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BISHOPS GATHER

Spring assembly held in Florida



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley prays during Mass June 13 at St. Pius X Catholic Church during the **U.S. Conference of Catholic** Bishops' annual spring assembly in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The assembled bishops voted on a number of issues at the conference, including policies on asylum seekers and health partnerships.

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Summer Schedule

Remember, the North Country Catholic will be printed every other week. There will be no newspaper on June 27.

Pope: Biggest danger in life is fear

worst enemies in a young person's life aren't the problems they may face, Pope Francis said.

The biggest dangers are being unwilling to find a way to adapt, mediocrity by settling for the status quo, and fear, he said at his general audience in St. Peter's Square June 13.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The the heavenly father for and Jesus' response to a especially to young peothe gift of healthy restlessness for today's young people, the ability to not settle for a life without beauty, without color. If young people are not hungry for an authentic life, where will humanity end up?" he said.

The pope asked people to reflect on the reading "It is necessary to ask from the Gospel of Mark

young, wealthy man who asked what was needed to inherit eternal life. This question reflects the burning desire for a full and dignified life.

Unfortunately, the pope said, some people believe this desire to live a better life should be tamped down.

"I would like to say,

ple, our worst enemy is not concrete problems" no matter how serious or tragic they may be.

"The biggest danger in life is a bad spirit of adapting that is not meekness or humility, but is mediocrity, pusillanimity," that is, cowardice or fear, and making the excuse for doing nothing."

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



Bishop Terry R. LaValley carried a monstrance containing the Eucharist through the streets of Norwood as part of a procession marking the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Bishop LaValley was joined in the procession by Knights of Columbus, area priests and deacons, and a crowd of the faithful. For the full story, see Page 4.

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Living faith publicly in a secular society

For I am not ashamed of the professing their belief that gospel. It is the power of God

for the salvation of everyone who believes.

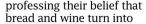
- Romans 1:16

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, I witnessed a large group of people who were not ashamed of the Gospel. They were vis-

ibly proclaiming their faith, processing through their community while singing and

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Jesus Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity.

We live in a secular society. We're discouraged from living our faith publicly. Society tells us our faith should be relegated to inside the walls of our churches. Yet here was this large crowd it stretched almost the length of the block -

exiting the church, taking their faith to their neighborhood. They did that in front of their neighbors, their friends, their classmates.

That takes guts. When I accepted this job, I had the standard concerns anyone has when starting a new adventure: will I make friends? Will I like it? Will it be fulfilling? Those fears were

One of my fears, however, was/is major. That fear: writing this column.

Why does that scare me? First, because I have little experience writing in my own voice. But that was the lesser concern. The bigger fear: it's intimidating to express my

faith in such a public way.

Thousands of people receive this paper. If I write well, a certain priest (who shall remain nameless) may even post my article on social media. All of my online friends and family then have access to it, too. They all get to see me attempting to express my faith. That's sort of scary.

I pray God continues to give us – all of us – the grace we need to live our faith boldly, and share the Gospel with our neighbors, be it in the streets, in a newspaper or wherever we may go.

As Catholics, we are called to community

minor.

Today, I would like to continue to share with you my thoughts on the challenge that is ours - yours and mine - as Catholics to become church, a church that is truly a community. Jesus set the tone for our church when he drew his disciples into a community, as he did at the Last Supper. Throughout the years since, the challenge for our church, the body of Christ, is to become truly a family, a community.

Each year, the Church celebrates certain feast days as part of our Catholic liturgical vear. Those feasts remind us of the message of Jesus, the call of the Lord, that our Church must be united, must be a community. Our life as a Catholic is not an individual adventure, rather we are on a journey, united with others in a community, praying and working together as a family.

Recently, the Church celebrated an annual holy day commemorating Christ's institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. This is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The frequent celebration of this sacrament unites us all in a special way to our God and



unites us in a special way to each other as the Catholic Church, a community of faith.

Each time, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist together, something transformative happens for us all. Each person who participates at Mass leaves that Mass a transformed person, more alive in the life of the Savior. Jesus instituted this sacrament with his apostles at the Last Supper. He also ordained his first priests at that Last Supper.

Each time we, Catholics, celebrate Mass together, our union as church and community is strengthened. Let us consider the Mass. We begin by joining our hearts with song and prayer. Then we consider our own personal lives, seeking God's blessing and forgiveness if we have somehow failed in love for others. Our Mass then invites us to consider the sacred Scriptures, the word of God. This leads us

to the altar of the Lord and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, I, through my ordination to the priesthood. am allowed to say the very words of Jesus over the bread and wine in consecration to the body and blood of Jesus.

The Prayer of the Eucharist begins with members of the community bringing bread and wine, and the community's donations to the altar. The people who bring forth the bread and wine are very important to this celebration. They carry forth to the altar the hopes and dreams of all those present. They bring the intentions and needs of the entire congregation to be placed on the altar with the bread and wine to be consecrated in the Eucharist.

I remember attending a Mass while traveling in the Serengeti in Tanzania. It was a very impressive and prayerful Mass. The music was especially wonderful. At the Offertory, every person there walked up to the sanctuary to place their offerings in large baskets. I looked upon that as an opportunity for all of us to place our intentions and prayers on the altar ourselves, seeking

consecration with the bread and wine. It was a very sacred moment, all of us walking up together as a community, united in our pleas to the Lord. Even as a stranger there in Africa, I recognized being part of a family, if only for that day and for that Mass.

I like to think that at the time of Communion, we receive the body and blood of Christ, and also all we are praying for, now blessed and consecrated with the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We receive back something of ourselves, so that we can now live this life of ours with new power and life.

The sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is all about thanksgiving. The very word Eucharist means thanks. Each celebration of Mass is a time to offer our gratitude to our God. We offer gratitude for Jesus and all that he brought to our world - his life among us, his death for us, his resurrection to new life. We also join in gratitude for all the gifts that God gives us each day of our own lives. Jesus wants to be part of our lives. Jesus wants to unite us to himself in a people, living in his Spirit and life.

IHC names valedictorian, salutatorian

Immaculate Heart Central in Waterton is pleased to announce Gwyneth Rowland and Brendan Kelly as valedictorian and salutatorian.

Valedictorian

Valedictorian Gwyneth Rowland, daughter of Christopher and Sarah Rowland, Watertown, earned a grade point average of 96.6.

Besides earning the top academic honor for her class she also received a prestigious Sisters of Saint Joseph (SSJ) Award as the outstanding senior student in science.

Her other senior academic honors included a \$500 New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence Award, the William P. Plante Memorial Scholarship, the American



Gwyneth Rowland

Legion School Award and a Section 3 Scholar Athlete Award.

Gwyneth was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter of the National Honor Society and served as chapter president her senior year. She was elected student



Brendan Kelly

council president, served as a peer tutor and was a member of the school newspaper. As an active participant in the IHC Faith Community Service Program, she earned in excess of 50 service hours this year. Gwyneth earned varsity letters in soccer,

basketball and softball.

She will be attending the University of Massachusetts - Amherst this fall, where she plans to study Biology.

Salutatorian

Salutatorian Brendan Kelly, son of Brian and Amy Kelly, Watertown, earned a GPA of 96.3.

Brendan was named recipient of the Bishop's Award for Outstanding Diocesan Student and was awarded the Sisters of Saint Joseph (SSJ) Department Award as the outstanding senior student in history

Other accomplishments in his outstanding high school career include receiving a \$1,500 New York State Scholarship for Excellence Award and the State of New York Office of the State comptroller Award. He was a Section 3 Scholar-Athlete.

In addition to earning a varsity letter in tennis, Brendan was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter of the National Honor Society serving as chapter vicepresident and was an IHC Mystery Player, Brendan was active in Faith community Service, the IHC school newspaper, Robotics Club, Christmas & Spring concerts and Variety Show. He participated in the American Legion Oratorical contest, Math League, Voice of Democracy and was a member of the IHC Whiz Quiz team.

Brendan will continue his education at the University of Buffalo, where he will study Economics.

Seton celebrates class of 2018 top graduates

Seton Catholic Central, Plattsburgh, congratulates the class of 2018, and this year's valedictorian, Caleb Moore, and salutatorian, Rachel Racette.

Valedictorian

Caleb Moore has achieved a 99.81 average to earn the valedictorian honors.

The son of Stephanie and Robert Moore, Caleb has participated in Model United Nations, Key Club, Yearbook Club, Science Club, Future Business Leaders of America, National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Student Council and our Student Leadership Team. He has volunteered at North Country Honor Flight and Reach Work Camp, and he has gone on the Mission of Hope to Nicaragua.

Throughout high CVAC All-Star, a 12-time school, he ran as part of State Qualifier, 5-time

the Seton cross country, indoor track & field and outdoor track & field teams, captaining all three teams for multiple seasons.

Caleb's awards and accomplishments include CVAC John J. Herbert All-Academic Team for the fall 2017 sports season; All-State First Team for cross country; Shawn Maille Award for competing in all three sports seasons during each of his four years in high school; high honor roll all four years of high school; PSAT National Merit Qualifier; Student Council President during his senior year; and Model U.N. vice president during senior year.

Taking his whole running career together, Caleb is a 10-time Section VII Champion, a 13-time CVAC All-Star, a 12-time State Qualifier, 5-time



Caleb Moore

State Meet medal winner and one-time Federation Meet medal winner. Most recently, he finished sixth in the Division II 3,200-meter race at the NYSPH-SAA track and field championships.

Caleb plans to attend Harvard University this fall, where he plans to study mechanical engineering and continue his



Rachel Racette

cross-country and track career.

Salutatorian

Rachel Racette achieved an average of 97.03 to earn the salutatorian honors.

The daughter of Hank Racette, Rachel has participated in Key Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, the Student Leadership Team and Model United Nations.

She has also played on the Seton soccer, basketball and tennis teams. She has volunteered with North Country Honor Flight.

Rachel's awards and accomplishments include CVAC John J. Herbert All-Academic Team for the fall 2017 sports season; high honor roll all four years of high school; National Honor Society President during her senior year; Student Council Vice President during her senior year; MVAC All-Star Honorable Mention for girls' basketball; and cocaptain of the 2017-2018 Section VII Class C Girls' Basketball Championship Team.

Rachel plans to attend Colgate University this fall, where she plans to study economics.

PROCESSION IN FORT COVINGTON



St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington held a Corpus Christi procession in the neighborhood surrounding the church. Father Thomas E. Kornmeyer carried the monstrance containing the Eucharist, accompanied by Altar Server Zach Smith and Deacon Brian T. Dwyer. Three parishioners set up altars in their lawns. At each of the three spots, the monstrance was placed on the altar, Scripture was read, a prayer recited and a hymn sung. The procession ended at St. Mary's with Benediction.

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A Corpus Christi procession held June 3 in Norwood included local priests, deacons, Knights of Columbus, seminarians, as well as a large number of parishioners. The monstrance containing the Eucharist was carried by Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

Taking faith to the streets for Corpus Christi Sunday

Darcy Fargo Editor

NORWOOD - Around 150 area faithful, including priests, deacons, Knights of Columbus and altar servers, took their faith to the streets on June 3 in a Eucharistic procession celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi.

Hosted by St. Andrew's Church, the event included Mass, a Eucharistic procession and Benediction, as well as a reception

In the procession, the Eucharist, housed in a monstrance, was carried by Bishop Terry R. LaValley, escorted by Knights of Columbus, priests and deacons from around the area, as well as a team of altar servers.

Hymns were sung as the procession moved through the streets of Norwood

The Mass preceding the procession was celebrated by Bishop LaValley, who reminded those in attendance of the significance of the Eucharist.

"It is the very core of our faith that the bread and wine we take up the aisle and put on the altar will become for us the actual Body and Blood of Christ," Bishop LaValley said. "It is no mere symbol. It is real."

Bishop LaValley also indicated how powerful bringing the Eucharist to the streets could be.

"May the visit of the Eucharistic Christ on the streets here be a source of renewed vigor and deepened faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist," he said. "Let us pray to our holy Mother, so that she may help us to open our entire being to Christ's presence; so that she may help us to follow Him faithfully, day

after day, on the streets of our life, giving generously of ourselves for others."

Msgr. John R. Murphy, pastor at St. Andrew's church, said the tradition of a Corpus Christi procession was revived in the community in 2015, at the urging of the Msgr. Francis Maguire Council of the Knights of Columbus

After a successful first event in Norwood, Msgr. Murphy said the procession was held at St. Mary's in Potsdam in 2016 and at Sacred Heart in Massena in 2017.

Msgr. Murphy said the Knights of Columbus continue to be an integral part of the celebration, with the Msgr. Francis Maguire Council (Norwood) serving in the procession and at the Mass, and members of the Sarto Council (Canton), along with seminarians from the diocese, providing music.

Environmental Stewardship

MORE 'SEEDS OF HOPE'

Even though there is an enormous amount of devastation in regards to plastic pollution the "seeds of hope" can be found by awareness, knowing the facts and taking even a small action.

So, first let's define plastic: it is a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene, PVC, nylon, etc. that can be molded into shape while soft and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form. Plastic pollution is the accumulation of plastic products in the environment that adversely affects wildlife, wildlife habitat or humans. With that being said most plastics don't biodegrade in any meaningful sense, all that plastic waste could exist for hundreds or even thousands of years, and approximately 91% of plastic waste isn't recycled. Pretty scary thought but now that we are becoming aware of the harm it is doing to wildlife as they try to ingest these products thinking it is food and dying because it prevents them from eating regular nutrients, it is time to help.

This quote I believe says it all: "The devastation of plastic pollution is not who we are as a global community. Now is the time for us to reflect on our own beauty, our power to affect our environment through individual action —we're starting with the plastic straw." Adrian Grenier, Lonely Whale Co-Founder.

For more information on this project, please check out this web

https://www.strawlessocean.org/lonelywhale/

Something as small as refusing a straw at a restaurant is a great place to begin your action plan to reduce plastic pollution. When we know that 500 million plastic straws are used EVERY DAY in America; enough to circle the Earth twice it is time to take this awareness and make a small step toward helping our planet.

"We must do small things for one another with great love!" Mother Teresa

*Submitted by Faye Martin, member of the Watertown Faith and Ecology Group

Rest in Peace

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

June 20 – Rev. James O'Hara, 1949 June 21 – Rev. Joseph T. Moriority, O.S.A., 1905; Msgr. Joseph F. Luker,

June 23 – Rev. Edward Chevalier, O.M.I., 1894; Rev. Donat Morrisette, O.M.I., 1976

June 24 – Rev. John Simard, 1943; Msgr. Timothy P. Holland, 1948; Rev. Joseph P. Ryan, 1968; Rev. W. Cyril Rapin, 2006

June 25 — Rev. J. Rodrique Lauzon, 1944

June 26 – Rev. Charles F. Turgeon, 1888; Rev. Jean Baptiste Frigon, 0.M.I., 1930; Rev. Arthur St. Cyr, 0.M.I., 1957

June 27 — Rev. Auguste A. Brunet, O.M.I., 1866; Rev. Francis X. Charbonneau, 1928

June 28 – Rev. John J. Regnery, O.S.A., 1954

June 29 – Rev. Pierre Huet de la Valiniere, 1806; Rev. Adonat L. Dufresne, 1940; Rev. Gilbert J. Faucher, 1981; Deacon Francis E. LeRoux, 1996; Rev, George F. Maroun, 2016

July 1 – Rev. Norbert Callahan, M.S.C., 1909; Rev. William A. O'Connor, 1922; Rev. P. Leon Legault,

July 2 – Rev. Richard A. Gleason, 0.S.A., 1939; Rev. Denis F. Finnegan, 1951; Msgr. John A. Stone, 1964; Msgr. Francis J. Connors, 1977; Rev. George A. Lemieux, 1993; Rev. John M. Crable, 2012

July 3 — Rev. E. Leonard Murphy, 1954

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required.

Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

Upcoming sessions: June 27 - 9:30 a.m., Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

August 8 - 3 p.m., St. Bartholome's Church, Old Forge

Bishop's Schedule

July 20 – 12 p.m., Luncheon and Gathering with Recently Ordained Priests at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

June 23 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Waddington

4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral followed Dinner at the Knights of Columbus in Ogdensburg **June 24** – 9 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga

11 a.m., Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Schroon Lake **June 26** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

June 28 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 29 – 2 p.m., Mass for the Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul at Sacred Heart Church in Massena

June 30 – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Vincent of Paul Church in Cape Vincent celebrating Fr. Aubin's 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

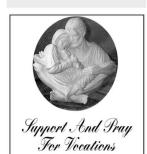
July 1 — 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora

10:30 a.m., Mass at Church of the Assumption in Redwood

July 3 – 4:30 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

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North Country Cursillo hosts retreat weekends

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Registration is still open for this year's Cursillo weekends.

The men's weekend will be held July 12 to 15, and women's weekend will be held August 9 to 12. Both weekends will be held at The Haven in Star Lake.

A Cursillo Weekend is an intense three-day experience of Jesus. Central to the retreat are talks and discussions that introduce participants to prayer/piety (spiritual practices), study (spiritual reading and development) and apostolic action (hearing and responding to God's calls) as means to grow in love of the Lord and share that love with those we meet in our dayto-day lives.

In addition to those talks and discussions, the weekend includes opportunities for both individual and group prayer.

"Cursillo weekend has been a life-changing experience for me," said Brent

Davison, a parishioner of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, who made his Cursillo weekend in 2014. "I was nervous at first about going into something unknown, but now feel it was one of the most powerful experiences I have encountered. My faith has grown profoundly.'

With the help of resident chaplains, the weekend also gives participants an opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as Mass and the Eucharist.

"Cursillo has given me a deeper love for the Catholic Church and has shown me that through the many spiritual aids it gives us, such as the sacraments, daily Mass, prayer, scripture, adoration and especially the Eucharist, I can know Jesus better and draw nearer to Him," said Kathy Racette, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church in Plattsburgh, who made her Cursillo in 1978.

Quick facts about Cursillo

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a lay movement that aims to bring participants closer to God, help them live a Christian life and equip them to share God's love with those around them.

What does it involve?

Cursillo includes a weekend retreat, as well as opportunities to participate in group faith sharing events.

Who should participate?

Weekends and group events are open to Catholic men and women who wish to strengthen their relationship with the Lord and be open to His calls to action.

Cursillo weekend:

Cursillo Weekends are currently scheduled for 2018 at The Haven in Star Lake. The next men's weekend will be held July 12 to 15, and the women's weekend will be held August 9 to 12.

How Do I get involved?

To learn more about Cursillo or to register for a weekend, contact Ken Racette, lay director, at kracette1a@gmail.com or at 518-314-1505 or 518-578-3056.

also include social time and group celebrations. In addition to growing in faith, most participants grow their circles of friends in faith.

"When I first decided to attend Cursillo weekend many years ago, I was apprehensive," said Ken Racette, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist in Plattsburgh. "I didn't think I would fit in. I was unsure of myself and Of course, weekends somewhat shy. After the first evening, I found myself enjoying the other men on the weekend and actually having fun. There is a closeness that develops during a weekend. It's the result of experiencing Christ's Body in a personal way. I still think fondly of the men I met many years ago on that weekend, even though we are far away from each other."

After the three-day Cursillo retreat process, Cursillo participants are encouraged to form or join sharing groups as part of "the Fourth day," life moving forward with a focus on prayer/piety, study and action to grow in faith and to share the faith with others.

Participants can meet in two types of settings: small group reunions and Ultreya, which is a gathering of small groups. Although encouraged, participation in the fourth day is up to the freedom and choice of the individ-

"The whole Cursillo process has been positive, however, I think I have gained the most from our weekly small group sessions," said Deacon David L. Clark from St. John the Baptist in Plattsburgh, who made his Cursillo in 2015. "These men have become my friends. I find myself, throughout the week, putting myself out there to ensure I have something to discuss for our next small group meeting. This is especially true with 'study.' I have made it a point to learn something new about our faith that I can share. Cursillo has helped me become a better Christian and a better Catholic."

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, North Country Cursillo first established an active presence in the 1970s.

The movement flourished for a time, then declined and went relatively dormant. The movement returned to active status in the diocese in 2014, when a number of diocesan residents attended Cursillo weekends in Vermont.

Cursillo weekends were held in the diocese in 2015 and 2016.

Currently, North Country Cursillo is under the spiritual advisement of Father Timothy Canaan.

The organization's leadership, known as the Secretariat, includes representatives from Plattsburgh, Peru, Saranac Lake, Brasher Falls, Moira and Watertown.

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Kevin McCulloch

Hi, my name is Kevin McCullouch.

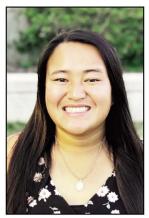
This will be my third year on staff at Camp Guggenheim, but my 10th year here at camp!

Over this past year I just finished my first year at the Pontifical College Josephinum. I am majoring in philosophy, and as a seminarian, that means I am studying to be a priest. Before entering the seminary, I attended two years at SUNY Jefferson Community College.

I completed my Certification to be a Youth Minister in the spring of 2017.

I can't wait to start the summer with my incredible co-workers for the summer, and all the returning and new campers this season.

HIKE * SWIM * PRAISE



Katy Sherman

Hi, my name is Katy Sherman. I spent my childhood growing up in the North Country, but I currently reside in Melbourne, Florida and my home parish is Our Lady of Lourdes.

In the fall, I will be a senior at Ave Maria University, where I am majoring in exercise science and playing lacrosse.

This will be my third summer on staff. Camp has always been my favorite place on earth and has had such a positive influence on my faith

I could not be more excited to spread Christ's love with all the campers this summer! I am ready to hike, swim, & PRAISE!

Visit WWW.rcdony.org for information and registration. **Sessions begin July 1**

GUGGENHEIM St. James in Carthage gets an updated look

CARTHAGE - Soon after becoming pastor of St. James Church in June 2015, Father Donald A. Robinson discovered that both the exterior and interior of the church needed extensive restoration work.

With the approval of the parish Finance Council and Pastoral Council, a capital project was initiated in the fall of 2016.

Lupini Construction, Utica was awarded the contract for the exterior masonry restoration. Phase one and two of a multiple-year renovation plan are now complete.

Father Robinson and his church committee also voiced a strong desire to freshen the appearance of the interior of the church, which needed updating.

Therefore, the Reconciliation Room was updated with new walls, lighting, screened wall and glass

The interior of the church was painted by J. L. Smith and Sons, Building Contractors, Inc., Port Leyden. New up-lighting illuminating the vaulted ceilings and murals was installed by DCM Electric Contracting, Castorland.

Each of the 14 Stations of the Cross now have a separate and distinct spot light. Each station was cleaned and repaired by Mary Beth Renaud, a parishioner of St. James.

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New paint, lights and flooring are among the upgrades at St. James Church in Carthage.

A new high quality ceramic porcelain tile floor was installed by Kevin Lyndaker, Moore River Hearth and Patio, Lowville.

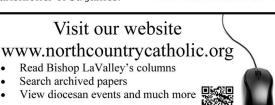
Bishop LaValley celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the successful completion of the Interior Renovation Project on May 27. A reception followed in the Augustinian Academy gymnasium.

The renovation of St.

James Church is the third church that Father Robinson has refurbished. The first was St. Mary's Church, Champlain followed by St. Anthony's Church, Watertown.

"This was my third church renovation and it most definitely will be my last," Father Robinson said.

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In May, St. Alphonsus - Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake celebrated first Communion. Receiving the Eucharist for the first time were, front row, from left, Aubrey Bissonette, Jeannelle Lizotte, Kaleigh Dukette, Lorrianna La Flamme, and Isabell Rose Tessier Day; middle row, Rylee Kennedy, Eliza Bujold, Sireea Zaiden, Luka Dukett, Charlie Skiff, Jackson Dukette, Jace Wagner, Hayden Lucey, Madison Storms, Carson Flagg-Schneider, and Lyla Robillard; and back row, Father Douglas A. Decker and Gavin Mitchell.



First Communion was celebrated recently at St. Mary's in Constableville. Pictured are, front row, from left, Deacon James W. Chaufty, Religious Ed teacher Maureen Duppert, Robert Covey, Alicia Morczek, Matteo Brinkerhoff, Father Lawrence E. Marullo, back row, Knights of Columbus Royal Kraeger, Pete Kraeger and Robert Kraeger.



Students at Holy Family School in Malone celebrated May crowning recently.



(Above) Young parishioners of St. Ann's in St. Regis Falls recently celebrated first Communion. Pictured are, from left, Matias Ochoa, Matthew Goodrow, Ana Velez and instructor Nicole Meacham.

(Right) Matthew Goodrow is congratulated by Father Alfred H. Fish, pastor at St. Ann's, after making his first Communion. Shortly after his first Communion Goodrow became an altar server.





Celebrating after first Communion at St. Martin's in Port Leyden are, front row, from left, Deacon James W. Chaufty, Wyatt McCauley, Shawn Woop, Corbin Biro, Madison McCall, Jeremiah Elliott, Father Lawrence E. Marullo, second row, Knight Royal Kraeger, Knight William Manning, Knight and Instructor Robert Kraeger, Knight John Hastwell and Knight Pete Kraeger.



(Above) Young parishioners at St. Regis Mission Church in St. Regis, Quebec, celebrated first Communion in May after preparing for the sacrament with Father Jerome Pastores and Instructors Laura Morris, Jaime Ross, Connie Thompson and Valerie Garrow. First communicants included Josiah Alexander Benedict, Chuya Cook, Adeline Dale Fontaine, Silver Rose Francis, Cody Richard Gray, Gertrude Margaret Gray, Serenity Michael Sequin Jacco, Shiloh Terese Jacco, Jack Mitchell Jackson, Phinleigh Pearl Jacobs, Clayden Robert James Johnson, Sarah Cecelia Massaro, Lorra Ann McDonald, Kyler Jase Mitchell, Peyton Stone Peters, Reegan Jade Peters, Bella Beatrice Ransom, Taya Julia Ransom, Brynlee Rain Roundpoint, Roryn Christopher John Roundpoint, Adrian Stewart Thompson, Liam Angus Thompson, Ryland Tyson Thompson-Roundpoint, Bryce William James Montour and Carl George Thompson.

(Right) Father Jerome Pastores gives first Communion to members of this year's first Communion class.





Ten young parishioners at St. André's parish in Malone celebrated first Communion June 3. Father Joseph W. Giroux, pastor at St. André's officiated.



The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay who celebrated first Holy Communion on May 20. Instructors were Michael and Elizabeth Crawford. Pictured are, front row, Hailey Parent, Sophia Heredia, Zoey Carter, Tori Buchino, Hayden Childs, Ashton Kinsely, back row, Thomas Vanbuskirk, Liam Tavernia, Brenden Spinner, Jonas Fefee, Grady Vincent-Lemere, Drew Crawford and Maxwell Clarke.



St. Mary's Nativity Church in West Leyden celebrated first Communion on June 2. Pictured are first Communicants Aiden J. Palczynski and Macy M. Hutchins with religious education instructor Christina Stinebrickner, Deacon James W. Chaufty, Knights of Columbus members John Hastwell and Pete Kraeger, and Father Lawrence E. Marullo.



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Prelates, including Bishop Terry R. LaValley, attend Mass June 13 at St. Pius X Catholic Church during the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual spring assembly in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Bishops decry asylum plan

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. (CNS) – The U.S. bishops decried U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision that asylum seekers fleeing domestic or gang violence cannot find protection in the United States.

"At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life," the bishops' statement said. They urged the nation's policymakers and courts "to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life."

Sessions' decision "elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection," it said. "These vulnerable women will now face return to extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country."

The statement from the bishops came on the first day of their June 13-14 spring assembly in Fort Lauderdale.

Just after opening prayers, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of

Catholic Bishops, read the statement from the dais, and the bishops voiced their support.

Announced by Sessions at a June 11 news conferthe decision ence. "negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeting domestic violence," it said. "Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors."

The attorney general reversed an immigration court's decision granting asylum to a Salvadoran woman who said she had been abused by her husband. He said U.S. asylum laws cannot be used to remedy "all misfortune," including violence someone suffers in another country or other reasons related to an individual's "social, economic, family or other personal circumstances.'

In his remarks, Cardinal DiNardo also said he joined Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, "in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexican border as an implementation of the administration's zero tolerance policy."

"Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma," the cardinal said. "Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together.

"While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral."

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey, said the new policy "is consistent with cardiosclerosis" or a hardening of the American heart. He called for a widespread discussion among bishops on how to more vocally respond to the practice.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Bishops' letter on racism on track for November vote

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (CNS) -- A planned pastoral letter addressing racism is on schedule for a November vote by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Sheldon J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, chairman of the bishop's Ad Hoc Committee on Racism, said during the bishops' spring general assembly June 14 that the document would reflect recommendations from the various audiences that have reviewed drafts of the document. The bishop said the document will focus on contemporary concerns affecting Native Americans and African-Americans and the "targeting" of Hispanics with racist language and actions. Among its components, he added, the document will: Reflect "grave concerns for the rise in racist expressions" in American society, public discourse and social media; and address ways racism affects institutions and public policy.

Argentina moves closer to legal abortion

MEXICO CITY (CNS) -- Argentina's bishops expressed disappointment with the approval of an initiative that moves the South American country closer to legalizing abortion. But the bishops also pledged to review their social ministries to better attend to youth and women. The country's lower house of congress voted 129-123 to approve the initiative, which decriminalizes abortion during the first 14 weeks of pregnancy. The initiative now goes to the country's senate. "This decision hurts us as Argentines," the bishops' conference said in a statement. "But the pain for the abandonment and the exclusion of innocents must be transformed into strength and hope, to continue fighting for the dignity of all human life." The close June 14 vote on the abortion issue reflected division in Argentine society, according to observers in the majority Catholic county. The law won support in big cities, but was opposed in the provinces. Supporters and opponents crowded streets in the capital -- with supporters waving green handkerchiefs -- as lawmakers debated through the night and the outcome remained uncertain until the final hours. A government survey taken in April showed Argentines split on this issue, with 46 percent opposing legalization and 45 percent supporting it.

Official explains media strategy: Let the pope be himself

GREEN BAY, Wis. (CNS) -- To be "successful" on social media, Pope Francis only has to be himself; gimmicks aren't necessary, a Vatican official told Catholic communicators. "People want the pope just to be the pope," said Natasa Govekar, director of the theological-pastoral department of the Secretariat for Communication. For instance, she said, photos of the pope "with circus performers or wearing a silly hat do not do as well as photos of the pope praying." People congregate on social media sites, so the Catholic Church must be there with the Gospel message of salvation, love and tenderness, Govekar said June 12 at the Catholic Media Conference in Green Bay. Asked about the process for determining what tweets go out to the 47 million people who follow the ninelanguage @Pontifex accounts, Govekar said a team makes suggestions, but Pope Francis has the final say. Still, she said, in the end "it's not about us. It's not even about the pope. It's about Jesus."

Stolen letter returned to Vatican Library

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - With the help of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, a 15th-century copy of a letter Christopher Columbus sent to his royal patrons describing the riches of the New World has been returned to its rightful owner – the Vatican.

The rare eight-page document, estimated to be worth \$1.2 million, had been secretly replaced with a forgery, while the true document eventually ended up in the hands of a U.S. collector from Atlanta.

The late Robert Parsons purchased the piece for \$875,000 in the United faith," unaware it had been stolen.

Callista Gingrich, U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, and representatives of the Department of Homeland Security and its investigations division presented the original copy during a ceremony June 14 at the Vatican Library. Archbishop Jean-Louis Brugues, head of the Vatican Library and Vatican Secret Archives, and Msgr. Cesare Pasini, the library's prefect, also attended the ceremony.

"This is a historic day," the archbishop said, as an important document that is part of the history of

States in 2004 "in good the Americas and Spain "returns home."

> The U.S. ambassador said, "It is a precious piece of history and I am honored to return it to its rightful owner."

After Columbus' first voyage to the Americas, the Italian explorer documented his findings and his assessment of these "new" lands in a letter to Spanish King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, his patrons.

The original letter, written in Spanish in 1493, was then immediately translated into other languages and printed in major European cities, thereby quickly spreading the news of Columbus' Benedict XV in 1921. historic discoveries.

While the original Spanish letter no longer exists, about 80 of these early printed translations still survive, such as the one that had belonged to the Vatican – a Latin version printed by the Romebased printer, Stephan Plannck, in 1493.

The document had been acquired in the early 1800s by a Rome collector, who donated it to the superior general of the Jesuits, according to U.S. court documents obtained by the Wall Street Journal. The head of the Jesuits then gave the collection to Pope

It is not known when the letter was stolen, but special agents from Homeland Security had received a tip in 2011 that the document in the library was a fake. Investigations eventually led them to believe the document in the Parsons' collection was the original.

Experts compared the two pieces and found the fake letter in the Vatican Library actually had the original 1493 binding, whose dimensions and "sewing stations," or the holes made for the binding thread, matched the real letter held by Par-

Bishops accept new guidelines for health partnerships

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. (CNS) -The process for considering key moral questions are more thoroughly examined in revised guidelines governing Catholic and non-Catholic health care partnerships adopted by the U.S. bish-

Voting 183-2 with two abstentions during their spring assembly, the bishops adopted the revisions, which are limited to Part 6 of the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services" developed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The directives govern moral questions related to the delivery of health care in settings involving cooperation among Catholic and non-Catholic systems.

Robert J. Bishop McManus of Worcester,

Massachusetts, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Doctrine's Subcommittee on Health Care, told the assembly that the new directives will help bishops decide whether a health care partnership can occur under the church's moral teaching.

The revisions offer more specific guidance to hospital administrators confronted with an increasingly complicated business environment. They also offer guidance to bishops as they witness health care mergers and collaborative arrangements in their dioceses.

The revised directives became necessary in the face of widening consolidation within the health care industry as hospital systems look to reduce expenses and limit the duplication of services in any given service market.

Archbishop: Religious freedom still challenged

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. (CNS) -Challenges to religious freedom continue to emerge and the U.S. Catholic Church will remain steadfast in addressing them to serve the common good, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, told the spring assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In his report as chairman of the bishops' Committee for Religious Freedom, the archbishop said June 14 that such efforts are rooted in a vision to protect human dignity and support family and the gift of sexuality.

"We propose this vision with passion for the good of individuals and for the good of our nation," the archbishop said.

While some challenges have been overcome, such as the contraceptive mandate in the Affordable Care Act that forced religious institutions and people of faith to violate their faith, it does not mean they have ended, he said.

"These issues will continue. They continue in health care. They continue in marriage and family, in life issues. Certainly challenges, perhaps of a different sort, in the welcome of immigrants and refugee families."

"Perhaps the greatest challenge is what we might call what's happening in the court of public opinion," Archbishop Kurtz said. "Public polling tells us in many ways people 60 years of age and older often appreciate the threats to religious freedom, but younger generations are not. People seem to be swayed by those who characterize religious freedom as 'a license to discriminate.' We know this to be farthest from the truth, but that doesn't mean it doesn't hold swav.'

response, explained, the committee has developed a plan to change the narrative about religious freedom.

The effort will include "choosing our language carefully" through the use of "inspiring and relatable language that promotes the "gift" of religious freedom, he said. He used the example of faith-based agencies that face the threat of government shutdown because of their religious or moral convictions.

The effort will focus on keeping the needs of children first, Archbishop Kurtz said. "We also have emphasized that this is not the time to limit those agencies that are able to serve children and we've urged the need to make space in our culture to service integrity of faith," he said.

Monsignor

Whitmore

Paul E.

We are commissioned to spread the Good News

Today is one those rare times that the feast of a saint replaces the usual

Sunday readings (the other three are St. Joseph, Ss. Peter and Paul, and All Saints). June 24th is also called Midsummer's Day, the longest day of the year. From here until Christmas, the Birth of Jesus, the days start to get shorter

Jesus told his followers that his cousin, John, was the greatest man born of woman. This feast clearly shows his "claim to fame",

for John spent his whole life preparing the people of Israel for the mission

of Jesus. The world would never be the same again.

The first reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs that foretell the coming of the Messiah. Besides prophesying the birth of lesus, this reading can also be applied to John the Baptist. The names of both

John and Jesus were determined before their birth. Both were in their mother's wombs when John "leaped for joy" at the presence of Jesus.



Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist

READINGS Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 3:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

John's preaching of repentance in the desert prepared the way for the "light of the nations" to bring salvation to all the world.

As Jesus grew in favor before the people, John could see that his work was coming to a close. In humility, he helped his own followers attach themselves to Jesus by declaring, "Behold, one is

coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet." In our second reading, St. Luke quotes St. Paul as using this statement of John in his own preaching of the Good News.

In the Gospel of Luke today, we learn of God's special providence in the circumstances of John's birth, and how God used John's father, Zechariah, as his special prophet. In the beautiful hymn, the Benedictus (skipped over in today's selection), Zechariah connects his son's future mission with that of Moses, who told of God's promises to bring salvation to all peoples.

There are no greater

birthdays in all of history to compare with those of John in today's feast, and the birth of Jesus which we celebrate six months from now. Two cousins. bound together in the great rescue mission of redemption!

As confirmed followers of Jesus, we, too, are commissioned by Jesus to proclaim the Good News. In order that society may pay better attention to what we say and do, it is very necessary for us to seen as people of prayer, reflection, and faith, courageous in speaking about and living our faith. The interests of Jesus Christ must come before our own.

Bishops approve election-year video, documents

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. (CNS) -New supplementary documents and a video are on the horizon for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in advance of the 2020 presidential elec-

During their spring general assembly, the bishops approved the production of a short letter "to inspire prayer and action regarding public life" and a short video and other resources that would apply the teaching of Pope Francis to contemporary issues.

The actions are meant to clarify the bishops' document on Catholics in public life, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."

In a June 14 vote, bishops supported the actions 144-41, with two abstentions after an 85-minute discussion that found some bishops calling for an extensive revision of the quadrennial document that traditionally has been issued a year in advance of a presidential election.

Approval came after the working group included a reference that the materials that will be developed would "apply the teaching of Pope Francis to our day.'

Supporters of a full revision said the current document, first adopted in 2011 and revised in 2015, does not reflect the extensive teachings of Pope Francis and on issues that have emerged in recent years such as restrictive immigration policies, the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement and the renewed threats by nuclear posed weapons.

The proposal for a letter, video and other materials came from a working group that included the chairmen of several USCCB committees that regularly deal with public policy issues, including poverty, abortion, family, marriage, health care and international affairs.

The materials will be prepared in time for the bishops to review at their fall general assembly in November 2019. The bishops traditionally have issued updated versions of the Faithful Citizenship document about a year before a presidential elec-

The discussion found several bishops saving that the most recent edition of the document does not incorporate the teachings of Pope Francis on worldwide concerns such as the migration of people, economic inequality and protecting earth's resources.

They also pointed to the need to incorporate the USCCB statements access to health care.

In calling for a new document, the bishops said the current document has gained little attention from Catholics - with about one in six churchgoers having read at least part of it - because it is too long.

The push for a major revision of the document started with Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, who said, "It would be a missed opportunity and a big mistake not to move forward with an entirely new document."

He said there was a "new body of teaching" offered by Pope Francis and "the way he presents those topics seems to be a body of teaching we ought to integrate."

Their discussion of a new document and how to address differences of opinion could also model for the country how "how public civil discourse can take place," the cardinal added. "People have very few examples of how this should take place."

Bishop John E. Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky, saying he welcomed the new materials, echoed the cardinal and said including gun control in the document was important as young people rise to challenge the nation's gun laws after several mass shootings in schools.

Bishop Robert W. McElroy added that it was vital for the Faithful Citizenship document to reflect "the signs of the times" by addressing rising racism, economic inequality and the "greatest assault on immigration law in the last 50 years.'

"We need to speak to these questions and we need to speak as a collective body of bishops," he said.

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB vice president, who presented the working group's proposal, explained drafting a new document on Catholic participation in public life would require a long effort and regular review. He expressed concern that it might not be done by November 2019.

AT THE MOVIES

Incredibles 2

By Joseph McAleer Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) - The first family of superheroes returns in "Incredibles 2" (Disney), the highly anticipated sequel to a muchloved 2004 animated film.

Alas, the passage of time (a truly incredible 14 years) has not been kind. Despite Brad Bird's return as writer and director, "Incredibles 2" lacks the spontaneity, charm and style of its precursor (as well as the leading article from "The Incredibles").

Story takes a back seat to a visually impressive but relentless barrage of (often repetitive) action and violence, even gunplay, which may frighten younger viewers. Added to the mix is some profane and crass language which is jarring in any children's movie.

It's a pity, as amid all the bluster "Incredibles 2" pitches the worthy lessons of its predecessor about love, family, courage and helping others in need.

"Incredibles 2" picks right up where the last film left off.

The Parr family - parents Bob (voice of Craig T. Nelson) and Helen (voice of Holly Hunter), and kids Violet (voice of Sarah Vowell), Dash (voice of Huck Milner), and baby Jack-Jack (voice of Eli Fucile) – have just used their



assorted superhuman abilities to vanquish the forces of evil.

But their victory is short-lived: the law still dictates that "supers" must remain undercover and inactive. So the Parrs reluctantly return to their humdrum existence, and Helen and Bob wonder how they will make ends meet.

Enter a champion, Winston Deavor (voice of Bob Odenkirk), a media mogul and superhero fan who wants to rehabilitate the supers and remind society of their importance. Joined by his inventor sister Evelyn (voice of Catherine Keener), Deavor wants Helen – aka Elastigirl - in the spotlight, showcasing her powers in the fight of good versus evil.

That means parental



This is a scene from the animated movie "Incredibles 2."

roles are reversed, and Bob must now stay home to care for the kids, while Helen gets to save the day and dominate the head-

It's a big change for "Mr. Incredible" as he navigates homework with Dash, comforts Violet amid her boyfriend troubles, and discovers that Jack-Jack, despite being in

diapers, is full of (super) surprises.

Needless to say, the opportunity arises to introduce a gaggle of new supers into the mix and offer cameos of old chestnuts like Frozone (voice of Samuel L. Jackson) and fashion designer Edna Mode (voice of Brad Bird). And before you can say "Great Caesar's ghost!" (sorry, wrong cartoon), the Parr family will reunite to save the world. again.

The film contains action violence and gunplay and mild profane and crass language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-II adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG - parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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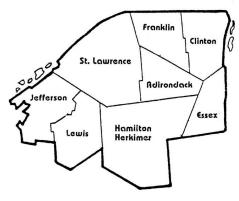
Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email

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GARAGE SALE

Wells — St. Ann's Altar and Rosary Society will be holding its Annual Garage Sale.

Date: July 20 and 21 **Time:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Church
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Altar and Rosary society's community
outreach program. Drop your donations
off at the shed in the back of the church.
Turn handle to the right.

Contact: For pick up items call Pam at 518 924-2041 and we will arrange a pickup.

JEFFERSON

MT. CARMEL FEAST

Watertown — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast to be held.

Date: June 22, 23 & 24
Place: St. Anthony's Church

Schedule: June 21, Spaghetti Dinner at 4:30p.m.; June 22, 5 p.m. to 10, Bingo at

7 p.m., Musician from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30; June 23 1 p.m. to 10., June 24 1 p.m. to 10, Religious Procession at 5 p.m., Fire Works at 9:30 p.m.

Features: Rides, Games, Raffle, Italian Food Specialties. Sunday unlimited rides from 1 p.m. to 4 for \$13.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Watertown — Come join us for a faith filled fun week of Vacation Bible School.

Date: July 9 – 13 Time: 9 a.m. to noon Place: Holy Family Church Cost: \$25

Features: For Grades K-5 **Contact:** Call 315-782-6750 or 315-782-2468

EUCHARIST PRAYER GROUP

Watertown — Our Mother of the Eucharist Prayer Group to meet.

Date: July 19 **Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall, St. Anthony's Contact: Kathi Buskey 315-783-2230; Lourdes Hough 315-408-4492

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sackets Harbor - St. Andrew's Church has weekly exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on every Friday.

Time: 5 p.m. to 6

SECULAR FRANCISCANS MEETING

Watertown - The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity of the 3rd Order of Secular Franciscans meetings are set. **Date:** last Sunday of the month.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: McCarthy Hall, Holy Family Parish

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watertown - St. Patrick's Church in Watertown sponsors weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays. The Monstrance is placed on the Altar at the end of Noon Mass. Our doors remain open until 8 p.m. All are welcome. Contact: Deacon Mastellon at 315-782-6086

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Watertown — Holy Hour for Vocations to be held every Tuesday.

Time: 3 p.m. to 6
Place: St. Anthony's Church

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Watertown - Holy Family Church is holding holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Schedule: Monday through Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)

LEWIS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville — Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: June 21 Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church Features: To Thank God for and To Honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to one hour of exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration,

and benediction.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville — Divine Mercy Devotions to be held.

Date: July 1 Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program Includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. At 2:30 p.m. will view the first part of the DVD entitled "The Rosary- Spiritual sword of our Lady," by Fr. Don H. Calloway, MIC. All are welcome.

Contact: 315-348-6260 for information

ST. LAWRENCE

FOOT PILGRIMAGE & MASS

Massena — All are invited to a foot pilgrimage visiting parts of the parish and culminating with a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Date: June 29

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: Starting at St. Lawrence Church, including stops at Calvary Cemetery, St.

Mary's, St. Peter's Cemetery, St. Joseph's, and culminating with a 2 p.m. feast day Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry R. LaValley at Sacred Heart.

Contact: Call the parish office to register or for more information, 315-769-2469.

HEALING MASS

Raymondville - Healing Mass to be held.

Date: June 27 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Raymond's Church

Features: Fr. Garry Giroux will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 5:45 p.m. After Mass individual prayer will be available.

K OF C GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ogdensburg — the Knights of Columbus will have their 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Date: Aug. 18

Place: State Golf Course on Route 37
Cost: \$70 a person \$280 per team Entry limited to the first 14 teams. \$100 deposit is required. Cost includes green fee, cart, lunch at the golf course and dinner at the Knights of Columbus at the

conclusion of play. Guest Dinner is \$11

Features: Funds will be raised to help support the Gabriel Project. Many different hole contests to be held.

Contact: Call the club between 9a.m. to 1 p.m. at 315-393-7990 for more informa-

tion

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 transportation, ticket to the ballgame, hotel stay at Meadowlands River Inn and breakfast. Contact: For more information or to

Contact: For more information or to register, email: cantonkofc@gmail.com or call 315-714-2016.

ST. RAPHAEL'S FOOD PANTRY

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 Place: Parish Center

Contact: Father O'Brien at 315-393-

2920 or 315-344-2383.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

FAMILY GUGGENEIM

Saranac Lake — It's time to register for Family Guggenheim.

Date: Session 1, Aug. 16 – 18; Session

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The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Director 622 Washington St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669 (315) 393-2920; fax 1-866-314-7296 mbrett@rcdony.org

Go forth, graduates!

June signifies not only the start of summer, but also new beginning for our youth. For many, that new beginning starts with a graduation, the start of the future. That future may include college or a trade school, the military, a new job or career training, or maybe a vocational calling to God.

To our graduates, congratulations! Keep going, work hard and continue to learn. Grow your minds, grow your optimism. Remember, faith must continue to grow as well. Grow your spirit, your missionary spirit. Go forth and seek what calls you.

These rites of passage, like graduations, are set by society as benchmarks of progress. Progress is the goal of every business, institution, community and church. In the Mission Lands, progress is the goal of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Because we are baptized, we are called to be missionaries. This is another benchmark in our faith, much like graduation is in our education. The act of baptism makes us a missionary, just like graduation from high school or even from kindergarten sends us forward to our next path or destination.

Baptism is our first sacrament, just like graduation is the first step towards your future career or endeavor.

Getting to graduation requires hard work. In fact, for some it is the hardest work you will do. What you do with this accomplishment next is how you will be judged and measure your own self. Just like our baptism make us a missionary, you are called upon by Jesus to work hard at your faith and to be sent forth and receive the message of the mission. We are called to collaborate and evangelize with the Holy Spirit. We are called to go and make disciples of all nations.

So, go forth graduates! Work hard and answer your calling. Follow your hearts. Many people helped to get you to this point. Just like in the mission lands, it truly does take a village! Take a moment to remember those who love you and promoted you and your spirit. Promote your spirit well. Be your own best advocate, and remember your faith and your love of the church. Be a missionary in spirit by always remembering to be kind, generous and loving with your time, treasure and talent. Try to be the best you can be.

Remember, this is the beginning and not the end. This is only a benchmark for now. There are many more ahead. Make friends and continue to grow. Go forth and make disciples of all nations.

God bless our young people and their families!

OBITUARIES

Sister Emily Marie Jurecki, CSSF, 98

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. - A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Emily Marie Jurecki,

98, who served as director of religious education for the Diocese of Ogdensburg from 1978 to 1980 and served in West Leyden from 1973 to 1978, was held June 4 at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Convent in Cheektowaga, New York.

Born in Syracuse, one of seven children, Emily Jurecki entered the Buffalo Province of the Felician Sisters on July 8, 1938 and professed her perpetual vows on Aug. 12, 1946.

She graduated from Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy in Buffalo, then earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Canisius College.

She began teaching intermediate grades at St. Luke's School in Buffalo, then taught junior high school classes at various schools in the Diocese of Buffalo for 29 years.

At Precious Blood School, she served as principal. She also taught in Syracuse and Welland, Ont.

In 1971, she became involved with religious education, serving as teacher, coordinator and regional director in the Diocese of Syracuse and Diocese of Ogdensburg. Beginning in 1981, she continued as a religious education coordinator at parishes in Mayville, Westfield and Dunkirk.

From 1986 to 1992, she taught math and English at Villa Maria Academy and taught math, religion, English and Latin at Notre Dame High School in Batavia.

Then she went to War-

saw, Poland, to tutor Felician Sisters there in English.

Beginning in 1995, she
was a part-time
librarian, tutor,
religious educator

religious educator and parish minister in Syracuse, Dunkirk, Elma and Buffalo.

In 2004, she became a member of St. Francis Residence Convention

served as a receptionist.
Survivors include nieces and nephews.

Sister Emily

Marie Jurecki

Altona — Chandler A. Deyo, 86; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2018 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brushton – Edward J. Russell, Sr., 77; Mass of Christian Burial June 154, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Canton — Harold M. Lowery, 80; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Hermon Cemetery.

Canton — Jack M. Regan, 92; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

Chateaugay – Loretta (Shaw) Campbell, 89; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Immaculate Heart Cemetery, Churubusco.

Chateauguay — Melvin Vincent, 80; Mass of Christian Burial June 8, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church.

Ellenburg — Lloyd N, Boadway, 86; Mass of Christian Burial June 14, 2018 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Immaculate Heart Cemetery, Churubusco.

Ellenburg — Herman J. Rabideau, 86; Mass of Christian Burial June 15, 2018 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Harrisville – Dorothy (Chartrand) Baker, 87; Mass of Christian Burial June 18, 2018 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in St. Francis Solanus Cemetery.

Houseville — Richard E. Speirs, 85; Memorial Services July 2, 2018 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Minoa.

Lake Placid — Denise (Miller) Gramer, 59; Mass of Christian Burial June 23, 2018 at St. Agnes Church.

Lake Placid — Wayne Joseph Pryce; Mass of Christian Burial June 13, 2018 at St. Agnes Church; burial in North Elba Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Agnes "Ree" Rickard, 73; Mass of Christian Services June 12, 2018 at St. Agnes Church.

Louisville — Amanda Lynn Kerr, 30; Mass of Christian Burial June 5, 2018 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in Parish Cemetery.

Lowville – Frederick J. Matula, 87; Mass of Christian Burial June 14, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Old Glendale Cemetery.

Lowville – Frances A. McIntyre, 97; Funeral Services June 5, 2018 at Iseneker Funeral Home Inc., burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Bremen.

Lowville — Gary Anthony Schneeberger, 84; Funeral Services June 15, 2018 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.

Massena – Rose M. (Brown) Carvel, 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 13, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Rose M. Desiderio, 100; Mass of Christian Burial June 8, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Robert T. Fay, 84; Mass of Christian Burial June 11, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church.

Massena — Thomas F. Geagan, 76; Mass of Christian Burial June 16, 2018 at Church of the Sacred Heart.

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FIRST COMMUNION IN LAKE PLACID



St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid celebrated first Communion in May. Pictured with Father John R. Yankovig are, front row, from left, Rose Wenzler, Fiona Webb, Echo Staves, Eleanore Boutelle, Addisyn Colby and Kaitlyn Kress; middle row, William Brooks, Jonathan Riley, Jr., Zen Lund, Charlie Fox, Emmett Fox and Thomas Reynolds; and third row: Graham Scull, Liam Gotham, Nicholas Shaw, Torin Fadden and Liam McGahay.

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2, Aug. 23 – 26; Session 3, Oct. 5 – 7 Features: Bring your family to the most meaningful weekend of the year! Hike, swim, pray, play...be.

Contact: Visit

https://www.rcdony.org/familylife/fami ly-guggenheim.html to register. Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader for information at 315-323-0827 or dleader@rcdony.org

CATHOLIC BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS

Catholic Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the diocese are encouraged to Work on a religious emblem. There are a variety of emblems for Scouts of all types and ages (Daisy, Brownie, Cub, Girl, Boy, Venture, and Explorer).

Contact: www.rcdony.org/scouting or contact Scott Quinell at 315-212-0137 or bsaquinell@gmail.com. The emblems are awarded at the annual Bishop's Scout Mass in October.

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.

DOVS MEMBERS SOUGHT

D.O.V.S (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) is a group of people who pray for and work to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese is seeking new members. DOVS meets most months, plan events to thank priests and religious and annually take a pilgrimage.

Contact: Call Connie at 315-265-2762 or Cathy at the diocesan Vocations Office at 315-393-2920

OBITUARIES

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Massena – Frances (Creazzo) Portolese,
85; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2018
at Church of the Sacred Heart; 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.

Massena – Rita L. (Guyette) Richer; Mass of Christian Burial June 15, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Anna Mae Vice, 90; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brasher.

Massena — Cindy L. Young, 61; Funeral Services June 4, 2018 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mineville – Joseph A. Pratt Jr., 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 5, 2018 at

Church of All Saints.

Morrisonville — Norman F. LaFountain Jr., 80; Mass of Christian Burial June 15, 2018 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morrisonville — Helena R. (Winser) Rabatoy, 77; Mass of Christian Burial June 12, 2018 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Norwood – Paul Stephen Cutler, 57; Mass of Christian Burial June 19, 2018 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Elizabeth "Betty" J. Polniak Shaver, 81; Funeral Services June 4, 2018 at Frary Funeral Home; burial St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Bailey Grace Peck, Infant; Memorial Mass June 7, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Ogdensburg — Syriah M. Raymon, 10 months; Funeral Services June 4, 2018 at

Frary Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg — Dale E. Thompson, 68; Mass of Christian Burial June 12, 2018 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru – James D. Mastic, Jr., 62; Mass of Christian Burial June 14, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Peasleeville Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Mildred R. Baker, 83; Funeral Services June 2, 2018 at Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville.

Plattsburgh — Christina M. (Fortin) Cross, 55; Mass of Christian Burial June 15, 2018 at St. Peter's Church.

Plattsburgh — Phyllis L. (miller) Reiblein, 75; Mass of Christian Burial June 12, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Marcy Lynn Rivers, 25; Mass of Christian Burial June 11, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Henry — Janice I. Potskowski, 70; Mass of Christian Burial June 11, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church.

Port Henry — William J. Savage, 63; Mass of Christian Burial June 12, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

Saranac Lake — E. John "Jake" Lawless, 86; Mass of Christian burial June 7, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church.

Saranac Lake — Diana Lee (Smith) Shumway; Mass of Christian Burial June 16, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery, Franklin.

Saranac Lake — Berton "Jack" John Sweeney, 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 16, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Star Lake — Ceclia M. Foley Henri, 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 15, 2018 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Hubert's Cemetery.

Watertown – Betty B. Dier, 84; Mass of Christian Burial June 12, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur.

Watertown — Elizabeth M. "Betty" (Joynt) Haley, 97; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Rita G. Castro Houppert, 92; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Ambrose F. Loftus, 87; Memorial Services June 8, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial in Florida National Cemetery.

Willsboro — Linda M. Jaquish; Memorial Services June 10, 2018 at St. Philips of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.