set eliminated a requirement that the office have three separate sections - for laity, for family and for life -- each presided over by an undersecretary. However, the new statutes said the office will have "at least two lay undersecretaries."

Catholic groups decry end to protected status for Hondurans

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Catholic leaders were angered and disappointed by the Trump administration's May 4 decision to end Temporary Protected Status, popularly known as TPS, to more than 57,000 Hondurans living in the United States. Hondurans who arrived in the United States after their country was devastated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998 now have until Jan. 5, 2020, to return home. "The administration's decision to end TPS for Honduras is untenable. Returning tens of thousands of people to a country with a staggering unemployment rate, high rates of violence, and few available resources to support them could quickly become a tipping point for communities," said Conor Walsh, the country representative in Honduras for Catholic Relief Services. He said those who are forced to return will be separated from family and could be targeted by gangs for extortion. "This decision, as well as previous determinations made for El Salvador and Haiti, will undermine ongoing efforts to address the root causes of migration and violence, and in doing so, lead to more," he added.

Pope praises Pope Benedict's writings on faith and politics

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- For more than 50 years, the writings of retired Pope Benedict XVI on the relationship between faith and politics have insisted that the measure of human freedom is the extent to which each person acknowledges being dependent on the love of God, Pope Francis wrote. The future pope's "direct experience of Nazi totalitarianism led him from the time he was a young academic to reflect on the limits of obedience to the state in favor of the freedom of obedience to God," Pope Francis commented in the preface to a new book. "Liberating Freedom: Faith and Politics in the Third Millennium" is a collection of essays written over the course of several decades, including during Pope Benedict's eight years as pope. It is scheduled to be published in Italian by Cantagalli in May 11. Pope Francis said that when Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger worked alongside St. John Paul II, "he elaborated and proposed a Christian vision of human rights capable of questioning on a theoretical and practical level the totalitarian claim of the Marxist state and the atheist ideology on which it was based."

Catholics get chance to celebrate, think about Mary with new feast day

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Catholic Church doesn't often add new celebrations to its pretty full liturgical calendar, but this year's new feast day, Mary, Mother of the Church on May 21, has Catholics gearing up to mark the day or at least think a little more about Mary.

The new feast day, which will be celebrated annually the day after Pentecost, was announced in a March 3 decree by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The decree said the pope approved the celebration because he thought it might "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety."

That line struck Father Chuck Barthel, pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in St. Louis, when he first read it and he has continued to go back to it as he considers the feast with particular significance for his parish.

Gaining a renewed and deeper understanding of Mary's nurturing and caring side is something he said the church, especially in today's climate, could certainly use.

His parish is one of a handful of churches in the U.S., along with a Benedictine Abbey in Richmond, Virginia, named Mary, Mother of the Church. For this year's celebration of the new feast day, the St. Louis church is not planning anything big, but plans to celebrate on the actual day -- when he said parishioners can "enjoy each other's company" -- not during Pentecost weekend when

there is already a lot going on.

The pastor said he hopes to give parishioners a prayer card for the occasion and the parish will host a hospitality event after the morning liturgy and will have evening prayer that night followed by dessert.

The parish - where Father Barthel was initially assigned more than 28 years ago as an associate pastor and now has returned less than a year ago - was founded in 1971 and initially was staffed by Redemptorist priests. The parish, which opened so soon after the Second Vatican Council, took its name from the title given to Mary by Blessed Paul VI in 1964.

Gloria Falcao Dodd, director of academic programs for the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton, Ohio, wrote a paper about this Marian title in 2006. Her research shows that a bishop in the 1100s called Mary, Mother of the Church and Pope Leo XIII's encyclical on the rosary said that Mary at Pentecost was "in very truth, the mother of the church, the teacher and queen of the apostles."

And in 1981, the title "Mother of the Church" was given another boost when St. John Paul II had a mosaic commissioned for the outside wall of his papal apartment called "Mater Ecclesiae" ("Mother of the Church") in gratitude for his recovery after being shot in St. Peter's Square. Then, and other times, the pope spoke of Mary as a mediator, or someone who intercedes for us, said Falcao Dodd.

That idea of Mary interceding for the church, as a mother does for her children, is important for Catholics to

consider, especially as this new feast falls so soon after Mother's Day, said Falcao Dodd. She also said it is key to understand its placement right after Pentecost, noting that at the time of the original Pentecost, Mary "did what a mother would do -- she prayed with and for her children in the upper room." And at Jesus' crucifixion, when he publicly announced to the disciple John, "behold your mother" about Mary. John, symbolizes all of us, the church, Falcao Dodd said.

Auxiliary Bishop Gerard W. Battersby of Detroit said Mary's presence at the foot of the cross and with the early church at Pentecost, is an example of what it means to be a disciple.

He said this image of a mother with her children "on this pilgrim journey" is important for the church today, especially as the pope is calling Catholics to a new evangelization and to unleash the Gospel message. "It's important for us to understand the church is Marian; this is not just a pleasant sentiment added on," he said, stressing that Mary is a guide for the church today.

"I think this is a time of special grace," the bishop told Catholic News Service May 2, noting that Mary's job has always been to point to Jesus.

The Detroit Archdiocese is celebrating the new feast day with a May 21 Mass at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Detroit concelebrated by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Donald F. Hanchon, another Detroit auxiliary bishop, and several archdiocesan priests. After Mass, there will be a May Crowning and procession through the streets with a statue of Mary carried by Catholic school students.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

In celebration of the birthday of the Church

As Catholics, we all know that the Feast of Pentecost marks the "birthday", the beginnings of the Church. But what more do we know?

From today's first reading from Luke's Acts of the Apostles, we know that the apostles were all together in one place, when a violent wind from the sky was heard all over the city.

Many people had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Pentecost which commemorated God's giving of the ten com-



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

mandments to Moses.

Because of the loud wind, thousands had gathered to find out its source. Inside the building, the apostles suddenly saw balls of fire which separated into tongues, landing on their heads.

What did it mean and what did it do?

The apostles, up until now, still stunned and confused from seeing

Jesus ascend into the heavens just ten days before, are suddenly filled with infused knowledge, wisdom, and

new courage.

They spill out into the streets to preach in many languages about the works of God in sending His Son, Jesus, both God and man, to bring forgiveness of sin and salvation to all the world!

On the news of this Word, three thousand people are baptized!

What did this bring? Divine gifts to all who believed, gifts that St. Paul in today's reading, explains: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone".

Doesn't this mean total

MAY 20

The Feast of Pentecost

READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

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

John 20:19-23

unity and peace in using these gifts?

Unfortunately, no. St. Paul is greatly distressed at the division that springs up through these gifts! Isn't that still true in our parishes today?

When people use the gifts of the spirit without in humility relying on the Spirit,

disagreements and jealousy can spoil their work.

In the Gospel, Jesus, knowing that human nature is still weak, gives the apostles the power to forgive and reconcile those who sin. It is God's mercy working through his bishops and priests!

The Holy Spirit also gives to all followers of Jesus the power to forgive one another in our daily living. We are so in need of peace and unity in our families and communities.

COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF THY FAITHFUL, AND ENKINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF THY LOVE!

RESPECT LIFE

Pre-ordering starvation of people with dementia

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
NCC columnist

My 95-year-old mother has severe dementia. The disease has robbed her of the ability to do so many things she used to fully appreciate in her life: plant her tomato and cucumber seeds in the garden and lovingly nurture them through the summer; read the Reader's Digest from cover to cover each and every month; put on her best dress and finest jewelry to go to church; and never miss anyone's birthday with a card, a handwritten note or a gift.

She's also lost the ability to take care of herself. She can no longer shower or dress herself, control her bladder or bowels, or remember to take her medicines.

As her only daughter, it is challenging and painful for me to watch my once strong and vibrant mother become frail and dependent on others for the basic necessities of living.

This is euthanasia. It is elder abuse. It is the intentional elimination of our parents and grandparents when they become confused, difficult and dependent on others. It is dead wrong.

I miss those birthday cards. I miss my mom. But I thank God every day that she is being cared for by compassionate staff in an excellent facility.

The one thing mom can still do is feed herself, and she continues to enjoy every meal. She has not lost her sweet tooth, and will never turn down a piece of chocolate! Others who have watched their loved ones

slide into cognitive oblivion tell me that one day she may be unable to feed herself. If that day comes, I will gladly spoon the applesauce into her mouth to provide her with the sustenance she needs. Because despite it all, hers is a life worth living. She is not terminally ill, nor is she in any pain. She still belly laughs at a good joke, enjoys a game of Scrabble, and cries tears of joy when she holds a puppy in her lap.

I recently became aware of a new advance directive some so-called "right to die" groups are promoting. It's explicitly intended for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other advanced mental deterioration, and it's all about providing – or more accurately, not providing – food and drink by hand, not through a feeding tube or other medical device.

It's so alarming to me, I'm having a hard time digesting

it (yes, there's a dark pun there.) Called the "Advance Directive for Receiving Oral Food and Fluids in Dementia," it is specifically intended for people like mom. It would allow a person who has mental capacity but who fears they may one day develop dementia, to declare that if that day comes, they do not want to be fed or given water. Even if they open their mouth and appear



Kathleen
Gallagher

eager to accept it, the directive would absolutely ban the caregiver from giving it. Wait, what?!

So if my mother had ever signed one of these documents, I, as her legally appointed health care proxy, would have to stand idly by and watch my mother starve to death. Yes, I would be prohibited from feeding her, with a spoon, even if she begged me for food.

I just can't imagine this sort of thing can be legal. It can't be, can it? Good Lord, have mercy, I suspect the

courts will decide.

From the document: "Under the conditions that may be imposed upon me by advanced dementia, including my inability to communicate comprehensively with loved ones or caregivers, and my physical dependence on others for all aspects of bodily care, continuing life would have no value for me. If I appear willing to accept food or fluid offered by assisted or hand feeding, my instructions are that I do NOT want to be fed by hand, even if I appear to cooperate in being fed by opening my mouth."

How can a competent person possibly determine that should they later become incompetent, their life will hold no value? And who are we to judge?

This is euthanasia. It is elder abuse. It is discrimination against people with disabilities. It is the intentional elimination of our parents and grandparents when they become confused, difficult and dependent on others. It is dead wrong.

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AT THE MOVIES

OVERBOARD

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

No need to throw a lifeline to "Overboard" (MGM), a surprisingly buoyant remake of the 1987 romantic comedy.

The original film is best remembered for the chemistry between its stars, real-life partners Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell. Unfortunately, however, its plot involved a frivolous treatment of adultery.

Happily, director Rob Greenberg, who co-wrote the screenplay with Bob Fisher, somewhat untangles that aspect of the storyline; this time out, both leads are (at least currently) unattached. Greenberg is also well-served by the pairing of comedians Anna Faris and Eugenio Derbez -- as well as by the switching of the gender roles, which gives a fresh take on the zany forgotten-identity plot.

Leonardo (Derbez), the spoiled scion of one of Mex-

ico's richest families, whiles away his days on a luxury yacht, awash in booze and surrounded by lovelies. He dismisses sensible working women like Kate (Faris), a single mother of three trying to make ends meet by holding down several jobs while also studying to be a nurse.

Kate arrives on the yacht to clean the champagne-soaked carpets. She and Leonardo argue over the bill, whereupon he gleefully tosses her overboard, then sails off into the sunset.

Actions have consequences, and that evening, our lothario interrupts his latest bout of casual sex to go above deck in search of a condom (this is Hollywood, after all). Now it's his turn to fall overboard, with life-changing results. He washes ashore with amnesia, clueless as to his real identity.

Leonardo's plight opens the door to two scheming women. In Mexico City, his sister Magdalena (Cecilia Suarez) sees her chance to

take control of the family business, and decides to make Leonardo's disappearance permanent by faking his death.

Closer to home, Kate sees press coverage of Leonardo's situation and -- with the encouragement of her pizza-restaurant boss, Theresa (Eva Longoria) -- decides to serve up some "poetic justice." She arrives at the hospital, claims to be Leonardo's wife, and takes him home.

"Overboard" descends into slapstick as Leonardo, unaccustomed to poverty and physical labor, abides by Kate's rules, holding down a construction job by day, and cooking and cleaning the house by night. But a transformation is in store, as Leo discovers a long-buried reservoir of goodness deep inside him that earns him the respect of his newfound family and co-workers.

While the ends never justify the means, and Kate's abduction and deception are not to be condoned,



CNS PHOTO/MGM, PANTELION FILMS

Eugenio Derbez Leonardo and Anna Faris star in a scene from the movie "Overboard."

viewers are hardly likely to have either the opportunity or the inclination to imitate her actions. Taken strictly as a comic fantasy, "Overboard" offers an entertaining parable about redemption.

The film contains implied

premarital sex, fleeting male rear nudity, some sexual banter, occasional crude language and an obscene gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



The popular North Country band, Towne Meeting, will perform its ninth benefit concert as the culminating event of the Mission of Hope's 20th Anniversary celebration June 3. The concert takes place at St. Augustine's church in Peru at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation to support the ongoing efforts of the Mission to build safe stoves for families in Nicaragua. Because of this series of concerts and the generous support of the people of the North Country, 393 families now have safe stoves which are replacing the dangerous open fires previously used for cooking.



JULY 29, 2018 MT ARAB

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HEALING MASS

Morrisonville – St. Alexander's Parish will have a Healing Mass.

Date: June 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Features: Also included will be Anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the opportunity to receive individual prayer with members of Living Waters Healing Ministry.

BAZAAR AND CAR SHOW

Mooers Forks – St. Ann's Annual Bazaar & Car Show to be held.

Date: June 3

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

Place: St. Ann's Grounds

Cost: Pre-register \$10 or \$15 day of show

Features: Top 40 Picks & Special Awards; Craft Show, Big Ticket, Theme Baskets, Free Entertainment; Food
Contact: To pre-register a vehicle call 518-236-5632

MISSION OF HOPE CONCERT

Peru – The popular North Country band, Towne Meeting, will perform its ninth benefit concert as the culminating event of the Mission of Hope's 20th Anniversary celebration.

Date: June 3

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Church

Features: Admission is by donation to support the ongoing efforts of the Mission to build safe stoves for families in Nicaragua.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru – The 32nd Annual Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held.

Date: June 15

Time: 10 a.m. Shotgun start

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: The 4 person scramble is dedicated to its former chairman, the late Bill McBride Jr.

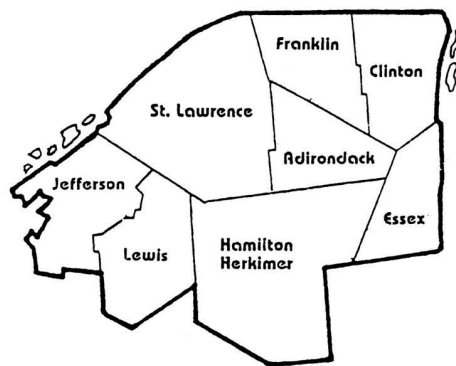
Contact: Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 518-643-5444 or email gnetlombard@charter.net.

ALUMNI REUNION

Plattsburgh – The Seton Catholic, MAI & SJA Alumni Reunion is set

Date: May 25 – 27

Schedule: May 25, Golf at Harmony Golf Course at 11 a.m.; Welcome Back reception at Valcour Brewing Company at 6 p.m.; May 26, School tours from



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
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Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

Noon to 2 p.m., Alumni Banquet at the Westside Ballroom at 6 p.m.; May 27, Mass at St. John's Church at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Susan Pellerin at 518-561-4031 option 7 to register

GARAGE SALE

Plattsburgh – Donations are being accepted now for the Seton Garage Sale.

Date: Donations accepted now, Garage sale to be held June 2 and 3

Features: Items needed: Furniture, Books, DVDs, Clothing & Shoes, Home Décor, Kitchen Supplies, Holiday Decorations, Electronics (no TVs or printers), Jewelry, Small Appliances, Athletic Items, Toys/Games, etc. Drop off at Seton Academy or Seton Catholic.

Contact: If you need assistance with your donation, we will pick it up for you. Call or text Hank at 660-626-7442

JEFFERSON

LIFERIGHT MOVIE

Watertown – Life right will host a viewing of the film "The ABC Link" (Abortion Breast Cancer Link).

Date: May 22

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Reading room of the Flower Memorial Library

Features: Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a breast cancer surgeon who is head of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute and Dr. Joel Brind, biologist and endocrinologist. The film explains why the incidence of breast cancer has risen from one in twelve women to one in eight women. Refreshments will be served

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Adams – The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity of the 3rd Order of Secular Franciscans will gather to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Date: May 26

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: St. Cecilia's Parish

CUPERTINO MEETING

Watertown – The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity of the 3rd Order of Secular Franciscans will meet.

Date: May 27

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: McCarthy Hall at Holy Family Church.

OPERATION MIRIAM LUNCH

Watertown – Women of middle school age and up invited to learn about what the consecrated life all about.

Date: June 17

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: SSJ Motherhouse

Features: Prayer to know one's vocations lunch, sharing of vocation stories and information about consecrated life.

Contact: Shayne Lippincott at slippincott@rcdony.org or call 315-782-3620 by June 11.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: May 31

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; Meat-

balls, \$.75

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

LEWIS

ST. PETER'S MAY FESTIVAL

Lowville – St. Peter's May Festival to be held.

Schedule: May 18, 5 p.m. to 10; May 19, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; May 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Features: Carnival rides, homemade food specialties. Other booths will include "This-N-That," a giant bake sale, and games. On Saturday: Antique Appraisals with Duane Delair and Tyler McDonald, from the Constableville Auction Hall, between 10 a.m. – Noon. Craft Fair opens at 11 a.m.; a ride special from 1 P.M. to 5, Mass on the grounds at 4 p.m. On Sunday; a Chicken Barbecue from 11 a.m. until all are gone. Pre-sale tickets available, please call the office (315-376-6662). Cake Walk will be a 12 Noon. At 3 p.m., the drawings begin for cash prizes totaling \$2000.

ST. LAWRENCE

CORPUS CHRISTI

Norwood – A Celebration of Corpus Christi to be held.

Date: June 3

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Andrew's Church

Features: Mass followed by a procession with the Holy Sacrament around the block and back into the church where benediction will conclude the service. Bishop Terry LaValley, will be the principle celebrant. Priests, deacons, sisters, Knights of Columbus councils, all women and men societies, and youth groups are welcome.

TRIP TO YANKEE GAME

Canton – The Canton Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Yankee Baseball Trip to New York City.

Date: Aug. 10

Cost: \$230 per/person double occupancy. The price includes luxury coach transportation, ticket to the ballgame, one night's hotel stay at Meadowlands River Inn and breakfast on Saturday.

Contact: cantonkofc@gmail.com or call 315-714-2016.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Canton – The Canton-Potsdam K of C Assembly 707 is hosting a Charity Golf Tournament With proceeds to benefit local Special Olympics

Date: June 16

Place: Partridge Run Golf Course

Features: captain and crew format with prizes for the top three finishers Men's, Women's and Mixed. There will also be contests for longest drive, closest to the pin, and putting. The cost is \$50 per person which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart and lunch at the turn.

Contact: To register a team, email: cantonkofc@gmail.com or leave a message at 315-714-2016.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

MEN'S RETREAT

Saranac Lake – A diocesan men's retreat to be held.

Date: June 8-10

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Cost: \$100, includes meals and lodging
Theme: Into the Deep – Finding Peace Through Peter

Contact: John Miner, 518-354-0727 or jdmminer@roadrunner.com

NFP CLASSES

Canton – A series of Natural Family Planning Classes to be held.

Date: June 2

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's School

Cost: \$50 covers all materials

Features: Sponsored by the Diocesan NFP Office, open to all couples wishing to learn this natural, holistic, and highly effective method of family planning. A 3-part learner-centered format educates couples to observe and interpret the physical signs of fertility. This knowledge can be used to postpone or to achieve pregnancy.

Contact: To register, or to learn more, contact Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli at 518-483-0459 or via email: api-etropaoli@rcdony.org.

DOVS PILGRIMAGE

D.O.V.S. (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) is sponsoring a vocation pilgrimage to Western New York with Bishop LaValley.

Date: Oct. 16-18

Cost: \$350 if registered by Aug. 31; \$399 after Aug. 31

Features: Departing from various site in diocese. Price includes bus to all destinations; two nights stay at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY; two breakfasts; one lunch; two dinners. The pilgrimage will feature tour of Christ the King Seminary, Mass at the seminary, tour of Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Buffalo; Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations at the Basilica; free time at Niagara Falls.

Contact: Connie Randall at 315-265-2762 or Mary Enslow at 315-268-1016.



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Neighbors in a global village

From the Director's Desk
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSI,
Diocesan Mission Director

"Not just the ones living next door, or down the block. Not just those from my hometown or country... No, my neighbors may or may not look or talk or think like me.

My neighbors may be of another faith or race or political persuasion.

My neighbors are whoever needs my help right now, whether standing beside me or half a world away. But wait, there's more! My neighbors do not so much need my help as I need theirs. Without them, I cannot fulfill the law of Christ. Without them, my worship rings hollow and my prayers echo in the emptiness of my heart like an abandoned cathedral, cold, dark and deserted.

But if I believe God wants me here and now to bear witness to the truth and announce God's reign and fulfill God's plan for peace and justice on this earth, then let my eyes and ears and voice and hands be opened to see and celebrate and share God's gifts...no matter how small."

The above passage is from "Who are My Neighbors" a meditation by Maryknoll Father Joseph Veneroso.

Upon reading this passage, we realize that our neighbors are not just next door, but everywhere. Today, we live in a "global village" where advances in technology and communication have affected every aspect of our lives. The world seems smaller. Globalization can be seen in large multinational corporations which affect the world economy.

All too often, we see how corporate greed has brought to light grave injustices to employees, investors and citizens of our global village. Such injustices likewise affect the poorer nations of the world. As missionaries we are called to bring the Kingdom of God, namely justice, peace, mercy and love to all of God's global village.

Missionaries are often on the front lines in dealing with both the positive and negative effects of globalization. As Catholics, we have the moral obligation to promote the positive effects and condemn the negative impacts of globalization to the integrity of human beings and their cultures.

We pray for missionaries throughout the world. We remember that we are neighbors in a global village that is the Catholic Church.

We pray that we may ever be faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Christ Himself.

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OBITUARIES

Adams – Evelyn Mary Young, 90; Mass of Christian Burial May 11, 2018 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in St. Cecilia's Cemetery.

Alexandria Bay – Steven V. Amato, 53; Mass of Christian Burial May 11, 2018 at St. Cyril's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown.

Brushton – Jason E. Deon, 41; Mass of Christian Burial May 5, 2018 at St. Mary's Church.

Carthage – Rita C. (Simser) Keenan, 91; Mass of Christian Burial May 8, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Chateaugay – Gertrude Recore Nicols, 90; Funeral Services May 10, 2018 at the Chateaugay Funeral Home; burial in Immaculate Heart Cemetery, Churubusco.

Croghan – Charles L. Grunert, 92; Mass of Christian Burial May 10, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Keeseville – Marilyn (Miner) Ricci

Borski, 81; Mass of Christian Burial May 19, 2018 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Keeseville – Donald Witaker; Mass of Christian Burial May 11, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Long Lake – Jane A. Bissell, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 4, 2018 at St. Henry's Church; burial in Long Lake Cemetery.

Malone – Jeanne Lantry; Mass of Christian Burial May 12, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – Susan F. Day, 63; Funeral Services May 10, 2018 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Oswego Town Rural Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Michelle Anne Abare Parrish; Mass of Christian Burial May 12, 2018 at St. Alexander's Church.

Peru – Helen F. (McDonald) Spear, 105; Funeral Services May 10, 2018 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Holy Angels Parish Cemetery, Altona.

Potsdam – Carol A. (Prosper) Shatraw, 82; Mass of Christian Burial May 5, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Parishville.

Ticonderoga – Dennis Allan Henthorn, 67; Funeral Services May 14, 2018 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home.

Watertown – Edward Thomas Demarest, 97; Mass of Christian Burial May 11, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Willsboro – Patrick M. Garvey, 77; Mass of Christian Burial May 10, 2018 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial Calvary Cemetery.

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Students from Ss. Philip and James Parish in Lisbon made their First Communion on May 6 in front of family, friends and parishioners. Pictured, from left, are Melanie Ward, Alivia Jordan, Christine Ward, DRE for the parish; Jocelyn Wilhelm and Ryan Hollis.



The Catholic Daughters from St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake recently conducted their annual baby shower and appeal for baby clothes and items that are donated to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The Catholic Daughters take time each spring to collect donations and items to support young mothers throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Pictured, front from left, are Viv Eccleston, Judy Bibeau, Marcia Doty and Dorothy Metz; back, RoseAnn Hickey, Cindy Elliott, representing Catholic Charities; and Virginia Shelhamer.



Olivia Kraeger crowned the statue of Mary at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Port Leyden.



Father Stephen Rocker, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Colton, and St. Mary's Parish in Potsdam, is shown with the children who received their First Communion this month. Picture are Charolette Clark of St. Mary's and Alexander Seymour, Shea Lynn Charleson, and Rylee Rutkauskas of St. Patrick's. Both the Crowning of Mary and First Communion were celebrated May 6 at St. Patrick's Church.



Four children made their First Communion May 6 at St. Cyril's Catholic Church of Alexandria Bay. From left are Katie Rose, Carter McAloon, Saige Baker and Kendall Walton.