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## Cherish the gift of baptism

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Children have a right to be brought up in the Christian faith, Pope Francis said. Parents and godparents must make sure they "feed the flame of baptismal grace in their little ones, helping them persevere in the faith," the pope said May 16 at his weekly general audience.

"Christian education is a child's right; it seeks to guide them gradually to know God's plan in Christ," so they will be able to personally take up the faith in which they were baptized, Pope Francis said.

Ending a series of audience talks about baptism, Pope Francis talked about the

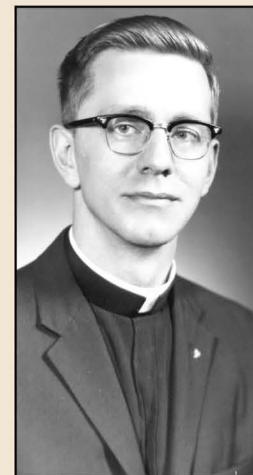
meaning of the white garment and the lit candle the newly baptized are given during the baptismal rite.

"The white garment, as it symbolically expresses what happens in the sacrament, proclaims the condition of those transfigured in divine glory," signifying a new life in Christ, he said.

To "put on Christ," as St. Paul explains in his letter to the Colossians, is to cultivate the virtues of "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another ... And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection," the pope said.

## CELEBRATING JUBILIARIANS

### Six priests are honored



Father Normand C. Cote, ordained in 1958 is one of six priests celebrating special jubilees in 2018. Ordained on May 31, 1958 by Bishop James J. Navagh, he is celebrating 60 years of service to the priesthood. Other jubilarians are Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin, 60 years; Fathers Douglas A. Decker, Alan J. Lamica and Alan D. Shnob, 40 years and Father Timothy Canaan, 25 years. The priests were the guests of honor at a jubilee Mass and dinner held Tuesday at the annual Presbyteral Assembly in Lake Placid.

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## Seton schools to merge under one roof

**PLATTSBURGH**,— The Education Council of both Seton Schools has announced that this September, all students in grades Pre-K through 12 will be brought together at Seton Catholic Central's current location at 206 New York Road under the unified identity of Seton Catholic.

The move will enable the broadening and sharing of resources, including collaboration of families that will continue to strengthen Seton, officials say.

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## Mission of Hope

Special events on June 2 and 3 celebrate organization's

20th anniversary  
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## MAY CLOWNING



The First Communion class at St. Mary's in Evans Mills has a little fun after their First Communion Mass and May Crowning on May 13. Pictured are, front row, from left, Benjamin Granger, Joseph Montessor, Rylynn Van Tassel, Brayden Blume, Rafael Rogriguez, Asa Black, John Thomas Sorice, (back row) Father Chris Looby and Deacon Patrick Donahue.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Bless you, Fathers!

One of the greatest privileges of my many years of work for the diocesan newspaper has been the daily opportunities for encounters with our priests.

Most Catholics only see "Father" at church. I've been able to share coffee and conversation with priests who stop in the office, agree to an interview or just reach out to let me know what I should know about our North Country church.

This week the priests of the diocese are sharing a little time together as they spend a cou-

ple days in the Adirondacks for the annual Presbyteral Assembly.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

A highlight of their gathering is always the Tuesday evening Jubilee Mass and dinner during which the priests celebrating special anniversaries are honored.]

This year, six priests will be the center of fraternal attention for 60, 40 and 25 years of ordination.

The *North Country Catholic* joins in the celebration as we present our special jubilee issue. In the pages of today's paper, we

honor Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin and Father Normand Cote for 60 years of priestly ministry. Observing 40 years as priests are Father Douglas Decker, Father Alan Shnob and Father Alan Lamica and, 25 years, Father Timothy Canaan.

Something we always learn as we prepare this paper for publication is how much the people of the diocese love their priests. There is never any hesitation when we invite parishioners to share a special message in this paper. (As long as we can figure out who to ask, since usually, we can't ask the pastor!)

I have a personal affinity for

the priests celebrating their 40th anniversary this year since 1978 was the year that I arrived at the *NCC*. But while I'm counting down the days until retirement, these men are among our younger priests who are looking ahead to decades of service to the people of God.

Even those who are officially "retired" are nearly as active as ever, celebrating Masses whenever they are needed, presiding at funerals, even writing columns for the diocesan newspapers!

And so we say thank you and God bless you, dear jubilarians. You have been such a blessing to our church.

## Celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit

Each year as I begin preparing for Pentecost and read the Gospel of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, I try to imagine what it was like on that day for the apostles.

This Gospel tells us it was a small, frightened group. The apostles knew what Christ expected of them, but Jesus had ascended to heaven. Without him, the situation seemed impossible.

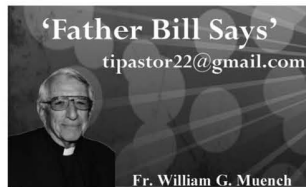
Then the Holy Spirit came to them and gave them the boldness and power to speak out.

I am certain that during my priesthood I have personally experienced the power of the Holy Spirit.

There have been many times in my ministry when I was truly challenged, and I didn't know what to do or what to say. I believe that I found success at those moments through the power, guidance and words of the Holy Spirit.

As a result, I can realize how those apostles were touched by the Holy Spirit to speak and to teach and to baptize.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that on the day of Pentecost, through the power of the Spirit, Peter spoke to the



Fr. William G. Muench

crowds of people and three thousand people were baptized.

Today, we speak of the First Pentecost as the birthday of the Catholic Church. It was a small but powerful beginning. I recently read a meditation by Father Flor McCarthy on the church's beginnings: "The church should never forget its humble origins. If it does, it will not value the importance of the small. We need to experience the church as small. We need a sense of closeness and belonging – a sense of interdependence."

Today, I want to remind you of a new Pentecost for our Catholic Church. Pope John XXIII spoke of the Second Vatican Council as a new coming of the Holy Spirit, just as the Spirit descended on that First Pentecost. Pope John called upon the Bishops of the World

in Council to throw open the windows of the church for the Holy Spirit.

The Council changed us all – priests and people – and all those bishops at the Council. There was a new enthusiasm and excitement for us all.

The Council passed and published several documents that proposed a new openness for our Catholic Church. I continue to read these documents even now – for me there was a real transformation going on.

The Holy Spirit truly came down upon us all – a new Pentecost.

Some of you will remember well those days of the Council. They were wonderful days, weren't they? It's hard to believe it's been over 50 years since the close of the Council. I notice this when I talk about the Council to those who are too young to remember the church before it. Those many changes were so wonderful for us. However, I am certain that the Holy Spirit continues to bring strength and new life to us all, even now.

The Council, in the power of the Holy Spirit, challenged all to bring a new spirit to our

church. This challenge was a call not just to the clergy, but also the laity.

The Council spoke of the many gifts of the laity. Before the Council, it seemed that the laity were only spectators in their Church. The Council made it clear that lay men and women must be more involved in all that is Church, in the full life of the Church.

In the Constitution of the Church, the Council Fathers challenged the laity to become more alive and involved in the life of our church.

The Council recognized the gifts of the laity. The Council called upon the leaders of the Church to recognize and use well the important resource of lay men and women.

There is so much more that the Bishops discussed and acted upon at the Second Vatican Council.

I mention this call to the laity to remind you at this time of Pentecost that you may continue to take your rightful place as members of the church so that our church will again find the enthusiasm and excitement of the coming of the Holy Spirit in our time.

## Fr. Cote, ordained 60 years, among 2018 jubilarians

Father Normand C. Cote, ordained in 1958 is one of six priests celebrating special jubilees in 2018.

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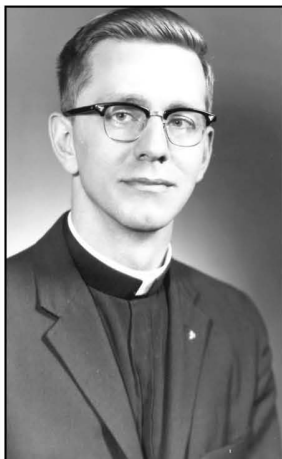
Other jubilarians are Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin, 60 years; Fathers Douglas A. Decker, Alan J. Lamica and Alan D. Shnob, 40 years and Father Timothy Canaan, 25 years.

Father Coté retired as pastor of St. John's Church in Plattsburgh in 2003 and currently resides there.

Father Coté was born Aug. 18, 1928 in St. John, Quebec. His family moved to the United States a year later.

After attending Our Lady of Victory Academy in Plattsburgh and at St. Edmund's Junior Seminary in Winooski, Vermont, he studied philosophy at College Bourget and theology at the Grand Seminary in Montreal.

Father Coté was ordained along with five others by Bishop Navagh at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Navagh's first ordination in the dio-



NCC FILE PHOTOS

**Father Normand C. Cote, ordained May 31, 1958, is marking the 60th anniversary of his ordination this year.**



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He celebrated his first Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, Plattsburgh, on June 1 of 1958.

Between 1958 and 1964, Father Coté served as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Clayton; St. Augustine's Church Peru; St. Bernard's Church, Lyon

Mountain; in Malone, Watertown and Keeseville. He was named pastor of St. John's Church in Lafargeville in 1969, and in 1972, pastor of St. Therese Church, Newcomb. In 1980 he was named pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Coopersville, and served as special parochial vicar in Champlain from 1985-86.

## June events mark Mission of Hope's 20th anniversary

The North Country Mission of Hope is celebrating 20 years of bringing hope and healing to the poorest areas in Nicaragua, the second poorest country in the hemisphere.

It all started in 1998 after Hurricane Mitch devastated Nicaragua. The first trip was taken in December 1998. A weekend of celebration is planned for June 2 to 3.

On June 2, the Mission of Hope has organized the inaugural color run, partnering with and being held at Rulf's Orchards. The run starts at

10 a.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Kayak Shack has also donated a 9.5 Perception Kayak that is being raffled off. For registration or information on tickets for the raffle, go to <http://www.ncmissionofhope.org/> or call 518-643-5572.

On June 2 and 3, the new warehouse and office space for the Mission of Hope will be holding an open house from 1 to 4 p.m., with an anniversary presentation at 3 p.m. each day.

The warehouse is located at 3452 Route 22, Peru.

On June 3 at 7 p.m., the local band Towne Meeting will be performing at St. Augustine's Church, Peru as a benefit concert for the Mission of Hope. Funds will be used to provide safe stoves to families.



## SISTER JUDY HONORED



SCHOOL PHOTO

**St. Joseph's Sister Judy Adams, a science teacher at Trinity Catholic School, Massena, was one of the honorees at the annual Gala celebration on May 5. She has brought science to life at Trinity Catholic School for 16 years. Sister Judy brought her gifts for teaching hands-on science to many students in the various schools around the Diocese of Ogdensburg. She was principal at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Watertown, and St. Peter's School, Lowville. Sister Judy's experience in serving on the Technology and Curriculum Committees helped her in establishing the science and technology labs at Trinity Catholic.**

## Congratulations Fr. Douglas Decker



On celebrating 40 years in the Priesthood.

We are very blessed to have you as our pastor.

St. Alphonsus - Holy Name of Jesus Parish

# Father Pierre Aubin, MSC, observes 60 years

**CAPE VINCENT** – Though his formation with the order began years prior, Father Pierre Aubin, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, is celebrating 60 years as an ordained priest.

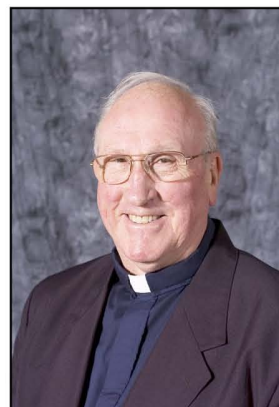
Father Aubin, currently serves as pastor of the Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont.

He first entered the minor seminary of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in June 1947, just after completing 9th grade. A few weeks after he graduated from that school, École Apostolique de Notre Dame du Sacré-Cœur, in Beauport near Quebec City, he entered the novitiate of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

After a year of formation in Waterloo, Quebec, he made his religious profession on Sept. 8, 1952, taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for a trial period of three years. During that period, Father Aubin studied at St. Joseph's Apostolic School in Watertown, which was affiliated with Laval University in Quebec City and provided instruction in French.

In 1955, he graduated from the Watertown school with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He then returned to Quebec City and made his final profession of vows on Sept. 8, 1955.

In 1956, he was sent along



NCC FILE PHOTOS

**(Left)** Father Pierre Aubin directs a French Mass at St. Vincent of Paul in Cape Vincent in 1975. He returned to the parish as pastor in 2002.

**(Above)** After serving in various roles for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and serving missions, Father Aubin now serves as pastor of the Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont.

with two other Missionaries of the Sacred Heart seminarians to St. Paul Seminary in Ottawa, where they were asked to learn English while continuing their theological formation.

On June 22, 1958, he was ordained to the priesthood by Msgr. Lionel Audet in Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly, Quebec.

Father Aubin then went on to receive a Licentiate in The-

ology in 1959, a bachelor's degree in education in 1960, and a master's degree in mathematics in 1965.

In addition to pursuing education, Father Aubin taught for six years in Watertown, first at a Missionaries of Sacred Heart high school seminary, which came to be known as Sacred Heart Prep, and later at Immaculate Heart Academy, now Immaculate Heart Central.

He has served in various roles within the Missionaries of Charities, including superior, administrator, Provincial Council member and vocations promoter. He also served as a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart General Chapter in Rome, Italy, as a delegate of the Canadian Province.

From 1971 to 1977, Father Aubin served as associate pastor for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Watertown. He then became Associate Development Director for the province, working to obtain help from foundations and aid organizations for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in both North America, as well as in the missions of Papua New Guinea and Colombia.

In 1978, Father Aubin joined Maryknoll Father George Cotter in establishing an office in New York City for Father Cotter's "Mission Project Service," which aimed to link development organizations with international aid organizations. During their collaboration, the priests authored several books to-

gether. The organization they developed is still active, now run by the Missionary Oblate Partnership in San Antonio, Texas. Father Aubin was named an honorary member of the agency's board of directors.

Another entity Father Aubin helped establish, the Sacred Heart Foundation, helps finance the education of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart seminarians. Father Aubin retired from the foundation's board of directors in 2008, after 43 years of involvement. As of 2017, that endowment was valued at over \$3 million.

While being involved with the Sacred Heart Foundation and the Mission Project Service, Father Aubin also served as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills and St. Theresa of Avila Church in Theresa from 1986 to 1999, as well as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia and St. Michael's Church in Antwerp in 1998 to 1999. He became pastor of All Saints Church in Chaumont in 1999. In 2002, Father Aubin was also given the care of St. Vincent of Paul Church in Cape Vincent and St. Vincent de Paul Church in Rosiere. Under his leadership, the parishes were merged to form one parish named the Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont, the parish he still serves today.

Father Aubin hopes to retire as pastor, as soon as a replacement is appointed.

## Celebration planned

The Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont, where Father Aubin has been the pastor since 2002, is hosting a celebration on June 30, at St. Vincent of Paul Catholic Church in Cape Vincent, beginning with Mass celebrated at 4 p.m. by Bishop Terry R. LaValley, followed by a reception (5 p.m.) and dinner (6 p.m.) on the rectory lawn.

RSVP by June 15, 2018 at (315) 654-2662 or  
CVRCHPARISH3@gmail.com.



## Congratulations

**Fr. Pierre Aubin, MSC**

*On your 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood with the  
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart*

*Your MSC Brethren*

**Fr. DeLuca, Br. John, Fr. Jonas & Fr. Freeh**

*Father Douglas Decker, Father Alan Lamica, Father Alan Shnob are honored*

# Forty year jubilarians

Three priests of the diocese – Father Douglas A. Decker, Father Alan J. Lamica and Father Alan D. Shnob – are celebrating the 40th anniversary of their ordinations in 2018.

All three men were ordained May 6, 1978 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

## Father Decker



Father Decker

Father Douglas A. Decker, pastor of St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake, studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King Seminary.

Prior to his assignment in Tupper Lake, Father Decker served as pastor in Adams from 1997 to 2010. He served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force from 1988 through 1996.

A native of Hammond, he was born Oct. 16, 1950. His twin brother, Father Robert Decker, is also a priest of the diocese.

Father Decker served as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's in Watertown, St. Alexander's in Morrisonville, Notre Dame in Ogdensburg, St. Peter's in Lowville, and St. John's in Plattsburgh and Holy Family in Watertown before he entered the Air Force in 1986.

Upon his return to the diocese, he served as parochial

vicar in Potsdam before being named pastor in Adams in 1997.

Father Decker is retired from the Air Force.

## Father Lamica



Father Lamica

Father Alan J. Lamica, chaplain at Bare Hill Correctional Facility in Malone, prepared for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland.

A Tupper Lake native, he was born July 25, 1950. He graduated from Pius X High School in Saranac Lake.

After ordination, Father Lamica celebrated his first Mass at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake.

He first served as Associate Pastor at St. Mary's in Massena and St. Patrick's in Watertown. He also served as administrator at St. Philip Neri parish in Westport.

In 1994, Father Lamica was named pastor in Keene, along with its mission in Wilmington.

He also served as chaplain at the Moriah Shock Incarceration Facility

He's been in his current assignment since 2003, residing in North Bangor.

## Father Shnob

Father Alan D. Shnob, pastor of St. Augustine's in Peru,

obtained a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wadhams Hall and a master's degree in theology from Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo.

Prior to entering Wadhams, he obtained a bachelor's degree in education from SUNY Plattsburgh, and he's certified to teach social studies and English.

Born February 15, 1950, Father Shnob is a native of Mooers Forks and graduate of Altona Central.

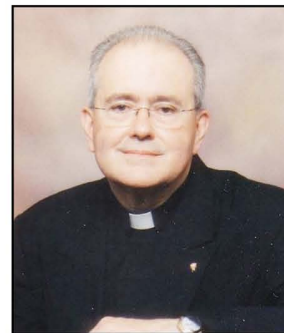
After ordination, he served as associate pastor at Notre Dame in Ogdensburg. In 1987, he was appointed sec-

retary to the bishop and associate chancellor. He later served as a pastor at St. Joseph's in Malone and as a temporary administrator in Chazy.

In 1983, he was released to serve outside the diocese at St. Columban parish in Cornwall, Ontario. He returned to the diocese in 1986 as parochial vicar at St. Augustine's in Peru, later also serving as pastor in West Chazy.

In 1991, he became pastor for St. Mary's in Ticonderoga, a role that grew to include Crown Point in 1993.

He became pastor of St.



Father Shnob

Mary's in Massena in 1995, returning to Peru in 2005.

## Congratulations

### Fr. Pierre Aubin, MSC

*On your 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart*



The Parishes of  
Cape Vincent, Rosiere & Chaumont

*For the last forty years, Father Alan Shnob has followed his calling, dedicating his life to spreading God's love, in service to our Lord Jesus and his Divine cause.*

*He has taught us the meaning of God's love by setting the example in both word and deed.*

*His love and dedication to serving others has, in turn become our gift sent from God.*

~From your Parishioners at St. Augustine's Church, Peru~



# Funeral rites held for Dr. John Middleton, 95

**PLATTSBURGH**—A Mass of Christian Burial for John Thomas Middleton, Ph.D., a Papal Medal of Honor recipient, was held May 17 at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Dr. Middleton died May 13 at the VNA Respite House in Colchester, Vermont. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Chazy.

Born in Olney, Texas on February 19, 1926, he was the youngest of four children born to Ben and Ola (Davenport) Middleton.

Dr. Middleton lived at various residences in Texas before moving to the Chazy and Plattsburgh areas.

After joining the United States Navy Reserve at 17, he served during WWII and was medically discharged at age 19. He attended several colleges and universities including colleges in Wichita Falls, Texas.

He worked as a psychologist and psychiatric social worker for the Texas Department of Mental Health. He earned a Ph.D. from Florida State University and retired Professor Emeritus from SUNY Plattsburgh, where he taught marriage and family life courses and counseling.

Dr. Middleton was elected for membership to several professional associations and worked in numerous volunteer groups. The last years, he worked primarily in pro-life causes and was co-founder with his wife, Claire,

of Champlain Valley Right to Life and Birthright. He volunteered as a lay minister with the Catholic Church, a Critical Care EMT with the Chazy Volunteer Fire Department and as a driver for the Disabled American Veterans.

At one time, John and Claire co-directed the Family Life Department of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Dr. Middleton received numerous awards and honors: the Papal Medal of Honor from Pope Francis in 2013 for continuous service on behalf of unborn children, the 50th Anniversary Award from Wadhams Hall Seminary for exemplary devotion to pro-life causes, and the Terence Cardinal Cooke Award given by New York State Right to Life.

Dr. Middleton was featured in over 300 family life programs on Access Cable, participated in approximately 50 radio programs on Christian Radio, and enjoyed representing the conservative view in "Conflicting Opinions" in the Press Republican.

For over 53 years, Dr. Middleton maintained a private practice in marriage counseling and psychotherapy. He was an active member of the Bishop Wadhams Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 706.

In addition to his wife, Claire (Bastien) Middleton, Dr. Middleton is survived by four daughters, Karen, Mar-

sha, Valeda, and Holly; three sons, Thomas, Frank, and John; 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren; as well as dear friends and family on both sides of the Canadian border.

Memorial donations may be made to the Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, 62 Brinkerhoff Street, Suite 103, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, <http://www.plattsburgh-pregnancycenter.org>.

Online condolences and memorial candles may be made at [www.brownfuneral-homeinc.com](http://www.brownfuneral-homeinc.com)

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## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

Upcoming sessions:  
**May 24** - 5:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic, Massena  
**May 30** - 1 p.m., Diocesan Offices, Ogdensburg  
**May 31** - 6 p.m., Church of the Assumption, Redford  
 June 16 - 9 a.m., St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora

## Bishop's Schedule

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

**May 24** - 12 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Anthony's Church Hall in Watertown  
 6 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Holy Family Church Rectory in Watertown

**May 25** - 10 a.m., Leadership Gift Reception at the Adirondack Room of St. Augustine's Church in Peru

**May 26** - 11 a.m., Mass at the Diocesan Youth Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

**May 27** - 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Copenhagen  
 10 a.m., Mass of Thanksgiving at St. James Church in Carthage

**May 29** - 11 a.m., Priest Personnel Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg  
 7 p.m., Confirmation at Notre Dame Church in Malone

**May 30** - 9:30 a.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. John's Church in Keeseville  
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## Rest in Peace

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

**May 24** - Rev. Francois X. Therien, O.M.I., 1902; Rev. Antoine A. Amyot, 1937; Rev. Joseph O. Levesque, 1938; Msgr. George L. Murray, 1942  
**May 25** - Rev. J. Hector Migneron, 1958  
**May 26** - Rev. Thomas J. Kelleher, 1889; Rev. Steven H. Gratto, 2012  
**May 27** - Msgr. Wilfred Allen Nugent, 1991; Rev. Andrew R. Mulvaney, 2013  
**May 29** - Rev. Arthur C. Kenny, 1945; Rev. Hervé Racette, O.M.I., 1948

## Environmental Stewardship

### Planting Seeds of Hope

One person who planted 'seeds of hope' was St. Isadore who is venerated as the patron saint of farmers, peasants, day laborers and agriculture in general.

What are some possible ways for us to plant 'seeds of hope' this spring? If we have space for a garden or even a patio garden, one way is to plant a garden for pollinators. How is planting flowers, trees or shrubs that will attract pollinators a way of planting seeds of hope?

"80% of flowering plants and most native plants need insects for adequate pollination. Some native pollinators include butterflies, hummingbirds, and moths as well as many others. The population of butterflies, native bees and pollinators are in decline throughout the world due to pesticides and habitat fragmentation, loss and degradation." (Xerces Society) When pollinators disappear, native plants disappear, and invasive plants move in. Then, the birds and animals that depend on them, move out. We, as humans, depend on pollinators for the production of most of our food.

How can we help to attract and provide of pollinators? Here are some suggestions from Cornell University Cooperative Extension Jefferson County: #1 Plant flowers that attract pollinators: (a) Plant different flowering plants, including wildlife diversity; (b) Choose attractive flowers; for Butterflies - long, tubular flowers; red, orange and yellow; for Moths - night blooming flowers, like evening primrose, etc.; Bees cannot 'see' red; blue flowers attract bees; (c) Plant flowers in groups rather than in singles. #2: Provide nesting Sites: (a) Hummingbirds nest in shrubs and trees; (b) Butterflies need milkweed to feed on as caterpillars; (c) Some bees nest in the ground, wood or dry plant stems. #3. Avoid or Limit Pesticide Use: (a) Pesticides can kill more than the target pest; (b) Pesticides can kill the natural predators which may lead to even worst pest problems.

Finally, we can pray for farmers who produce our local foods and for the farmers throughout the world that their efforts will bring forth fruitful harvests for all of Creation. St. Isadore, pray for us.

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# Fr. Canaan celebrates 25th year as a priest



Father Canaan

Father Timothy G. Canaan is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination, having been ordained May 22, 1993 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

He currently serves as pastor at the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist in Plattsburgh.

Born in Watertown, August 30, 1960, he graduated from Immaculate Heart Central before attending Wadhams Hall Seminary-College.

He completed his education and formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Father Canaan celebrated

his first Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown.

After, he served as parochial vicar at St. Mary's in Ticonderoga and Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Crown Point. In 1995, he became parochial vicar at St. John's in Plattsburgh. In 1998, he was named administrator in Willsboro and

Essex. Also, in 1998, Father Canaan was named diocesan Director of Vocations a position he held until 2003. He also served as director of admissions at Wadhams Hall.

In 2002, he was named pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Canton, as well as the St. Thomas More Campus Parish, also located in Canton.

Father Canaan has been pastor at St. John's, which includes worship sites at St. John's and the John XXIII Newman Center Campus Parish, since 2008.

He also served the diocese as director of campus ministry from 2007 until earlier this year. He is a popular retreat leader for parishes across the diocese.

## HONORING FATHER DECKER



The 11a.m. Mass on May 6 at St. Alphonsus Holy Name of Jesus in Tupper Lake was packed as people joined in celebrating Father Douglas Decker's 40th anniversary to the priesthood. Members of Father Decker's family, former parishioners from various towns he has served in, and Tupper Lakers of all ages turned out to share in this special event and participate in the memorable Mass and K of C luncheon afterwards. The program included a skit by students in the K-7th grade religious ed. program. The skit told some of the moments in Father Decker's life from childhood through his ordination. Above, Father Decker accepts a Papal Blessing from the parishioners.

Dear Father Lamica,

We could find no better words than those of Pope Francis to describe your place in our hearts:

***"I wish to assure all who serve in prisons of my prayerful solidarity and deep gratitude for your efforts in upholding the human dignity of all who are incarcerated. I thank you prison chaplains for helping the incarcerated to celebrate the mercy and forgiveness of God and to encourage growth in grace.***

***May the gesture of directing your thoughts and prayers and of those you serve to the Father each time you cross the threshold of a cell signify for you the passage through Jesus to the mercy of God, a mercy able to transform hearts, and transform bars into an experience of freedom."***

Jesus says of you, Fr. Lamica:

***"I no longer call you a slave, for a slave does not know what his master is about. I call you friend!"*** (Jn 15:15)

In thanksgiving for your 40 years of priesthood many of those years dedicated to those in prison -

We ask God to bless you.

From your fellow chaplains, the staff and all those incarcerated to whom you minister.



# Seton schools to merge under one roof

PLATTSBURGH,— The Education Council of both Seton Schools has announced that this September, all students in grades Pre-K through 12 will be brought together at Seton Catholic Central's current location at 206 New York Road under the unified identity of Seton Catholic.

"One of our long-term dreams, since the education

councils merged several years ago, has been trying to find a way to put both schools in a single location," Education Council President Chris Hay said in a joint faculty meeting recently.

The move will enable the broadening and sharing of resources, including collaboration of families that will continue to strengthen

Seton, he said.

"We want parents in the community to see us as an educational program that can develop their children from Pre-K through 12th grade," he said.

"The longer we can keep students and families together over that 14-year window, the greater the depth and the greater the continu-

ity we'll have," he said.

The Education Council has unanimously appointed Seton Catholic Central Principal Ms. Lynn M. Gilbert as the Implementation and Transitional Director to oversee this project. "We're very excited Lynn is willing to provide the leadership needed for the implementation of this exciting change," Hay said.

"This opportunity will en-

hance the experience for all our students, families and friends by combining everyone's energy and enthusiasm, and encouraging growth that benefits all," Gilbert said. "I am honored and humbled to be a part of this process to ensure Seton's success and sustainability for future generations of our North Country families while honoring the legacy of our alumni."

## *Congratulations to our Jubilarians!!*



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## SETON MAY CROWNING



SCHOOL PHOTO

Ryleigh Trombley, sixth grader at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh, crowns the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the school's May Crowning celebration May 16.

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## WASHINGTON NOTE

# 'Religion can be moderating force in politics'

By Rhina Guidos  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—On the internet, as in society, some blame religion for intolerance. But a set of data gleaned from those who voted in the contentious 2016 election in the U.S. found otherwise.

"The stereotype is that those who attend church are less tolerant, when in fact, we are seeing the opposite," said Emily Ekins, director of polling at the libertarian Cato Institute, during a May 14 panel about "Faith and the Faithful in the Republican Party" sponsored by Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life and the Institute of Politics and Public Service.

Ekins explained the religion-based factors that played a part in the 2016 presidential election. One was a dramatic increase in the number of people who left organized religion and who did not subsequently identify with a particular religious denomination, she said.

"That number has quadrupled among the general public, but has tripled among Republicans," she said.

Ekins, who looked at data



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Emily Ekins, pictured May 14, is a research fellow and director of polling at the Cato Institute in Washington whose work covers the Tea Party movement, moral values and public policy. She took part in a panel discussion about "Faith and the Faithful in the Republican Party" at Georgetown University.

about Trump voters, said the information provided detailed information of people who attended church a lot, a little bit, occasionally, or not at all.

"What we found is that (Trump voters) who attended church more regularly tend to have more favorable opinions of racial minorities, African-Americans, and Hispanics, compared to Trump voters that never attend church," she said.

"We also found that people who attend church regu-

larly are more likely to support making it easier to immigrate to the United States and to provide a pathway to citizenship for those who are unauthorized immigrants living in the United States by about 20 points more so than voters who never attend church."

When it came to the travel ban, Trump voters who attend church regularly, "are about half as likely to support a travel ban on Muslims entering the United States compared to Trump voters that never attend

church," she said.

And when asked, "How important is it to accept people from diverse religious and racial backgrounds?" Trump voters who attend church regularly are more than twice as likely to say it is important to do so than those who do not go to church, she said.

On the other hand "the more frequently someone conservative attends church, the less likely they are to have warm feelings" toward gay and lesbian individuals, she said.

Trump voters who attended church also showed more concern about issues dealing with poverty than Trump voters who did not attend church regularly, she

said.

The increasing number of people who have left organized religion over the past two decades is playing a role, she said, but it's by no means the only factor in the rise of a candidate with views such as Trump's.

"What research has shown is that, particularly among conservatives, people have a desire for community. If they are not getting that community from some sort of church, synagogue, mosque, whatever it is, they are going to look for it elsewhere," she said. "What we're seeing is that those who are not attending church regularly and are lacking community, they are tending to draw the boundaries at the level of the nation, or at the level of their racial group."

A core group of enthusiastic Trump supporters, but by no means representative of all of them, she said, "believe that to be truly American means you need to be of European descent, which is very troubling. For these individuals, they were the least likely to go to church."

They have redrawn the lines of their community on the basis of immutable traits, she said.

"And that, I think, is toxic to having consensus and compromise and having a public policy that works for all people," she said, but the lack of community once found in faith groups is affecting the way some may see the world.

"Religion seems to be playing a moderating force within the conservative movement among Trump voters. But, at the same time, fewer Republicans are attending church regularly," she said. "The very force that could actually moderate some of these cultural conflicts is receding and I think that that is contributing a lot to what we saw play out in the 2016 election."

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## CA judge overturns state law legalizing assisted suicide

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CNS) -- A May 15 ruling by a California judge overturning the state's law allowing assisted suicide is encouraging because it "was a bad law," said Ned Dolejsi, executive director of the California Catholic Conference. "Our opposition to assisted suicide is no secret, but this legislation was also opposed by a broad coalition of doctors, nurses, seniors and the disabled community, who fought this bill for many, many reasons," said Dolejsi said in a May 16 statement. Judge Daniel A. Ottolia of Riverside County Superior Court ruled that the California Legislature violated existing law when it passed the End of Life Option Act during a special session dedicated to health care. The 2015 law, which went into effect in June 2016, authorized doctors to prescribe lethal prescriptions to any patient determined by two doctors to have six months or less to live. In a tweet late May 16, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said: "We celebrate the news that the CA law legalizing assisted suicide has -- for now -- been overturned. Assisted suicide is not health care. We pray that this ruling will stand and that lawmakers will rethink this tragic mistake, reject assisted suicide and protect all patients."

## Pope's Lamborghini fetches \$1 million for charity at auction

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A custom-built 2018 Lamborghini Huracan coupe autographed by Pope Francis raised nearly \$1 million at a Sotheby's auction May 12 in Monaco. The Italian luxury carmaker donated the white vehicle with gold stripes -- to match the white and yellow of the Vatican City flag -- to the pope in November. The pope put his diminutive signature on the car's hood, then put the vehicle up for auction to raise money for charity. The final selling price of 809,000 euros (US\$970,000) outstripped its pre-auction estimated price range of \$300,000 to \$450,000. Of the money raised, the bulk of the proceeds, 70 percent, will go to the Iraqi city of Ninevah, which had been occupied and raided by Islamic State in the mid-2010s.

## Says economic activity has moral dimension

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Financial and economic decisions -- everything from where a family chooses to invest its savings to where a multinational corporation declares its tax residence -- are ethical decisions that can be virtuous or sinful, a new Vatican document said. "There can be no area of human action that legitimately claims to be either outside of or impermeable to ethical principles based on liberty, truth, justice and solidarity," said the document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The text, "Considerations for an Ethical Discernment Regarding Some Aspects of the Present Economic-Financial System," was approved by Pope Francis and released May 17 at a Vatican news conference with Archbishop Luis F. Ladaria, congregation prefect, and Cardinal Peter Turkson, head of the dicastery. Based on principles long part of Catholic social teaching and referring frequently to the teaching of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, the document insisted that every economic activity has a moral and ethical dimension.

# All of Chile's bishops offer resignations after meeting pope on abuse

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Every bishop in Chile offered his resignation to Pope Francis after a three-day meeting at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal.

"We want to announce that all bishops present in Rome, in writing, have placed our positions in the Holy Father's hands so that he may freely decide regarding each one of us," Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Errazuriz of San Bernardo said May 18 in a statement on behalf of the country's bishops.

The unprecedented decision was made on the final day of their meeting May 15-17 with Pope Francis.

Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos Perez of Santiago, secretary-general of the Chilean bishops' conference, said the pope had read to the 34 bishops a document in which he "expressed his conclusions and reflections" on the 2,300-page report compiled by Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and his aide, Father Jordi Bertomeu, during a visit to Chile to investigate the scandal.

"The pope's text clearly showed a series of absolutely reprehensible acts that have occurred in the Chilean church in relation to those unacceptable abuses of power, of conscience and sexual abuse that have resulted in the lessening of the prophetic vigor that characterized her," Bishop Ramos said.

After reflecting on the pope's assessment, he added, the bishops decided to hand in their resignations "to be in greater harmony with the will of the Holy Father."

"In this way, we could make a collegial gesture in solidarity to assume responsibility -- not without pain -- for the serious acts that have occurred and so that the Holy Father can, freely, have us at his disposal," Bishop Ramos said.

Shortly after the announcement, Juan Carlos Cruz, one of three survivors who met privately with Pope Francis in April, tweeted, "All Chilean bishops have resigned. Unprecedented and good. This will change things forever."

The bishops will continue in office unless or until the pope accepts their resignations.

The document in which Pope Francis gave his evaluation of the situation of the church in Chile was leaked May 17 by Chilean news channel Tele 13.

The Associated Press reported that the Vatican confirmed the document's authenticity.

The pope wrote in the document that removing some church leaders from office "must be done," but that "it is not enough; we must go further. It would be irresponsible of us not to go deep in looking for the roots and structures that allowed these concrete events to happen and carry on."

In it, the pope said that "the painful situations that have happened are indications that something is wrong with the ecclesial body."

The wound of sexual abuse, he said, "has been treated until recently with a medicine that, far from healing, seems to have worsened its depth and pain."

Reminding the bishops that "the disciple is not greater than his master," Pope Francis warned them of

a "psychology of the elite" that ignores the suffering of the faithful.

He also said he was concerned by reports regarding "the attitude with which some of you bishops have reacted in the face of present and past events."

This attitude, the pope said, was guided by the belief that instead of addressing the issue of sexual abuse, bishops thought that "just the removal of people would solve the problem."

In an accompanying footnote, the pope said the bishops' behavior could be labeled as "the Caiphas syndrome," referring to the high priest who condemned Jesus saying, "Better for one man to die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

The act of covering up cases of abuse, he added, was akin to the Latin American saying, "Muerto el perro se acabo la rabia" ("Dead dogs don't bite").

The document's footnotes included several details from the investigation made by Archbishop Scicluna, who is president of a board of review within the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; the board handles appeals filed by clergy accused of abuse or other serious crimes.

The pope said the report confirmed that, in some instances, the bishops deemed accusations of abuse as "implausible."

But Pope Francis said he was "perplexed and ashamed" after he received confirmation that undue pressure by church officials was placed on "those who carry out criminal proceedings" and that church officials had destroyed compromising documents.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Celebrating the mystery of the Holy Trinity

Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. It celebrates the most awesome of all mysteries. The Scriptures for the Mass guide us through the story of its revelation to God's people.

The first reading from Deuteronomy is all about Moses' reminding the Israelites of just how great this One God has been to them ever since He revealed Himself to Abraham many years before. More recently, he has performed incredible miracles in deliv-



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ering the people from Egypt's Ruler.

The number One as in "God," has been indelibly branded in their minds and hearts! (This accounts for some later confusion and reluctance on their part to accept the teaching of Jesus about the Trinity).

The final passages of Matthew's Gospel are read this Sunday. In them, we find Jesus revealing the great Mystery which has left us speech-

less for two thousand years—and the mystery is

this: He, Himself, is the Son of God, and He is equal to God the Father! How can this be? Two separate "Persons" in the One God? We may well ask, "Why do we need a third person?"

Today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians casts much light on the mystery (but not enough to solve it completely). Paul talks about the Holy Spirit as the love connection between Father and Son. In fact, It connects the very distant idea of a Creator God, with the still very awesome idea of the Word of God taking on human flesh.

He has been given the di-

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## Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

## READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

vine-human name of Jesus, the Anointed One (Christ).

So the Third Person of the Trinity is really the Holy Connection between Father and Son. St. Basil called this Spirit of God the Divine Being who is totally contained in every baptized and confirmed Christian. Now the catch! He gives his

Power to the whole universe, and to those individuals "who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith." This makes God much closer than we realize. This Third Person makes holy all those persons who will allow Him to do so. We ourselves share in the connection between "Father" and "Son."

What does this mean for us? It means that we must let that very dynamic love between Father and Son that is the Holy Spirit, help us to live loving, joyful, faith-filled lives before God and all our brothers and sisters. Why? Because we are Temples of the Trinity.

## MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

## Considerations on consent

Recent news articles exploring the post-#MeToo world of romance have noted the phenomenon of cell phone "consent apps," allowing millennials to sign digital contracts before they have sex with their peers, sometimes strangers they have just met.

Many of these apps are being refined to include a panic button that can be pressed at any time to withdraw any consent given. Lawyers reviewing the practice, as might be anticipated, have urged caution, noting that consent apps are not able to provide definitive proof of consent, because feelings may "change throughout an evening, and even in the moments before an act."

When we look at modern views about sex, it's not a

stretch to sum them up this way: as long as two consenting adults are involved, the bases are covered. When it comes to "sex in the moment," consent is touted as key, allowing for almost all mutually-agreed upon behaviors or practices.

Yet this approach to sex is fundamentally flawed, and it's often the woman who is the first to notice.

Even when consenting unmarried couples scrupulously use contraception, there remains an awareness, particularly on the part of the woman, that a pregnancy could follow, and a concern about who will be left holding the bag if that were to happen.

Sex between men and women involves real asymmetries and vulnerabilities, with men oftentimes being,

in the words of sociologist Mark Regnerus, "less discriminating" in their sex drives than women, eager to forge ahead as long as there appears to be some semblance of consent.

Women often sense, rightly, that consent for a particular sexual act ought to be part of something bigger, a wider scope of commitment.

Consenting to sex, of course, signifies the surrendering of our self to another.

Sex ultimately speaks of giving our self, and receiving another, in a total, rather than a fragmentary way.

This is part of the reason why this unique human activity holds a perennial fascination for us; it goes far beyond other forms of communication, exchange, and bonding.

To give our self fully to another, and to receive that person fully, forms a bond with them that extends be-

yond the morning dawn.

Human sexual union is not a mere joining of bodies, but is preeminently a joining of human hearts. It is, at its core, consenting to share one of the deepest parts of our self with another.

As Dr. Angela Franks has perceptively noted:

*Sexuality is not simply a matter of something that I have, as though my body is another possession just like*

*my wallet or my car. If, as Gabriel Marcel said, I am my body, then sexuality has to do with my very person, which has a deep value. To use the language of Pope John Paul II, when a person is reduced to being merely an object for another's desire, then the experience violates the core of one's sense of self.*

In casual sexual encounters, the consent we give each other may seem sin-

cere and genuine, expressing our desires within the moment, but this kind of consent is largely transactional and temporary.

By consenting to pre-marital or extra-marital sex, we declare, in effect, that we are giving ourselves, our bodies and our hearts to each other, although in truth, our giving remains partial and conditional, and we may be out the door the next morning or the next month.

Our consent, limited and qualified as it is, amounts to little more than an agreement to use each other as long as it's convenient, and when the break up occurs, we are hurt, because we thought we had something special, even though we didn't really want to commit to anything special.

In the final analysis, human sexual activity calls for something much deeper and more abiding than mere transactional consent, namely, the irrevocable and permanent consent of

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## AT THE MOVIES

# BOOK CLUB

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

"Can we please stop saying sex?" a character asks in the ensemble romantic comedy "Book Club" (Paramount). The answer, in a word, is no.

In fact, there's hardly a line of dialogue in director and co-writer Bill Holderman's film, penned with Erin Simms, that doesn't contain an innuendo, a smutty pun or some other tiresome joke. A listless cat's visit to a veterinarian and the refurbishment of a motorcycle are both made the occasion for extended off-color wordplay, while the use of Viagra in ill-chosen setting results in a series of cringe-worthy visuals.

Such elements are all the more embarrassing given the movie's stellar veteran cast. That these pros are going to find themselves flailing around in a morass of bad taste becomes apparent as soon as the premise is known: A group of friends, all ladies of a certain age, find their interest

in amour renewed after their book club takes on E.L. James' sadomasochistic "Fifty Shades" trilogy.

And so, they're off to the races, each in her own way. Timid recent widow Diane (Diane Keaton) who suffers from fear of flying, falls, ironically enough, for wealthy pilot and aeronautics researcher Mitchell (Andy Garcia). But Diane's path to happiness is blocked by the patronizing attitude of her duo of over-solicitous daughters, Jill (Alicia Silverstone) and Adrienne (Katie Aselton).

Promiscuous, emotionally detached hotel owner Vivian (Jane Fonda) reconnects with Arthur (Don Johnson), the ex whose proposal she long ago turned down.

Though she increasingly regrets her decision, reintegrating the physical and emotional aspects of love may take some work.

Buttoned-up federal judge Sharon (Candice Bergen) has yet to get over her divorce from Tom (Ed Begley Jr.), despite the fact that it's been 18 years since they split. But, apparently inspired by the kinky connection she

and the others have been reading about, she tries an online dating service and promptly meets George (Richard Dreyfuss).

He's so obviously her soulmate that they follow up their first meal together by going for it in the back seat of her car.

Meanwhile, married couple of many years Carol (Mary Steenburgen) and Bruce (Craig T. Nelson) struggle to reignite the faltering flames of their mutual passion.

"Book Club" crusades relentlessly for an aging woman's to satisfaction in the bedroom -- or the back seat -- without regard to marital status or any other circumstance. Only Vivian's tilt away from her licentious past and Carol and Bruce's commitment to fidelity partially retrieve the low-minded proceedings.

The film contains a misguided view of human sexuality, an offscreen premarital encounter, implied cohabitation, pervasive sexual humor, including an extended tasteless sight gag, several profanities and milder oaths



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Candice Bergen, Jane Fonda and Mary Steenburgen star in a scene from the movie "Book Club."

and at least one rough and a couple of crude terms. The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-

13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Considerations

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spouses. Professor William May describes it this way:

In and through his act of marital consent... the man, forswearing all others, has given himself irrevocably the identity of this particular woman's husband, while the woman, in and through her self-determining act of marital consent, has given herself irrevocably the identity of this particular man's wife, and together they have given themselves the iden-

tity of spouses. ...Husbands and wives, precisely because they have given themselves irrevocably to each other in marriage, have established each other as irreplaceable, non-substitutable, non-disposable persons and by doing so have capacitated themselves to do things that non-married individuals simply cannot do, among them to 'give' themselves to one another in the act proper and exclusive to spouses—the marital act—

and to receive the gift of life.

Through the enduring commitment of marital consent, a man and a woman establish the foundation for personal sexual consent. In the absence of that larger marital commitment, all other consents, even with legalized authorization or electronic notarization, ring hollow.

Father Pacholczyk earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did

post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center.



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## BAZAAR AND CAR SHOW

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

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## 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.

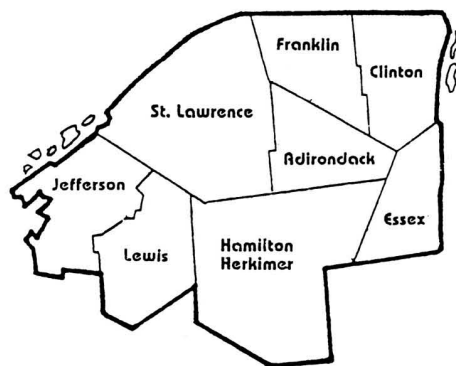
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## ALUMNI REUNION

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

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**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 Decor, 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

## FRANKLIN

## THRIFT STORE

**Fort Covington** – Grand Opening of Mary's Place Thrift Store to be held.

**Date:** June 2

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

**Features:** Please join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Mary's Place Thrift Store! Come browse our selection of gently used clothing, shoes, home goods and much more!

## JEFFERSON

## 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.

## IHC ENROLLMENT

**Watertown** – Enroll today for K-12 for the 2018-19 School year at Immaculate Heart Central School.

**Features:** IHC is the largest and most prominent non-public educational alternative in the Greater Watertown area!

**Contact:** Call the Junior/Senior High (315-788-4670), the Intermediate (315-788-3935), or the Primary (315-788-7011) to schedule a visit!

## 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; Meatballs, \$.75

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

## HEALING MASS

**Clayton** – All are invited to attend the St. Mary's Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

**Date:** June 16

**Time:** 11 a.m.

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

**Features:** Fr. Art LaBaff and Fr. Chris Looby will celebrate the Mass. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the Mass. Prayer teams will be available after the Mass for individual prayer. Reception follows.

## LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

**Date:** June 3

**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 Benedictions.

## 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 ball game, 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

jdminer@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.

**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.

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## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

**Saranac Lake** – A Rachel's Vineyard after-abortion healing retreat is set

**Date:** June 1-3

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Features:** Father Mark Reilly will serve as the retreat chaplain. Confidential registration forms at the Respect Life webpage: www.rcdony.org/prolife.



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## OBITUARIES

**Bloomingtondale** – Phyllis Lyeth Schneider, 82; Mass of Christian Burial May 18, 2018 at St. Paul's Oratory; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery.

**Carthage** – Vincent J. Frank, 83; Funeral Services May 18, 2018 at Lundy Funeral Home; burial in St. James Parish Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** – Harry Adam LeClair, 36; Mass of Christian Burial May 18, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Clayton** – Bruce N. Beattie, 70; Mass of Christian Burial May 16, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Colton** – Marguerite (Corcoran) O'Gorman, 97; Mass of Christian Burial May 11, 2018 at St. Patrick's Cemetery; burial St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Harrisville** – Mary C. (Netto) Cassidy, 73; Mass of Christian Burial May 19, 2018 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in Harrisville Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** – Terry Francis "Lumox" Johnson, 52; Mass of Christian Burial May 15, 2018 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Allan L. Raymond, 84; Mass of Christian Burial May 17, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

**Massena** – Barbara Ann (Rush) Cunningham, 74; Mass of Christian Burial May 12, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Marie Anna Yolande

Bilodeau Poulin, 85; Mass of Christian Burial June 18, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Judith A. (LaBarge) Clark, 73; Mass of Christian Burial May 14, 2018 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

**Norfolk** – Linda L. Kinney, 59; Funeral Services May 12, 2018 at the Buck Funeral Home.

**Norwood** – Rollin A. Beattie, 78; Mass of Christian Burial May 17, 2018 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Honorius "Henry" T. Lalonde, 83; Mass of Christian Burial May 18, 2018 at Notre Dame Church.

**Ogdensburg** – Curtis G. Tacy, 75; Mass of Christian Burial May 17, 2018 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

**Olmstedville** – Patricia Lucille Donnelly Hewitt, 87; Mass of Christian Burial May 18, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Irishtown.

**Plattsburgh** – Geraldine (Trombley)

Frechette, 89; Mass of Christian Burial at St. Peter's Church; burial in the parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Mildred M. (Wood) Hayes, 85; Mass of Christian Burial May 12, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville.

**Plattsburgh** – Arma Rollier, 105; Mass of Christian Burial May 18, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in the parish cemetery.

**Redford** – Galen Finnegan Hamel, 77; Mass of Christian Burial May 19, 2018 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** – Francoise "Frances" Mae Better, 81; Mass of Christian Burial May 19, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Theresa Regina (Trombley) Riley, 90; Mass of Christian Burial May 12, 2018 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

**Watertown** – David E. Magee, 88; Funeral Services May 12, 2018 at Cummings Funeral Service; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

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# GUGGENHEIM 2018

## MEET THE STAFF



**Mariah Foltan**

My name is Mariah Foltan. I am from Delmar, NY and my home parish is Saint Thomas the Apostle. I am currently a student at Hudson Valley Community College and I am majoring in liberal arts.

This is my first year working at Camp Guggenheim, although I have attended camp sessions for seven years.

Since then I have always hoped to be a part of the staff, and I am overjoyed to have the opportunity to spend my summer at one of my favorite places, spreading Christ's love to each of the campers!



**Lukas Gruber**

Greetings! My name is Lukas Gruber. I originally hail from Queens, NY and later Smithtown, NY on Long Island. After graduating from the Crane School of Music with a Music Performance degree in 2016, I entered seminary as a seminarian for the Diocese of Ogdensburg and have completed my first year of formation and a two-year degree in Philosophy. My home parish is St. Mary's in Potsdam, and I served there for many years as an organist and later music director, campus minister, and pastoral associate for St. Mary's and St. Patrick's in Colton, NY. This will be my second year on staff, and I look forward to seeing all the returning campers as well as meeting all the first-timers. It promises to be a summer full of fun and more importantly of faith, and I look forward to working together as we all grow closer to Jesus Christ.



**Grace Leader**

My name is Grace Leader and I am currently finishing my junior year as a Theology/ Catechetics major at Franciscan University of Steubenville Ohio.

I am from St. James Parish in Gouverneur and I am blessed to be working with two of my seven siblings at camp this summer.

I have been a counselor at Camp Guggenheim for the past two summers and I am very thankful for the opportunity to work there again this coming summer.

I am very excited to serve you all as we hike, swim, and praise God together at camp!



**Carter Pierce**

Hi! My name is Carter Pierce and I hail from St. Raphael's Parish in Heuvelton. I am a sophomore seminarian for the Diocese of Ogdensburg studying philosophy at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

I have never been to Teen Camp as a staff member or camper so I am looking forward to a breakout rookie season!

I am very excited to hike, swim, praise, and be God's instrument leading others to Christ. Hope to see you there!



**Marikate Parmeter**

Hi, my name is Marikate Parmeter and I'm 19 years old. I am from Plattsburgh and my home parish is St. John's. Currently, I am finishing my first year at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY as a Health Science major into Occupational Therapy.

This will be my first year on staff at Camp Guggenheim. Camp has always been my favorite part of the summer for the past six years. I am blessed to have this opportunity to work with such a wonderful staff and continue my faith journey with all of you by my side. I am so excited to meet all of you as we Hike, Swim, and Praise!

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