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Pope: Cherish gifts of the Holy Spirit

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis asked Catholics to recognize and be thankful for the undeserved gift of the Holy Spirit they received with the sacrament of confirmation.

"It is a gift to be cherished with care" and to follow with docility, "letting oneself be molded like wax from the burning love" of the Holy Spirit, the pope said May 30 at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

During the audience the pope was treated to a performance by taekwondo athletes from South Korea. The initiative was supposed to include athletes from North Korea, but the North decided not to participate, South Korean media reported May 25.

The North Korean taekwondo federation reportedly cited the military exercises between South Korea and the United States May 25 as the main

reason for withdrawing from the scheduled event. Even though the North Korean athletes "did not arrive," the performance for the pope "was still a message of peace," Greg Burke, the Vatican spokesman told reporters.

The pope thanked the athletes for sending the world an important message.

"It is a message of peace for all of humanity," he said.

Key cases eyed as court ends term

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Summer Schedule

Remember, the North Country Catholic will be printed every other week. There will be no newspaper on June 13.

YOUTH COUNCIL MASS



Diocesan Youth Council members after the closing Mass of their retreat on May 23. Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Mass. Pictured with Bishop LaValley are, front row, from left, diocesan Youth Ministry Director Kelly Donnelly, and Youth Council members Maria Inserra, Maria Buskey, Alex Pinkerton, Victoria Mallette, Meaghan Pierce, Maurren Pierce, back Row, Nick LaPointe, Logan Branch and Conner Cummings.

JUBILEE MASS

Six priests hit milestones



Father Alan D. Shnob is one of six priests honored as a jubilarian at the May 22. Also marking jubilee years are Father Pierre Aubin, Missionary of the Sacred Heart, and Father Normand C. Cote, who celebrated 60 years; Father Alan J. Lamica, Father Alan D. Shnob and Father Douglas A. Decker, who celebrated 40 years; and Father Timothy G. Cnaan, who celebrated 25 years.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Excited, blessed to begin new career

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

— Luke 2:52

Well, here we go, ladies and gentlemen.

It's my first week as the official editor of the North Country Catholic. I can't tell you how excited, grateful and blessed I feel to have this opportunity.

In terms of my professional life, and many other aspects of my life, in fact, I've been blessed. What started as a college extracurricular activity — a hobby, essentially — has turned into a career.

After thoroughly enjoying journalism and communications electives in college, I started writing for the student newspaper and eventually became that paper's editor.

Upon graduating with a bachelor's degree in history and government with an additional major in English, I quickly discovered I wasn't qualified for a whole lot of career opportunities. The summer after graduation, I

learned of a reporter vacancy at The Malone Telegram. I had a portfolio of news clips. I knew the graphic design software they were using. My journalism career was born.



Darcy L.
Fargo

I'm convinced being a reporter is the most fun job on earth. A reporter gets to be at the center of major happenings, but as I like to say, "a reporter's only responsibility is to write down what he or she sees, and what people with real jobs do and say."

It can be exciting. It can be heart breaking. It can be inspiring.

As I moved away from journalism to corporate communications and later human resources, I frequently said, "if I win the lottery, I'll go back to newspaper work."

It seems I've won the lottery. In fact, I think I've won something better. I'm now in a position where I can use the skills and passions I've been given in the service of God, the one who gave them to me. That's amazing!

By now, you're probably

wondering how this connects with the quoted Gospel passage.

"Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man" before starting his public ministry. In the next chapter of the Gospel, we're told Jesus was "about thirty years of age" when he began that public ministry.

Here I am, 37 years old, and embarking on a fairly public ministry in my new role as editor of the NCC and communications director for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

While I'm trying, I'm certainly not at Jesus' level. I'm a little behind on that "advancing in wisdom" thing. I'm still learning. I'm still growing. Unlike Jesus, I will make mistakes. I will make decisions that don't leave everyone completely happy. It will likely take me some time to get up to speed on current issues and events. Please bear with me.

As a diocese, we've been blessed to enjoy the skills, insights and wisdom of Mary Lou Kilian for nearly four full decades. Mary Lou is a tough act to follow. While I had the opportunity to work with her

for two weeks prior to the transition, I'm fairly certain it's impossible to absorb 40 years of knowledge in such a short time. I'm grateful to Mary Lou for her support and assistance through the transition, as well as her years of distinguished service to the diocese.

Luckily, I have the continued support and assistance of Christine Ward, the NCC's longtime editorial assistant. Though she works largely behind the scenes, Christine is an invaluable part of the NCC team. Her dedication and work ethic are overshadowed only by her positivity and kindness.

With Christine, along with the NCC's dedicated reporters, columnists and photographers, as well as diocesan staff, I look forward to working with Bishop Terry R. LaValley to advance the good news — both the Gospel and the stories of how we're living it out here in the North Country.

I also look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks, months and years.

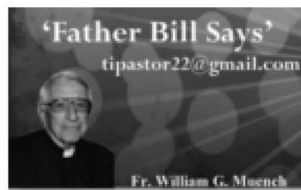
Let's grow in wisdom together.

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

Feasts remind us of call to community

Today, I was thinking and meditating on church — our Catholic Church, my Catholic Church. The feast days we've been celebrating as church during this recent weeks in the liturgical year — like Pentecost and the feast of the Most Holy Family — focus our attention on the church.

These celebrations challenge us, members of the Body of Christ, to renew and strengthen our faith in God. Our hope is that there will be a new and stronger unity that is church for us.



The Gospels tell us that as Jesus prepared to leave the apostles and ascend to the Father, he taught them to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. At that time, he was also teaching us that our God is a community — God the Father, the

Creator, God the Son the Savior, God the Holy Spirit, that divine Spirit that fills us with love and peace and enthusiasm.

This places a demand on us as church to be a community. We are to be a family, praying together, with and for each other, and working together to transform this world in the spirit of Jesus. This challenge of community extends to a whole parish, those active in the Catholic parish life, as well as those others, Catholic and of other faiths, to pray

for each other and to work together for their community.

In addition, our community that is church must extend to others throughout this entire planet, with people everywhere open to praying for each other, especially those in need, and working to make all things better.

When I think of making our Catholic Church, a community, a family in our time, I think of the Second Vatican Council. The council was a

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FOLLOW ME

Draw close to the Lord and to one another

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

As I was reflecting on the readings for the Jubilee Mass, I kept coming back to these words from St. James (cf. Jm. 4:1-10). Clearly, holiness, our holiness and that of our people is achieved by daily drawing nearer to the Lord and by drawing closer to one another.

In our priestly ministry, our nearness to Jesus is made more intimate as we draw closer to God’s people. We remember that Jesus chose to be close to His people. Pope Francis, in his Chrism Mass homily, told us that “closeness is an attitude that engages the whole person, our way of relating, our way of being attentive both to ourselves and to others.”

Even for strong introverts like me, an attitude of closeness is important. The Holy Father said that “a priest who is close to his people walks among them with the closeness and tenderness of a good shepherd.” There should be no room for distance between a priest and his people.

Dear brothers, you have a remarkable reputation for being close to your people and for that I am inspired and most grateful.

You know that all the hard work and time that you expend in the pastoral planning process, ultimately, can be a means for closeness for the members of the local family of faith or it can be the occasion for alienation. We really do desire to love all our parishioners, to see them with the eyes of



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICKS

This year’s jubilarians were celebrated at the Jubilee Mass on May 22. Pictured are, from left, Father Timothy G. Canaan, who celebrated 25 years; Father Pierre Aubin, Missionary of the Sacred Heart, and Father Normand C. Cote, who celebrated 60 years; Bishop Terry R. LaValley; Father Alan J. Lamica, Father Alan D. Shnob and Father Douglas A. Decker, who celebrated 40 years.

Christ.

A collaborative spirit allows for a certain nearness to develop in a parish family. Prophets, visionaries and priests all benefit from collaboration.

I’m convinced that pastoral leadership today must be accomplished in a collaborative spirit. Soon after I became Bishop, as you know, I decided to begin our Envisioning Process. I knew that we have many gifts and certain challenges in the Church of the North Country and I don’t have all the answers, bishop or not. So, with collaborative intent, I formed an Envisioning Team to help me focus our energies and limited resources to help build up the local Church.

Collaboration is more than information sharing. It’s not simply the presentation of my vision or offering a polite nod while responding with a pleasant smile to the person who’s speaking. When collaborating, a certain humility and vulnerability is

demanded from every person. The motivation for one to collaborate is not to force others to see things my way.

Of course, I’m not speaking here of Church teaching. We don’t negotiate the truths of our faith. But, an openness of mind, heart and spirit is part and parcel of the collaborative experience in decision-making.

Collaboration is hard work and can be very frustrating. Those who collaborate must be informed, active listeners where all possess the same common goal. It would seem to me that the pastor who engages in collaborative ministry should have a well thought out vision to offer and a willingness to reconsider or modify his ideas when good, thoughtful discussion develops into better alternative suggestions to be implemented. The leader should see the process through and genuine dialogue is the means.

As leaders in the

Church, we embrace the collaborative model as our decision-making process because it best respects every human person by providing the way by which everyone around the table feels seen, heard, and valued. The good shepherd is not afraid to make himself vulnerable, possessing the attitude and providing the environment where real dialogue is the norm for pastoral decision-making. That doesn’t mean everyone walks away from the table the best of friends, but it does mean the shepherd sought the nearness, closeness to his parishioners, so necessary for any healing to begin.

Now, collaboration is not just listening to the crowd and following what everybody is saying. That’s not pastoral leadership.

You know, I’m sure, no matter what we do, we just can’t please everybody. But, we try to work together, supporting one another in our common

journey to the Father. Collaboration enables ideas to be shared and decisions to be owned and embraced by as many as possible.

You remember that Pope Francis told priests that, in shepherding our people, the priest goes at times before them, at times remains in their midst and at other times walks behind them. He said that “discerning our closeness to our people is not simply one more thing to do.”

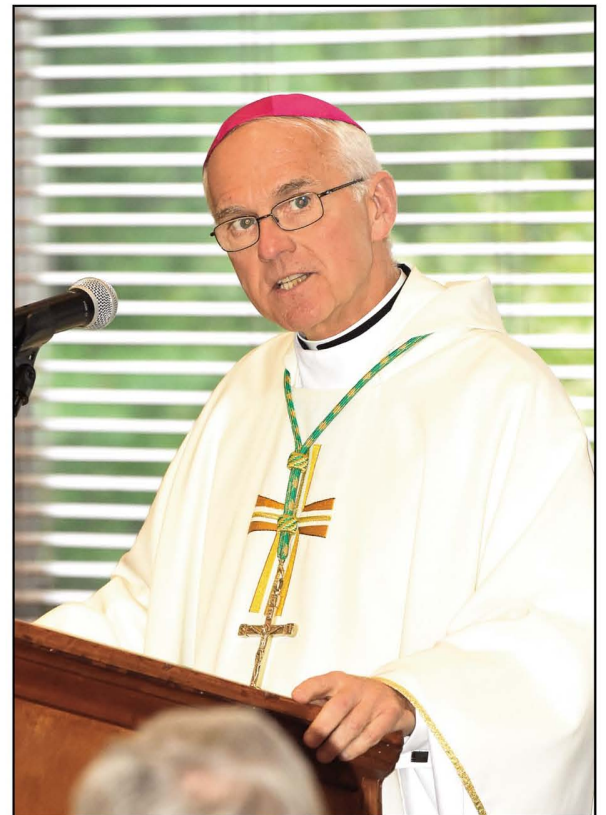
In our decision-making process, we either make Jesus present in the messiness of life or let Him remain on the level of ideas, pious words on a page in our homily, incarnate at most in some good habit gradually becoming routine. May we never succumb to performing correct routines, but in the process grow more distant from our people and our God. We draw near to God’s people, so that we and they might draw near to God.

I suppose this is another way of describing servant leadership. We acknowledge and thank our jubilarians for their servant leadership as priests of God these many years: **60 years: Pierre Aubin and Normand Cote; 40 years: Douglas Decker, Alan Lamica, and Alan Shnob; and 25 years: Timothy Canaan.**

We are all pilgrims on the journey, brothers on the road, here to help each other and our sisters and brothers to walk and bear the load as we try to draw ever nearer to Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through it all may God be praised... forever may God be praised!

PRESBYTERATE GATHERS IN LAKE PLACID

JUBILEE MASS



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICKS

(Top left) Father Bryan D. Stitt and Father Alan D. Shnob chat prior to the start of the Jubilee Mass on May 22. Father Shnob celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination at the Mass. (Top right) Bishop Terry R. LaValley delivers the homily at the Jubilee Mass. (Bottom right) Father Raymond J. Moreau congratulates Father Douglas A. Decker. Father Decker celebrated 40 years of priesthood at the event. (Bottom center) Father Alan J. Lamica also celebrated the 40 year anniversary of his ordination at the Jubilee Mass. (Bottom left) Seminarians for the Diocese of Ogdensburg served during the Jubilee Mass, part of the annual Presbyteral Assembly held in Lake Placid.



MAY CROWNING



May Crowning was held May 4 at St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga. Laura Zelinski crowned a statue of Mary and was attended by Alexis Gibbs, both 8th graders at St. Mary's School. Father Kevin D. McEwan led prayer.

A Message of Thanks

I have been overwhelmed by the love shown to me over the past few weeks as I prepared to say goodbye to the *North Country Catholic*.

I will be forever be grateful for the wishes in last week's issue of the paper, for the cards, gifts, flowers and prayers. Working for the Diocese of Ogdensburg has been a privilege and a blessing.

To Bishop LaValley and all his predecessors who supported our diocesan paper, our priests, religious and the thousands of subscribers who have welcomed the paper into their homes

**"I thank my God
every time I think of you."**

(Philippians 1:3)

And I move forward with great confidence that I'm leaving the paper in best hands possible. Darcy and Christine are filled with faith, enthusiasm, talent and great ideas. After 72 years, the NCC is alive and well. Praise God!

Mary Jo

Community

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Catholic Church a community, praying together and working together. One of the most important documents of the council is the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, "Lumen Gentium." This document presents a vision of the church in a more biblical, more historical, more dynamic way than ever before. The Church is in the world, yet, not of it.

The message of this document on the church had a profound influence on me and my own priesthood. The council called upon us as a church to be pastoral, caring and concerned about each other. This document placed a special emphasis on the importance of the laity in making our church a community. So this presented a demand on us all, clergy and laity, to form a strong community that will truly build our world into a better place.

One of the scriptural images used by the council fathers was that of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. I am certain you have heard this image presented to you, often. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, came to serve, not

to be served. So, the church must follow in the Spirit of our Redeemer so, like Jesus, we are to be a community that truly is formed to serve. Jesus did not hesitate to lay down his life for his sheep. So the community that is the Church must be a witness to lay down our lives; laying down our lives means living for others, as well as dying for them – for others. The church must witness to the love and sacrifice that Jesus taught us. The Second Vatican Council also called upon us to be more ecumenical, to find unity and community with others, including people from other Christian churches, even other religions, so that we can all work together to form a community that transforms this world of ours.

As a pastor, I discovered a deep love for our Catholic Church. The Lord constantly gives us so many opportunities to work together and form community. In this way, I have discovered constant challenges to transform a parish into a community, a community that is united in bringing to our world the love of our God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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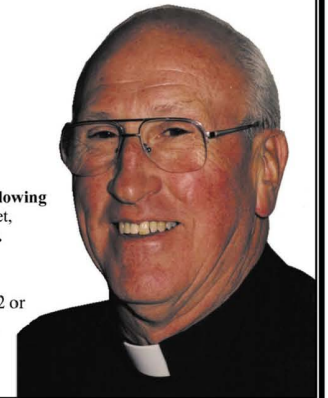
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Environmental Stewardship

'Silence of the bugs'

Have you noticed, as you are driving these days, you have fewer or no splattered bugs caked to your vehicle relative to what you may have seen years ago?

In an article in the New York Times on May 26 titled "The Silence of Bugs," Curt Stager, a professor of natural sciences at Paul Smith's College and author, noted that "Fifty-six years after Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring' warned of bird die-offs from pesticides, a new biocrisis may be emerging. A study published last fall documented a 76 percent decline in the total seasonal biomass of flying insects netted at 63 locations in Germany over the last three decades."

Mostly amateur naturalists raise the question: "was this happening elsewhere?"

While the answer to this question is not easy and continues to be studied by many scientists around the world, we might ask another question: Why care about this new "silence of the bugs?" After all, don't we often spend a great amount of money and time trying to eliminate many of them and call them pests?

Professor Stager notes "An across-the-board decline in flying insects, if true, means that an entire sector of the animal kingdom is in trouble, representing an immense diversity of life-forms, from butterflies and beetles to hoverflies and damselflies.

The eminent biologist, Edward O. Wilson, has warned: "If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos."

While we have the right to defend ourselves against destructive insects, have you ever squashed a bug before discovering what it was and how it might be helping us?

A Mohawk medicine man asks a simple question: "Do you like birds?"

Most of us would say, "yes."

His response would be, "No bugs, no birds!"

Remember: God created all things and they are good. Each has a purpose in the web of life, even if we don't know what it is.

Choose one insect this week and learn more about it as one of God's creatures.

Bishop's Schedule

June 6 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

- 7 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Watertown

June 7 - 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Department Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

June 9 - 4 p.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Mooers

June 10 - 8: a.m., Mass at St. Louis of France Church in Sciota

- 10 a.m., Mass at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks

June 11-15 - United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring General Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

June 16 - 2 p.m., Graduation Ceremonies at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown

June 18 - 7:15 p.m., Novena & Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 19 - 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

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

Rest in Peace

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

June 6 - Msgr. Euclid Elie, 1962; Rev. John E. Silver, 2014

June 8 - Rev. James J. McGowan, 1961; Deacon Ronald Coryea, 1995

June 9 - Rev. John W. Ryan, 1982

June 10 - Rev. Alfred J. Boulерice, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M.Conv., 1979

June 11 - Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993

June 12 - Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001; Rev. Francis J. Coryer, 2012

June 14 - Rev. Hermisdas Mayer, 1927; Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O.S.A., 1954; Rev. William J. Deacy, O.S.A., 1960; Rev. Arthur Desrosiers, 1963; Msgr. Walter T. Cleary, 1968

June 15 - Rev. Francis C. A. Cornish, 1960

June 16 - Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007

June 17 - Rev. Thomas J. Thotumkal, 1992

June 19 - Rev. Gerard Chouinard, O.M.I., 1955; Deacon David F. Moltz, 2011

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 16** - 9 a.m., St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora

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If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 618 Lake Rd, Chateaugay, NY 12920; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: Day: 518-651-2267, Night: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel at 315-393-2920

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Decisions awaited as high court approaches term end

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the Supreme Court prepares to wrap up its current term by the end of June, Catholic Church leaders are among those paying attention to how the court will rule on a handful of the nearly 30 decisions it has left to announce.

Key cases that still hang in the balance include: the Colorado baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple because of his religious beliefs; the California law requiring state pro-life pregnancy centers to visibly display information about abortions; and President Donald Trump's travel ban on people from several Muslim-majority countries.

The Colorado baker case, *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, was argued last December and it pitted anti-discrimination laws against freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression.

During oral arguments the court seemed equally divided and the paperwork they received about the case in more than 100 friend-of-the-court briefs also was mixed.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' brief in support of the baker was joined by the Colorado Catholic Conference, Catholic Bar Association, Catholic Medical Association, National Association of Catholic Nurses-USA and National Catholic Bioethics Center.

And after the arguments, chairmen of three USCCB committees issued a statement saying: "America has the ability to serve every person while making room for valid conscientious objection."

In March, the court heard arguments about pro-life pregnancy centers in *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra*, which looked at the constitutionality of state law requirements for pregnancy centers to post notices about available low-cost abortion services and also disclose if they have medical personnel on staff.

Three pregnancy centers challenged the law in court saying it infringed on their First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and free exercise of religion.

The USCCB and several other groups including the California Catholic Conference, the Catholic Health Association of the United States, in friend-of-the-court briefs supporting the pro-life pregnancy centers, stressed that the government can't force people to say things they don't believe.

In a statement after oral arguments, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, chair of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said he prayed the court would "do the right thing and uphold our fundamental right to free speech when it decides this case."

The last case before the Supreme Court this session examined Trump's travel ban on people entering the U.S. from several Muslim-majority countries.

Catholic Church leaders have expressed their objection to this ban and echoed this sentiment in an amicus brief filed by the USCCB, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Legal Immigration Network stressing that the

order singles out "populations of six overwhelmingly Muslim nations for sweeping immigration restrictions" that do not exist elsewhere in the world.

It also said the ban showed "blatant religious discrimination," which is "repugnant to the Catholic faith, core American values, and the United States Constitution."

In an email to Catholic News Service, she said the court has "made it clear the discriminatory nature of the death penalty is not justice" and has taken notice that "our modern system of capital punishment is seriously flawed."

In looking ahead, the court announced May 29 that it will not hear a case against an Arkansas abortion law, thus letting the state's restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs stand.

The law requires doctors who prescribe abortion-inducing drugs to have a contract with another doctor who has hospital admitting privileges and who will agree to handle emergencies and admit patients to a nearby hospital if necessary.

The court did not offer explanation for not taking up the challenge to the Arkansas law. Abortion law but those on both sides of the issue say this decision will have a broad impact.

The National Right to Life organization said on its website that the decision "has potentially nationwide implications" and Planned Parenthood, the group challenging the state's law, said in a statement that the move could "embolden courts to uphold similar laws."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Bishops' migration chair urges families be kept together

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration June 1 criticized the Trump administration for "forcibly separating children from their mothers and fathers" at the U.S.-Mexico border. Such a policy "is ineffective to the goals of deterrence and safety and contrary to our Catholic values," said Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas. "Family unity is a cornerstone of our American immigration system and a foundational element of Catholic teaching." On May 7, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a "zero tolerance" policy for immigrants crossing illegally into the United States, resulting in children being separated from their families. The number of minors in U.S. custody has grown by nearly 2,000. By May 29, the U.S. Health and Human Services Department figures put the number at 10,773. Bishop Vasquez said he and his fellow bishops "understand the need for the security of our borders and country, but separating arriving families at the U.S./Mexico border does not allay security concerns."

Pro-life leaders applaud ban on abortions after 15 weeks

BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS) — Louisiana pro-life leaders praised state lawmakers and Gov. John Bel Edwards for passing a bill banning abortions after 15 weeks during the recently completed regular session of the Legislature. Edwards signed the bill into law May 30. It carries a prison sentence of up to two years for any medical professional who performs an abortion after 15 weeks. Also, women who elect to have abortions after 15 weeks would not face criminal charges. The bill would only take effect if a federal court and potentially the U.S. Supreme Court uphold a similar abortion law in Mississippi. "I'm happy to see that it passed," said Danielle Van Haute, respect life coordinator for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. "I'm cautiously optimistic, as we are waiting to see what happens (with the Mississippi case). It was encouraging to see that it was supported by so many legislators." The bill garnered overwhelming support in both chambers. The House passed an amended bill May 15 by an 81-9 margin and the Senate concurred May 16 in a 24-1 vote.

Missionary work is about sharing God's love, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church does not have "a product to sell, but a life to communicate: God, his divine life, his merciful love, his holiness," Pope Francis told national directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The mission societies were founded to educate Catholics about the needs of the church in mission lands, to foster their prayers for the missions and to raise money to support them. "You are well aware of my concern about the risk of your work being reduced to the merely financial aspect of material assistance, turning the societies — despite their Christian inspiration — into agencies like any others," the pope told the national directors June 1. The best way to fight such a temptation, he said, is to begin a process of renewal based on the conversion of each person involved — those who work for the mission societies and those who support them. Pope Francis noted that he has called for a special "extraordinary missionary month" to be celebrated in October 2019 with the theme, "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

We are fallen, but God's grace brings victory

Our readings this week focus on our fallen nature, on our negligence as stewards of nature, and our lack of vigilance in being on guard against the demons that seek to destroy God's plan for our glorious destiny.

In the first reading from Genesis, the story of Adam and Eve's fall from grace and their loss of a life of joy in Paradise reminds us



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that, from the beginning, there was struggle with the angel Lucifer, already fallen from heaven. It's much more than eating the wrong fruit; it's all about putting their own desire for power over obedience to their Creator's wise will for them.

Now they would live a life of toil and struggle. The contest was now against a serpent who would roam the earth,

seeking the ruin of souls.

They would also combat a raw unfriendly world that, although beautiful, was now "red in tooth and claw" as the poet Browning would later write.

Fortunately, God revealed that He would one day send His Beloved Son to "buy them back" from Satan's power by His own Blood.

Our second reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians teaches that God's infinite grace will bring us ultimate victory,

June 10

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

READINGS

Genesis 3:5-19

2 Cor. 4:13—5:1

Mark 3:20-35

even though our natural bodies are gradually wearing away. The Gospel portrays Jesus as vigorously battling the demons on our behalf.

Jesus, our Redeemer, is constantly working to raise our fallen nature. We, on our part, are more

and more allowing motives of greed, and short-sighted prosperity to lead us to further destruction. This, of course, is succumbing still to the temptations of Satan and his demons that has as their goal our harm and eventual spiritual death.

Our human nature is indeed flawed and often blind to the Providence of a loving God to whom we must constantly beg for mercy, repentance, and grace to continue on our journey to the Kingdom.

AT THE MOVIES

SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Services

NEW YORK (CNS) – Before he grew up to be Harrison Ford, intergalactic freebooter Han Solo was Alden Ehrenreich – or so at least the folks behind "Solo: A Star Wars Story" (Disney), the pleasing but insubstantial latest addition to the blockbuster franchise, would have you believe.

And, since Ehrenreich's ability to exude cheeky charisma is one of the film's major assets, why not?

Working from a script by the father-and-son team of Lawrence and Jonathan Kasdan, director Ron Howard explores his protagonist's origins and early adventures. Though he manages to serve up action aplenty and some engaging plot twists, depth of character is lacking.

After a Dickensian childhood tyrannized over by Fagin-like alien Lady Prox-



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Alden Ehrenreich plays Han Solo and Joonas Suotamo plays Chewbacca in a scene from the movie "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

ima (voice of Linda Hunt) and a stint in the forces of the evil Empire, Han hits his stride with a couple of good-hearted capers – one botched, the other complicated.

The failed heist leaves Solo and his partners in

crime, cynical thief Tobias Beckett (Woody Harrelson) and furry newfound friend Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo), indebted to Dryden Vos (Paul Bettany), one of the villainous chiefs of the intergalactic crime syndicate Crimson Dawn.

(Chewie is, of course, destined to become Han's sidekick and first mate.)

As it happens, Qi'ra (Emilia Clarke), the fair maiden for whom Han fell way back in his Lady Proxima days but from whom he was tragically separated, has since been ensnared by Crimson Dawn and now serves as Vos' top lieutenant. So when Han and Tobias manage to convince Vos to let them square things with him by purloining a stock of valuable fuel, Qi'ra is dispatched to supervise their against-the-odds scheme.

Like the combat mayhem in earlier scenes, the violence that follows is sometimes harsh but mostly bloodless. And, though the movie doesn't dwell on moral issues, Han's rough-and-ready approach to property rights is offset, in keeping with his older persona, by his weakness for a good cause. At least some parents may consider that enough to make "Solo" ac-

ceptable for older teens.

Publicity in support of the picture has included references to the supposed "pansexuality" of Lando Calrissian (once Billy Dee Williams, now Donald Glover), the suave gambler from whom Hans wins his prized spacecraft, the Millennium Falcon, in a card game.

The film contains much stylized violence, occasional innuendo and a couple of crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.



CLINTON

HEALING MASS

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

Date: June 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

Date: June 15

Time: 10 a.m. Shotgun start

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

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

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

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Plattsburgh – The Sacred Heart Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order meets the second Sunday of the each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. John's Church (Holy Family Chapel)

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Ellenburg – K of C Council 4441 is promoting 4th degree candidates for the Knights. The uniforms and paraphernalia is costly. The council is seeking donations of used equipment

Contact: Phalon Miner at 518-492-2368 or Ed Landry at 518-594-7251 E-Mail: aelandry121@yahoo.com

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

Mooers – Monthly prayer group held to pray for all of the sick in our parishes.

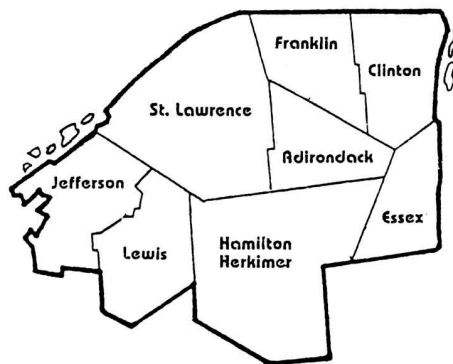
Date: Meets every second Friday

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: Senior Housing

Features: Prayer for all the people added to our list each month. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are recited within the prayer service. Prayer and snack lasts about an hour.

Contact: Nancy Monette at nmonette@charter.net



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese." Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:
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e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville - There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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

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

Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

JEFFERSON

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. Prayer teams will be available for individual prayer. Reception follows.

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 4:30 p.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 a

EUCHARIST PRAYER GROUP

Watertown – Our Mother of the Eucharist Prayer Group to meet the 2nd Thursday of every month.

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

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 870 Arsenal Street.

Features: Liferight is incorporated as a pro-life educational organization. The office has a wide variety of videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics include infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

LEWIS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: June 21

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: All are invited to one hour of exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, and benediction.

ST. LAWRENCE

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 in the following divisions: 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.

HEALING MASS

Raymondville – Spring 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.

MEN'S RETREAT

Saranac Lake – A diocesan men's re-

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treat 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

DOVS PILGRIMAGE

Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (DOVS) 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: Departs from various sites in diocese. Price includes transportation; two nights stay at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora; two breakfasts; one lunch; two dinners. Trip includes tour of Christ the King Seminary, Mass at the seminary, tour of Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Buffalo; Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations at the Basilica; free time at Niagara Falls.

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

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IHC second grader makes a difference



St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, and Sister Cindy Sullivan, Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, present IHC second grader Edwin Bassler a certificate of appreciation for his efforts to aid in mission efforts, especially efforts that assist children.

This school year, the Missionary Childhood Association program rolled out some new changes and Sister Cindy Sullivan, of Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was the just the person to help.

Earlier this school year, while visiting Immaculate Heart Central Elementary School in Watertown, she spoke to a group of students about the mission lands and how they could help. One child, second grader Edwin Bassler, took an interest in the plight of children in the developing lands.

His teacher at IHC, Amy Kelly, brought him to our attention with the help of Sister Cindy Sullivan. During Sister Cindy's presentation, images of children picking food and household items out of dumpsters, living in poverty and covered in dirt struck a chord with young Edwin. This big-hearted little boy was so determined to make a difference.

Edwin's mom, Michele, wrote to his teacher. Edwin wanted to donate money he had received for his birthday. When the money was counted, Edwin had sent to school over \$100 cash.

He wanted to be anonymous with his generosity, but the sheer innocence of his spirit prompted us to award his efforts and promote his story. In early May, Sister Cindy was joined by Mission Office director and St. Joseph's Sister Mary Ellen Brett, where they awarded Edwin with a certificate and honored him in front of his school.

Edwin has made everyone who knows him proud and he fills hearts with joy and eyes with happy tears. Edwin told his mom that "his heart told him to do it."

Edwin truly has a kind heart and knows the love of Christ. His parents encourage him, support him and teach him to love God and be generous with prayers and resources.

Imagine if we had more young people like Edwin that grow up to be kind hearted leaders in our community. Thank you Edwin, for you being you. You truly have the missionary spirit.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will. www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Bloomington – Harold J. "Bud" Morford, Sr., 95; Mass of Christian Burial May 26, 2018 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Brushton – Robert W. LeBlanc, 73; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the parish cemetery.

Cadyville – Clifton H. Rock, 82; Mass of Christian Burial May 26, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in the parish cemetery.

Chateaugay – Walter Boadway, 84; Mass of Christian Burial May 31, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Chazy – Clive Rodney Collins, 84; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Colton – Judith E. Wolf McNamara, 80; Mass of Christian Burial May 29, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church.

Ogdensburg – Joan (Sylvester) Flood, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 30, 2018

at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru – Joyce L. (Gerke) Doorey, 84; Mass of Christian Burial June 4, 2018 at St. John's Church; burial in Mr. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – June Marie Coffey, 87; Funeral Services May 31, 2018 at R.W. Walker Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh – Helen Maureen Fitzgerald, 87; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2018 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial St. James Cemetery, North Creek.

Plattsburgh – Patricia Davis Judge-Lewis, 99; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Edna M. (Wells) LaVal-

ley, 102; Mass of Christian Burial June 4, 2018 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Michael Kelly Ryan, 87; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in North Elba Cemetery, Lake Placid.

Ticonderoga – Tara T. (Gray) Rocque, 44; Mass of Christian burial May 24, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Gilbert F. Martin, 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2018 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in the parish cemetery.

Watertown – Mary Ellen Briceland, 85; Mass of Christian Burial June 4, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.



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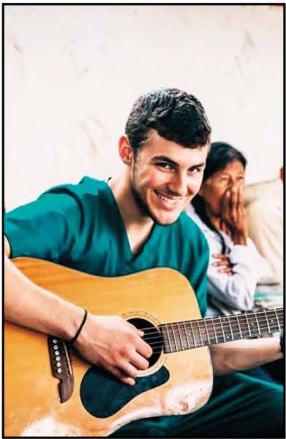
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GUGGENHEIM 2018

MEET THE STAFF



Michael Bobak

Hi, My name is Michael Bobak. I live in Grand Island, and I go to St. Stephen's Parish.

I will be going into my Senior year as a Biology student at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

This will be my third year on staff! I cannot wait to go hiking, go crazy at waterfront, and praise the Lord at Song Practice!

Camp Guggenheim has always had a special place in my life, and I cannot wait to make my way back up there again to share another incredible summer with all the campers!



Clare Wooschlager

Hi, my name is Clare Wooschlager. I live in Croghan, and I am a member of St. Stephen's Parish.

This fall I will be a sophomore at Siena College in Albany where I am majoring in Biology.

I have attended Camp Guggenheim for seven years as a camper, and I am so excited to be on staff for the first time this year.

I can't wait to share my faith with all the campers and see what God has in store for this summer!



Adam Branch

Hi, my name is Adam Branch.

I am a freshman health science major at Siena College. I am from Saint Bernard's Parish in Saranac Lake, and I can't wait to be on staff at camp Guggenheim this summer!

Ever since my first week as a camper at camp Guggenheim, I have wanted to be on the staff.

I believe it is the staff's love and devotion to their ministry that makes Camp Guggenheim such a life changing experience for so many young campers.

This summer, I am excited to help the campers learn and grow in their faith just as I did when I first came to camp.



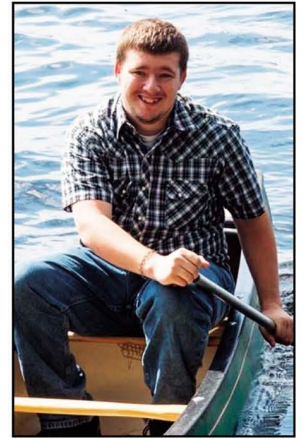
Ellen Miner

Hi my name is Ellen Miner and this will be my fourth summer on Guggenheim staff!

I have lived in Saranac Lake my entire life and am a parishioner of St. Bernard's Church.

I graduated this past December from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, with a degree in French and minors in History and English.

Camp Guggenheim has been a part of my life and faith formation for as long as I can remember, and I am so excited to return and share the wonders of our awesome faith with the campers this summer through hiking, swimming, and praising!



Nicholas Olley

My name is Nicholas Olley. I am from Natural Bridge and parishioner at St. James Parish in Carthage.

I just finished my second year studying for the priesthood as a seminarian for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

I'm so glad to be back for the third year as the cook at Guggenheim.

I really love nourishing and being there with the fun, excited, great, and young Church of our diocese, there with Christ's and His Church's Love for each one of them by conversation and great tasting food of course!

Visit WWW.rcdony.org for information and registration. Weekly sessions begin July 1