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Pope: Grace comes in unexpected, surprise ways

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—God does not conform to people's expectations, and he often presents himself and his graces in surprising ways, Pope Francis said.

"God does not conform himself to preconceptions. We have to make an

effort to open our hearts and minds to accept the divine reality that presents itself to us," the pope said before praying the Angelus to those gathered in St. Peter's Square July 8.

For example, the pope said, the people of

Nazareth could not understand how Jesus, a simple carpenter with no formal education, could perform miracles and outdo even the scribes with his teachings.

Being so familiar with Jesus' family and modest roots, the residents go

from being struck with awe to being incredulous at what the Lord had to say, Pope Francis said.

"Instead of opening themselves up to reality, they are scandalized," he said, because in their minds, God would never lower himself to speak

through such an ordinary man.

"It's the scandal of the incarnation," which still exists today, he said, when people have preconceived notions about God, which keep them from recognizing him.

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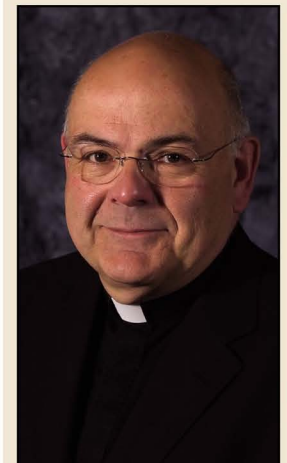
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HOLY FAMILY PRIDE ON PARADE



Holy Family School in Malone participated in the Fourth of July parade in Fort Covington. Holy Family students, from left, Brady Fitzpatrick, Jack Harkness, Sam Harkness, Alyvia Beebe, Mackenzie Chapman, Tanner Chapman, Easton Beebe, Cora Fitzpatrick carried the school banner for the event.

TRADING PARISHES



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Embracing life and its unexpected twists

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

- Mark 9:37

"Have you thought about having him evaluated for autism?"

I'll never forget when I heard those words uttered by the speech therapist working with my son, who - at the time - was just a month shy of his second birthday and almost completely non-verbal.

Jacob, we usually call him "Jake," received his official diagnosis two months later. Then, he was classified as having Pervasive Developmental Delay - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS); sort of the mid-point in the autism spectrum. Under the new diagnostic standards

(updated in 2013), he's classified as having "mild to moderate" autism spectrum disorder.



Darcy L.
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There's grief with such a diagnosis. There were many tears; tears shed over the struggles we assumed he'd have, tears shed over the perceived loss of that "perfect child," and tears shed out of uncertainty.

I'll admit, there was also anger. I was angry at God for the mere existence of autism and for its impact on my son. I was angry he'd have to struggle. I was angry that we'd have to watch him struggle.

We're now nine years removed from that diagnosis. Those were years full of speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, spe-

cial education pre-school, Committee on Special Education meetings, trips to see specialists, working with direct support professionals, coordinating services... They were also years of incredible growth.

Those early tears have been replaced by other tears - tears of laughter and joy. Jake is now a chatterbox (that's actually an understatement; he never stops talking). He went from unable to handle even remotely loud noises in enclosed spaces to enjoying movies, musicals/theater and live sporting/entertainment events. He's slowly adding foods to his severely limited diet.

Anger has been overtaken by celebration. We've celebrated hitting developmental milestones other parents likely wouldn't even notice (I remember once saying, "Look! He pointed to express intent!"). We've celebrated

academic success. More than anything, we've celebrated and continue to celebrate joy and love. This little big man finds extreme happiness in simple things. He is very funny. He is compassionate and loving.

After reading the Natural Family Planning articles (found on pages 6, 7 and 8), and after experiencing the loss of a beloved family pet this week, I've been thinking a lot lately about the gift of life.

My son is a gift from God. I have no doubt about that. He and his life are full of joy, love and humor, and he is a gift to anyone lucky enough to get to know him.

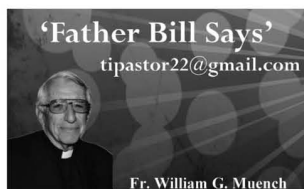
May we all value the beauty and sacredness of the lives we've been given to live ourselves and those with which we've been entrusted.

May we treat each other with the dignity and sacredness due to children of God.

The path to holiness isn't walked alone

I have been rereading Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "Gaudete et Exultate" lately. As you may remember in this letter Our Holy Father says his goal "is to propose the call to holiness in a practical way... with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us to be holy and blameless before him in love." (2)

In this letter, Pope Francis has a section on community - the importance of community in our journey to holiness. Pope Francis writes this: "Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others." (142) Our Catholic Church has included innumerable monastic orders of priests and religious brothers, as well as religious living in commu-



Fr. William G. Muench

nity. In addition, there are many religious orders - communities of priests and communities of religious Sisters - living out their Catholic vocations as communities leading toward holiness. In addition, the heart and soul of our Catholic Church is the parish, which is a community formed to help and lead all people, lay men and women, as well as priests and Bishops to find holiness.

Pope Francis encourages us to realize that in our journey to holiness, our

parishes must be truly communities, praying together and praying for each other, uniting us in life and love, and bringing us to holiness. Each day is filled with tasks and challenges from the Lord that lead our parish communities to holiness. As a member of a parish, we find our holiness best through our community.

Pope Francis writes this: "Sharing the word and celebrating the Eucharist together fosters fraternity and makes us a holy and missionary people." The Sunday Mass is the moment when our parish communities throughout the diocese and throughout the world join together as the people of God to renew the life of the community and to renew our journey to holiness.

If someone came up to me after I talked about the importance of community to tell me that - for them - religion was only me and God, only a personal journey, then I believe I would respond: you are in the wrong Church - the Catholic Church is always about community. We function best as a community, working and praying and living together as we work to become saints.

Pope Francis has an interesting thought in this section on community; he speaks of the importance of "little things." He writes: "The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things. This was

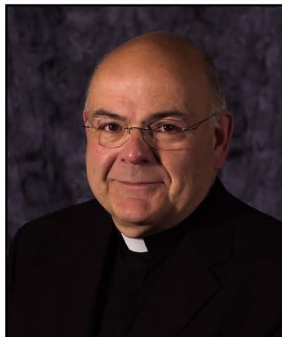
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Msgr. Aucoin, Father Looby to trade parishes

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

Bishop Terry R. LaValley recently announced that effective August 22, Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin and Father Christopher J. Looby will trade parish assignments, with Msgr. Aucoin becoming pastor of St. Mary's in Evans Mills, along with the mission churches at St. Joseph's in Philadelphia and St. Teresa's in Theresa, and Father Looby assuming the role of Pastor at St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown.

Msgr. Aucoin will remain episcopal vicar for education and new evangelization. He has been pastor at St. Anthony's and St.



Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin



Father Christopher J. Looby

Patrick's since 2015.

"I am looking forward to joining the people of St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, and St. Teresa's," Msgr. Aucoin said. "A new assignment always means a new opportunity to spread the Good News of the Gospel. That is what I hope to do

over the next few years."

A Massachusetts native, Msgr. Aucoin was born April 21, 1944. He studied for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Apostolic School in Watertown with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He completed his novitiate with the reli-

gious order in Canada and attended Laval University in Canada and Gregorian University in Rome.

Msgr. Aucoin was ordained March 14, 1970 as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in Rome. In 1973, he was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He later earned a Masters in Education from Ottawa University and has completed Ph. D. course work in theology at St. Paul University, Ottawa.

He also holds a New York State Permanent Certificate in School Administration and in School District Administration, as well as one in guidance and teaching.

Father Looby has been administrator at St. Mary's in Evans Mills, with the missions in Philadelphia and Theresa, since 2015.

Born July 26, 1970, he grew up in Harrisville and studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

Father Looby was ordained May 12, 2001, by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito.

"As an Irishman who loves Italian food I am so excited to be able to minister at St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's and to share my love for God with the people of Watertown," Father Looby said.

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true of the holy community formed by Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which reflected in an exemplary way the beauty of the Trinitarian communion. It was also true of the life that Jesus shared with his disciples and with ordinary people." (143)

I have seen this over my years of experience in the parishes of the North Country. I see those "little things" that truly make a parish a live and robust community. Each parish has so many "little things" which unites it as

a community. There are so many examples, like a parish St. Vincent de Paul Society that helps the needy in the area; parish dinners that bring the people together for an evening; parish missions that bring the people of a parish together for prayer; even parish campaigns that bring people together to work for a common need; and, of course, all the special Sunday celebrations or Feast day celebrations. I have noticed the wonderful "little things" that parishes do when a fam-

ily of the parish experiences death. It truly becomes a time when the parish unites together as a family, reaching out to a part of the family.

Let me close with one more quote from Pope Francis: "Contrary to the growing consumerist individualism that tends to isolate us in a quest for well-being apart from others, our path to holiness can only make us identify all the more with Jesus' prayer 'that all may be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you.'" (John 17:21) (146)

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Correction:
In the July 4 article "Respect Life grants awarded," the number of mothers aided by Massena's Gabriel Project was incorrectly stated as 28. The Massena Gabriel Project aided 128 mothers. We regret this error.

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Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...) Amen.

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Margaret Trainor named outstanding teacher

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OGDENSBURG—Ms. Margaret Trainor from St. Mary's School in Canton has been named the 2018 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Trainor has been a teacher at St. Mary's School since 2004. She holds a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minnesota, a masters of arts from Naropa University, Bolder, Colorado, and a masters of science in teaching, Childhood Education 1-6, from SUNY Potsdam. Her career is marked by a diverse range of professional experiences, from dance instructor to Hospice Family Services Coordinator, recreational therapist, dance/movement therapist to elementary teacher.

Trainor has worked consistently to enhance her skills through consistent professional development. Along with 14 plus continuing education classes prior to 2009, she



PHOTO BY VALERIE MATHEWS

Margaret Trainor, fourth grade teacher at St. Mary's School in Canton, has been named the 2018 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. She was honored July 5 during a luncheon hosted by Bishop Terry R. LaValley at the bishop's residence in Ogdensburg. Joining Ms. Trainor and the bishop were from left, Pam Ballentine, assistant director of Catholic Education for Christian Formation and Catholic Schools; Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools; Father Bryan Stitt, pastor of St. Mary's Parish; and Michele Myers, Principal at St. Mary's School in Canton.

has completed 20 hours of the Harry and Rosemary Wong classroom management training in 2015, 21 hours of Project

Based Learning training in 2013 and a course with the National Endowment for the Humanities—"The American Revolution on

the Northern Frontier: Fort Ticonderoga and the Road to Saratoga" in the summer 2016. In addition, she has been in-

involved in the Constructivist Conference held annually at St. Lawrence University.

Trainor has completed the Growth in Faith certification program required for Catholic school teachers and often serves as a mentor for new teachers. She is also active at the diocesan level, currently participating on the Curriculum Committee and leading discussions and small group activities during diocesan professional development days.

In nominating Trainor, Michele Myers, principal at St. Mary's stated, "I have observed Meg's contribution to the school's Catholic identity through her dedication in sharing her faith values with her students. Each morning on the blackboard, Meg has a virtue listed and defined to share with the students. She is also an outstanding model of the virtues she discusses with her students."

Trainor was honored on July 5 during a luncheon hosted by Bishop Terry R. LaValley at the bishop's residence.

New shingles vaccine is conscientious choice

Colleen Miner

Diocesan director, Respect Life Ministry

The Federal Drug Administration recently (October 2017) approved a new shingles vaccine, Shingrix, that does not use aborted fetal cell lines. It has been given a preferential recommendation over the only other available and morally problematic, shingles vaccine on the market, Zostavax.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, along with

supporters of life hope that, with some encouragement, the manufacturer of this new vaccine, Glaxo SmithKline, may consider creating other morally acceptable vaccines.

The only vaccines readily available in the United States for some contagious diseases (rubella, Hepatitis A) have been manufactured using fetal tissue from induced abortions.

This creates a problem of conscience for Catholics.

There are vaccines available that are not manufactured using fetal tissue.

The vaccines can be requested by you and ordered by your doctor ahead of time, to be ready for you or your children. Please consult the website Children of God for Life at www.cogforlife.org for a list.

In 2005, the Pontifical Academy for Life recommended that a solution would be to ensure that future vaccines are not based on cooperation

with practices that demean human life. This applies to products derived from abortion, as well as to projected therapies from destruction of human embryos for their stem cells (embryonic stem cell research).

Please share this news with your health care provider.

If you would like to thank the Glaxo SmithKline company, the address is: Patrick Desbiens, Senior Vice President, GSK US Vaccines, 5 Crescent Drive, Philadelphia, PA

19112.

Any encouragement to create additional morally acceptable products will be strengthened if we can show a market demand for such alternatives.

A letter from the Catholic Medical Association and the National Catholic Bioethics Center providing more details about the new ethically sourced shingles vaccine is posted at the Respect Life website, www.rcdony.org/pro-life, as well as the Respect Life page on Facebook.

Safe Environment: Working to protect children

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

OGDENSBURG – There's a new face in the diocesan offices, and he'll be working with parishes and schools around the diocese to ensure systems in place to protect children are being properly maintained.

John Morrison of Ogdensburg is the new director of Safe Environment Office and charter compliance coordinator. He officially joined the diocesan staff on June 25.

"It's really two different jobs, but they're related," Morrison said.

Morrison said the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The charter, which

was revised in 2005, 2011 and 2018, includes compliance tasks related to its various articles.

"The charter covers how we communicate reporting procedures and how to follow up, including pastoral care and victims' assistance," Morrison said.

The Safe Environment portion of the position includes ensuring procedures are followed for checking the backgrounds of clergy, religious, staff and volunteers, as well as the abuse prevention/recognition training given to such individuals, known as Virtus training.

"It's all pretty intertwined, but there are different requirements – documentation for example – for each," Morrison said.

Morrison will work with



John Morrison

parishes and schools around the diocese to ensure all policies related to Safe Environment and the charter have been properly implemented and all documentation is completed appropriately.

"I'm confident everyone is trying to do everything in their power to protect children," Morrison said. "I see my role as largely educational. I want to make sure everyone knows

what the requirements are and the importance of them. All the paperwork and filings have a purpose. I know the paperwork can sometimes seem burdensome, but I want to make it as easy as possible for everyone."

Morrison will be conducting audits at parishes and schools around the diocese to review existing documentation and procedures and make any required recommendations for improvement.

"When people hear the term 'audit,' they don't always view it as a positive," he said. "But this isn't a process that should cause concern. My goal is to help strengthen programs. Good things come out of these audits. In these audits, we're all on the same team. We're all working toward the same goal – protecting chil-

dren."

Morrison noted that the Diocese of Ogdensburg has consistently been found to be in compliance with required standards.

"We want to make sure we're not only in compliance, but using best practices and continually improving," he said.

Morrison and his wife, Martha, attend Notre Dame Church, where he serves as a lector and volunteer. The couple has three adult children.

Prior to joining the diocesan staff, Morrison served in various roles at Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, St. Lawrence NYSARC and United Helpers.

"I'm very happy to be here," he said. "Ogdensburg is home to me. I feel like this is a great place to work out the remainder of my working years."

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS RETREAT



CDA Court Mary Immaculate #479 held their annual retreat at the Adirondack House of Prayer in Ellenburg recently. Msgr. Joseph Aubin, chaplain, said mass. Deacon Brian Neureuther, from St John's Parish in Plattsburgh, held a retreat about a Woman's Role in Today's Church. Fourteen members from the court attended, including Barbara Trombley, Eleanor Tart, Joyce Broderick, Diane Cudworth, Gen LaDuke, Amy & Mary Clark, Elaine Williford, Cindy Ryan, Charlotte Mayhew, Ceil Johnson, Paula Selzer, Diane Martineau, and Sue Bushey.

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Natural Family Planning

Annual NFP Awareness Week set for July 22-28

Celebrating 'Generations of Love'

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Fifty years ago, Pope Paul VI (now Blessed Paul VI), wrote a document called *Humanae Vitae* (*Of Human Life*). It was issued amid the social turmoil of the nineteen sixties. The culture and questions described in *Humanae Vitae*, though written a half century ago, remain fresh and relevant. You might think it was written only yesterday.

The Holy Father reiterated the Church's fundamental teaching about the beauty of marriage in the face of much societal rejection. Many considered it old-fashioned and out dated, yet his words have become truly prophetic. The Pope expounded on our Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. His message is one of love and hope for the confusing world in which we

live.

Every year, the Church participates in a national educational campaign that focuses our attention on Natural Family Planning methods. The dates of the NFP Awareness Week (July 22-28) coincide with the anniversary of the papal document. This year's theme is "*Generations of Love*" *Humanae Vitae* (1968-2018) *Celebrate God's Gift of Married Love!*

NFP is about giving oneself freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully to another person in marriage. To make oneself totally vulnerable, to sacrifice for the love of another is the heroism of the marital vocation. We need the witness of such unselfish love. All of us, married and single, need to accompany and support our parents, those who are single parents, often heroic in their love, and those who struggle in their marriage. The vision of *Hu-*

manaе Vitae can sustain them. We are grateful to the many couples who live its message, whose lives say "YES" to that sacrificial love which is open to life.

NFP ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg exists today because of the faith, courage, perseverance, and sacrifice of our NFP leaders. We are blessed to have Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli serve as our diocesan directors of Natural Family Planning. I invite you to visit our NFP office at our diocesan website: www.rcdony.org to learn more about this important element of the Church's teaching on marriage. Please contact them at the NFP office at 518-483-0459 or at apietropaoli@rcdony.org for more information about this important ministry that helps us live and celebrate God's gift of married love!

Week honors love, life

WASHINGTON, DC – "Generations of Love: *Humanae vitae* (1968-2018)" is the theme of this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods.

NFP, as the U.S. bishops have written, is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because it "respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being."

This year's theme, "Generations of Love" joyfully commemorates the 50th anniversary and legacy of Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical, *Humanae vitae*, inviting a reflection on how openness to God's plan for married love and responsible parenthood creates the opportunity for great fruit in the lives of married couples and their families, a legacy of love for generations to come.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlights the anniversary of *Humanae vitae* (July 25), as well as the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

NFP: Healthy for you, the environment

By Suzanne Pietropaoli

Director of Natural Family Planning

You are doing your best to go green. You recycle. You drink spring water and eat organic fruit and vegetables. Perhaps you even drive a fuel-efficient car. You are glad to do what you can to help protect the environment. So, in your search for a reliable, healthy, ecological way to plan your family, be sure to take a closer look at Natural Family Planning (NFP).

Among family planning methods, NFP is the one truly green option, precisely because it is built on understanding and respecting creation in its

most personal dimension. The couples who choose NFP choose to learn about and cooperate with the gift of their shared fertility, rather than to suppress it with drugs or devices. That choice is not only healthy for them; it is healthy for the environment. By opting to regulate births naturally, NFP users opt not to pollute: no unnecessary drugs or devices in landfills, no toxic chemicals, no endocrine-disrupting compounds added to streams and water supplies, and no group one carcinogenic hormones putting the woman's health at risk.

What's that, you say? If the Pill and its hormonal

cousins (rods, patches, rings, injectables) could cause cancer, surely it would be big news? In fact, it has been, repeatedly – but never for long. For years researchers have noted the link between combined oral contraceptive pills and the development of breast cancer. In 2005, the World Health Organization classified these pills as "Group One Carcinogens," a group of substances known to cause cancer in human beings. Other substances in that group include: asbestos, formaldehyde, tobacco smoke, arsenic, and ultraviolet radiation. We are appalled when such dangerous substances ap-

pear in the environment but fail to question the safety of the artificial hormones swallowed daily by women and young girls for preventing pregnancy. One Norwegian study (London Daily Mail Online 2/13/2013) offered up some astounding statistics. The findings, presented at a European Breast Cancer Conference in Barcelona, were stark: any woman who has ever taken the Pill is 26 percent more likely to develop breast cancer than a woman who has never taken it. The risk increases with age, and with duration of Pill usage.

In addition to increased

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Humanae Vitae: What are you waiting for?

By Suzanne Pietropaoli

Director of Natural Family Planning

"If You Haven't Read Humanae Vitae, What Are You Waiting For?" This article by Simcha Fisher (in *Parable Magazine*) raises a question 50 years in the making. When it was published in July 1968, Pope Paul VI's brief and thoughtful encyclical on human life and love ignited a firestorm of resistance that has only gathered force in the intervening years. Critics abound, but it is hard to find people who have actually read the document.

Yet Catholic teaching on marriage attracts a number of converts, like Fisher, to the Church. She expresses remarkable appreciation for the wisdom of Humanae Vitae.

"This short, plain-spoken encyclical is one of the most stirring and moving descriptions of married love I've ever read," Simcha wrote. "I've been married for over 20 years; and yes, this celibate man has something to teach me about love... In other words, all these 'rules' the Church is famous for are not about squashing men and women and real human

'Humana Vitae spoke to my heart, capturing a splendid vision of how our marriage could better reflect truth and love.'

love at all. Instead, they are a call to unclench ourselves, to become free, to allow ourselves a share in God's greatness. Many a modern Catholic rejects the laws of the church without ever wondering why they are there. Paul VI tells us why: because God wants us to be happy, and he wants us to be fully human."

This teaching likewise made perfect sense to Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn. Coming from staunchly faithful Protestant families, the couple married just before heading to seminary together. There, a study of the abortion question led quickly to questions about contraception; they learned that IUDs and the Pill can be abortive – knowledge that led them to abandon the Pill in favor of barrier methods. When Kimberly asked in ethics class why Catholics oppose contraception, she was challenged to find the answer.

"I was amazed at the simple yet profound explanation of the act of marriage in the context of

Christian faith that I discovered in Humanae Vitae," Hahn writes in her book *Life-Giving Love: Embracing God's Beautiful Design for Marriage*. "Though I was not a Catholic, Humana Vitae spoke to my heart, capturing a splendid vision of how our marriage could better reflect truth and love."

Next came the practical implications of what she had learned and shared with her husband.

"Scott and I talked and talked," she wrote. "We read and prayed. Finally, we believed that God's design for marital love has at its heart a marital embrace unencumbered by devices or selfish designs. Once we were convicted about the truth regarding openness to life, we brought our practice into conformity with our conviction and threw out artificial contraception for good."

Sufficiently persuaded by Catholic teaching to live it out in their marriage, the Hahns did not actually enter the church

at that time. But, Kimberly writes, "I believe that the seeds planted through studying this issue and living the truth opened our hearts years later to the fullness of Christian faith in the church."

Catholic teaching on marriage was also instrumental in Dr. David and Jill Anders' journey towards the church.

David grew up in a devout Protestant family; Jill's background was nominally Catholic. She readily embraced David's Presbyterian faith.

Intent upon becoming missionaries, they married while undergrads. David grew increasingly passionate about his theological studies, while Jill longed for missionary work. Years passed, their family grew to include three children, and the couple grew further apart.

Eventually, Anders writes in his book, *The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage*, "I was looking at a life of quiet, hopeless, meaningless pain," as was his wife.

Meanwhile, David's doctoral studies in theology caused him to think deeply about marriage and faith.

"For Paul VI, marriage of-

fers an opportunity for a sublime form of spiritual friendship," he wrote. "Man and wife join indissolubly for the task of raising a family, and the loves and pleasures of married life take their proper form from that end. 'It is a love,' the encyclical says, 'which is total... Whoever really loves his partner loves not only for what he receives, but loves that partner for his own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of himself (Humanae Vitae, no. 9).' "If you approach married life that way," Anders concludes, "...you beg for God's grace [and] you would be willing to bear suffering, abstinence, and abnegation... You would, in fact, learn to imitate Christ."

This vision of marriage set the couple on a path to the Catholic Church, where they found healing, grace, and blessing – and a married love they never thought possible.

So as Simcha Fisher says, "If you haven't read Humanae Vitae, what are you waiting for? It's not long... Set aside half an hour... open your heart to the Holy Spirit, and read."

Healthy

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with duration of Pill usage.

In addition to increased cancer risk, the Pill serves up a stunning array of side effects which include blood clots, hypertension, heart attack, stroke, liver tumors and gallbladder disease. [These side effects do appear on the patient inserts for these

products. But the print is small and besides, this is just medicine, isn't it?]

In place of the Pill and other contraceptives, the Church focuses our attention on nature—on the way God made us, on that awesome design that allows us to live in harmony with our fertility. Natural Family Planning educates couples to recognize,

record, and interpret the physical signs of fertility to identify the fertile window in each cycle. The couple then uses this knowledge to achieve or to postpone pregnancy. By understanding how the fertility cycle works, couples use a system that is 100% natural, up to 99% effective, and entirely free from harmful side effects.

NFP is a lifestyle that has the potential to enrich couple communication, deepen their love, and strengthen their faith and their families.

Modern methods of Natural Family Planning have been developed through more than half a century of scientific research. A variety of methodologies offer real choices for cou-

ples wanting to learn and live NFP. From online courses to CycleBeads, from CyclePro Charting software to new apps, NFP is more accessible than ever before. But in any form, it remains the option of choice for couples concerned with respecting nature, one another, and the plan of the Creator.

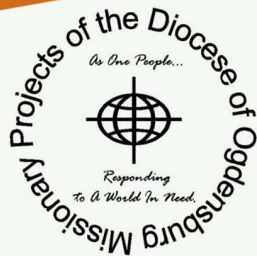
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CNS PHOTO/MICHAEL BROWN, CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

Dominican Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, and Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger of Tucson, Ariz., pray July 12 with a young family moments before they leave Casa Alitas, a family shelter in Tucson, for a bus trip that will take them to family in Baltimore.

Charities' CEO visits border, hears immigrants' stories

NOGALES, Mexico (CNS) – Dominican Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, grew emotional talking about the harrowing stories she heard from immigrants about the life they left behind to seek refuge in the United States.

"The suffering they are going through is unimaginable," she said after listening to stories from families waiting to apply for asylum at the international border at Nogales in the Mexican state of Sonora.

Sister Markham, who recently completed a tour of a detention facility for children in McAllen, Texas, said she wanted to visit Nogales to get the whole story behind the current public debate over immigration.

"Their stories," she said, pausing to compose herself. "They are running for their lives. Literally, they left at gunpoint."

She was joined July 11 at the Nogales Port of Entry by Jesuit Father Sean Carroll, executive director of the Kino Border Initiative, an organization that assists mostly families who have been sent back to Mexico following deportation proceedings.

With the large influx of refugees seeking to enter the U.S., Father Carroll, along with other religious-based and nonprofit agencies in Nogales, Arizona, have set up temporary shelters and a check-in sys-

tem for families seeking to enter the U.S. and to apply for asylum.

Were it not for those shelters, families would have to wait in line at the port of entry in the humidity and heat of 100-plus degrees for about two weeks, Father Carroll told Catholic Outlook, newspaper of the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona.

The first family Sister Markham met included 11 members, four of whom were young children. They left the Mexican state of Guerrero, one of the poorest and least safe areas in the country.

Father Carroll interpreted their story, explaining how their lives had been threatened by a local political party during the recent presidential election. At the border, their biggest fear is that the father and uncle would be detained, the children taken from them, and the women deported. Knowing that risk, they waited anyway because "they were threatened with death" in their hometown, Sister Markham said.

While such conditions might easily fall into the classic example of political asylum, Peg Harmon, who is executive director of Catholic Community Services in the Diocese of Tucson and has been a Catholic Charities USA board member, acknowledged that under the current vetting system, there were no guarantees.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Papers suffer under weight of newsprint tariffs, seek relief

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Newspapers of every type, Catholic papers included, are seeking relief from the U.S. government after six months of increased costs due to tariffs on imported Canadian newsprint. The Catholic Press Association, which includes English-speaking Canada, is a member of the STOPP Coalition, which has pressed the Commerce Department for relief. STOPP is an acronym for Stop Tariffs on Printers and Publishers. Price increases due to the tariffs have socked the Pittsburgh Catholic three times already this year, according to Carmella Weismantle, advertising director and business manager. "And we've been told more are coming," she said. The newsprint tariff is different from the tariffs imposed by the Trump administration on goods produced elsewhere, most notably China. In the newsprint situation, a U.S. company, NORPAC, which owns a mill in Washington state, had complained that Canada was unfairly subsidizing its newsprint production. The U.S. Department of Commerce agreed, and tariffs were first slapped onto newsprint imports in January.

Dioceses restate policy on politics after criticism of priests

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (CNS) -- Montana's two Catholic dioceses have reiterated their respective policies on political involvement, saying that support for or opposition to a particular candidate by any representative of the diocese is not permitted. The dioceses posted statements on their Facebook pages after four Montana Catholic priests were strongly criticized locally and nationally for wearing clerical attire to President Donald Trump's Montana rally July 5. They garnered national attention because they were seated in the front row behind Trump's podium. Two of the priests were from the Great Falls-Billings Diocese, headed by Bishop Michael W. Warfel, and two were from the Helena Diocese, which currently does not have a bishop. Msgr. Kevin O'Neill is diocesan administrator. In his statement, Bishop Warfel also reviewed the actions of the priests, saying he had talked to his two diocesan priests, who have acknowledged they shouldn't have worn priestly garb and have apologized for any hurt their presence caused.

Bishops, journalists attacked at church in Nicaragua

COPAN, Honduras (CNS) -- Nicaraguan bishops and clergy were attacked by armed groups aligned with the government July 9 as violence in the Central American country escalated and affected the Catholic Church, which has provided humanitarian assistance in its parishes and has tried to diffuse a worsening political crisis through dialogue. Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes Solorzano of Managua and his auxiliary, Bishop Silvio Jose Baez, and Archbishop Waldemar Stanislaw Sommertag, the apostolic nuncio, were among clergy from Managua pummeled as they attempted to protect St. Sebastian Basilica in the city of Diriamba from an incursion by a pro-government mob. Bishop Baez and at least one other priest were injured. Journalists also were attacked and had cameras and other equipment stolen. The bishops and clergy also tried to free anti-government protesters inside the church as masked individuals and mobs outside chanted "murderers" at the prelates. Pro-government media, meanwhile, accused the church of allowing weapons to be stored inside its properties.

Environmental Stewardship

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Did you know that this month was designated as Plastic Free July in 2011 by the WMRC Earth Careers in Perth, Australia? The Plastic Free July Foundation's mission is to build a global movement that dramatically reduces plastic use and improves recycling.

Their vision is a world without plastic waste. Over 2 million people from 159 countries are choosing to be part of this annual Plastic Free July challenge, reducing their consumption of single-use plastics in July and beyond.

This July, the group is calling for all global citizens to address collectively one of the world's greatest environmental challenges, plastic waste.

They invite everyone to join their global movement by taking up the challenge to #choosetorefuse and go #plasticfreejuly.

The Plastic Free July campaign raises awareness of our growing plastic waste problem and supports behavior change by helping people to avoid single-use (disposable) plastics.

A zero waste blogger from Toronto believes that the biggest barriers preventing people from participating in this campaign, namely, to stay away from single use plastic items, such as straws, cutlery and take away containers are: #1 They don't know where to begin and/or #2 They think avoiding waste is going to be too difficult.

To honor PlasticFreeJuly he suggests one simple step; create and carry your own Zero Waste Kit. It could contain reusable cutlery, reusable container for take-outs, reusable tote bag, reusable beverage cup and more.

Go to PlasticFreeJuly for more tips and/or register to take the Challenge. Some suggestions are: avoid single-use plastic packaging; Target take-away items (the Top 4: bags, bottles, straws and coffee cups) for one day, week, or from now on.

Good News: Starbucks has announced that they will eliminate straws from their stores by 2020. It's great to see businesses listening and taking action for the environment.

Rest in Peace

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

July 18 – Msgr. Joseph Domina Brault, 1966

July 19 – Rev. Francis E. Gilbert, 1939; Rev. James Karlton Dewey, 1963; Rev. Arthur J. Trudel, 1967; Msgr. Donald M. Kelly, 1969; Rev. Thomas A. Moody, 2010

July 20 – Rev. Francis Leo Desrosiers, 1956; Rev. J. Carlton Dewey, 1963

July 21 – Msgr. John H. O'Neill, 1938

July 23 – Rev. Pierre Casenave, O.M.I., 1884; Rev. Francis J. Casey, O.S.A., 1958

July 24 – Rev. George Burque, 1897; Rev. James Joseph Gainor, 1946; Rev. Bartholemew Aloysius O'Connell, 1963; Rev. Henry Wilcott, 1965; Rev. Francis Edic, O.F.M.Conv., 1975

July 25 – Rev. Simon Wallace, M.S.C., 1941

July 26 – Rev. J. Owen Barry, O.S.A., 1978

July 27 – Rev. John B. Chappel, M.S.C. 1884; Rev. Matthew J. Sweeney, 1935; Rev. Daniel A. Harron, O.S.A., 1942; Rev. Harold J. P. McCabe, 1976; Rev. Daniel F. Lyddy, 2002

July 30 – Rev. Francis Smyth, 1902; Rev. Patrick Majock, O.S.A., 1922; Rev. Jeremiah P. Murphy, 1925; Rev. Moses Minnie, 1935

July 31 – Rev. Napoleon Brisson, 1950; Rev. Michael O'Reilly, 1980

To Report Abuse

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Bishop's Schedule

July 19 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

6:30 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Bernard's Rectory in Saranac Lake

July 22 – 12:15 p.m., Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage to St. Ann's Shrine in Isle LaMotte in Vermont

July 28 – 11 a.m., Memorial Mass for Deacon Richard Warner at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown

4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

July 29 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg

10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain

July 30 – 6:30 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls

July 31 – 12 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Elizabeth's Rectory in Elizabethtown

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

August 1 – 12 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Patrick's Church in Port Henry

August 2 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

6:30 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Mary's Church in Indian Lake

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:

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

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Kavanaugh would keep Catholic majority on court

WASHINGTON (CNS) – When Brett Kavanaugh took to the podium July 9 at the White House after being introduced as President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, he revealed, among other things, that his Catholic faith is a big part of his life.

He spoke about coaching his daughter's CYO basketball team, serving the homeless with a priest in the audience who used to be his pastor, following the motto of his Jesuit high school to be "a man for others" and being "part of the vibrant Catholic community in the D.C. area."

The frank discussion of his Catholicism probably wasn't shocking for many court-watchers who may already have known that three of the four candidates who were on Trump's top list of potential nominees – Kavanaugh and Judges Amy Coney Barrett and Thomas Hardiman – are Catholic.

And if Kavanaugh is confirmed by the Senate, he will not only replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, who is Catholic, but he also will join four other Catholic justices already on the bench – Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor.

Judge Neil Gorsuch, who was raised Catholic but now attends an Episcopal church, attended the same Catholic high school as Kavanaugh – Georgetown Prep in Maryland. He filled the vacancy left by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, who was

Catholic.

The other justices on the court: Elena Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer are Jewish.

Francis Beckwith, a professor of philosophy and church-state studies at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, thinks this current mix of religious traditions in the court could have something to do with the emphasis on law in both faiths: canon law in the Catholic Church and the Talmudic law in the Jewish tradition. But he also said the study of law and medicine was something the second generation of Catholic and Jewish immigrants sought as professions.

Richard Garnett, professor and associate dean at Notre Dame Law School, has periodically written about or been interviewed on the topic of Catholics in the nation's high court for the past decade. He thinks the current influx of Catholics simply reflects that they were suitable candidates for Republican presidents because of the Catholic anti-abortion stance.

Sotomayor, was the exception, appointed by President Barack Obama. In a 2013 interview with The New York Times, she described herself as a "very spiritual person" although she added: "maybe not traditionally religious in terms of Sunday Mass every week, that sort of thing."

For most of the court's history, its justices were primarily Protestant, with only a smattering of Catholics.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

God is concerned for our well-being, wholeness

The readings this Sunday fit perfectly with hazy summer weather.

Thousands and thousands of people are on vacation this month, getting away from where they live and work. Stressed out from overwork, weary from problems that sap their energy, they need time and space to be quiet and let the beauty of nature work its healing power to slow them down. We all need to

spend time discovering who we really are!

The readings today help us so much to understand how caring and concerned God is for our well-being and wholeness.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah reveals to us God's anger at the shepherds he has appointed to guide the people of Israel and Judah. Their neglect has so discouraged the people that they be-



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Paul E.
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July 22

**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

come disobedient and hopeless. Many turn to false gods. They become scattered and divided. God, through the prophet, declares: "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock...., and I will raise up a righteous shoot to David. As king, he shall

reign and govern wisely."

In the second reading from Epheisians, St. Paul tells us that Jesus, from the Cross, has brought us back to unity and wholeness. We are reconciled with God and with one another. Now we have the power to live in unity and peace.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson. He says to his disciples who exhausted from being away on mission, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile."

Jesus, who will speak

only seven words from the Cross, showed the value of silence. The crowds outwit their attempts to "get away," and arrive at this "deserted place" ahead of them!

While the disciples rest, Jesus has pity on this crowd for they are like "sheep without a shepherd." He teaches, heals, and even feeds them.

How fortunate for us that Jesus is always our Good shepherd – instructing, feeding, and healing us. How very grateful for such a loving brother we should be!

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Take a stand on Planned Parenthood funding

Dear Editor,

The President has issued an executive order which would deny Planned Parenthood funding through the Department of Health & Human Services, one of their sources of millions of our tax dollars through Title X funding. These funds were originally intended for family planning and disallowed abortion but the world's largest abortion network refuses to separate the two.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the *North Country Catholic*.

•Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.

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•Join the conversation!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dr. Charles Rice, former Law Professor at Notre Dame, shares in his book, "The Vanishing Right to Live," that prior to the 1970s, Planned Parenthood's literature stated that "an abortion kills the life of a baby before it is born. It is dangerous to your life and health. It may make you sterile so that when you want a child you cannot have one." All of these facts are still true, yet Planned Parenthood now fights any restrictions on abortions.

Many of Planned Parenthood's proponents at the highest level are chiefly those who believe that only the planned, the privileged and the perfect should be permitted to live. This organization opposes parental knowledge or consent for abortions performed on minors. They have also gone to court to disallow informed consent regarding possible complications or death that might occur when having an abortion, even though countless women have experienced

serious psychological and physical complications and several hundred have died as a result since Roe v Wade.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik has stated that there are twice as many health clinics as there are Planned Parenthood clinics and the HHS funds could be directed to them to provide for issues related to women's health.

Contrary to public belief Planned Parenthood does not do mammograms (<https://www.factcheck.org>) and for those who cannot afford them, they can be done free by Cancer Services.

Please go to the following link before the end of the commenting period on July 23rd and let the President know that you oppose the use of taxpayer money to fund this organization which has done so much to destroy the integrity of families. <https://www.sba-list.org/action-center>

**Bette Hartzell
Watertown**

AT THE MOVIES

ANT-MAN AND THE WASP

NEW YORK (CNS) – There's plenty of humor and action in the fast-paced sci-fi adventure "Ant-Man and the Wasp" (Disney).

What's noticeably lacking is any exposition or guidance for those not already familiar with the characters and their relationships from 2015's "Ant-Man" and 2016's "Captain America: Civil War." While the film can still be enjoyed on its own, newcomers will feel somewhat left out.

One example of the potential confusion awaiting novices is the fact that, when we first encounter him, Scott Lang aka Ant-Man (Paul Rudd, who also co-wrote the script) is approaching the end of a two-year sentence of house arrest. That's the consequence, we learn, at least by implication, of his activities in the latter of the two previous movies. But specifics on what exactly he did are not shared.

Whatever his wrongdoing, Scott – whose alter ego, thanks to a high-tech suit, can shrink or grow at will – is now anxious to focus on serving his time and raising his young daughter, Cassie (Abby Ryder Fortson).

Scott's good resolutions are undermined, however, when his predecessor as Ant-Man, Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), and Pym's daughter, Hope (Evangeline Lilly), aka the Wasp, draw him into their quest to rescue Hope's mother, Janet (Michelle Pfeiffer), the original Wasp. Janet been stuck for decades in the Quantum Realm, a kind of subatomic limbo.

To retrieve her, the trio



CNS PHOTO/MARVEL STUDIOS

Paul Rudd stars in a scene from the movie "Ant-Man and the Wasp." The Catholic News Service classification, A-III – adults. Motion Picture Association of America rating, PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

will have to do battle with two principal enemies: Sonny Burch (Walton Goggins), a petty gangster out to profit from Pym's technological breakthroughs, and Ghost (Hannah John-Kamen), a victim of Pym's past misdeeds. They'll also have to stay one step ahead of Scott's jailers, led by S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Jimmy Woo (Randall Park).

Altruism and family bonds are showcased in director Peyton Reed's Marvel Comics adaptation. As flashbacks show, for instance, Janet's plight came about when she voluntarily entered the Quantum Realm, knowing she would not be able to return, because it was the only available means of averting a major catastrophe. Scenes illustrating the warm affection shared by Scott and Cassie, more-

over, are likely to charm audiences.

The screenplay – on which Rudd collaborated with Chris McKenna, Erik Sommers, Andrew Barrer and Gabriel Ferrari – also sends a clear message about ends not justifying means. Thus Ghost, who is suffering from a molecular malaise, believes that the energy Janet has absorbed during her exile will cure her, and is willing to endanger Janet's life to achieve this. The dialogue consistently labels this attitude morally unacceptable.

Less congenial for viewers of faith is the fact that the central romance between Scott and Hope, while it represents a positive partnership, develops in the wake of Scott's split with Cassie's mom, Maggie (Judy Greer). Maggie,

too, is shown to have moved on from their marriage.

Though these factors are kept in the background, they still contribute to ruling this out for impressionable kids. Given its relatively restrained mayhem and infrequent lapses into cussing, though, "Ant-Man and the Wasp" is possibly appropriate for older teens.

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SUMMER RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Summer retreat held for adults in the mountains.

Date: Aug. 3-5

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Cost: \$145, Tenting or Commuter Option, \$100

Features: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Faith Formation Educator; Tom Kalinowski, former biology teacher and author of two nature books, Fr. Paul Kelly, celebrant for Mass on Saturday afternoon.

Contact: To register, call: 315-212-6592 or email: srbethssj@gmail.com by Aug. 1

FOUNDERS DAY

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will observe the 46th anniversary of Founder's Day.

Date: Aug. 18

Time: 10 a.m.

Features: Bishop Terry R. LaValley will be the main celebrant of the Mass and Homilist. Fr. Jack Downs will give a presentation on Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation, "rejoice and Be Glad." Lunch will follow Mass.

Contact: For reservations please call 518-594-3253

FALL RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Come away and rest awhile with the Lord amid the beauties of Fall in the Adirondack Mountains.

Date: Sept. 14-16

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Cost: \$145, Tenting or Commuter Option, \$75

Theme: Living the 'Bookend Beatitudes': an invitation to discover ways to put the First and Eighth Beatitude into practice through prayer, sharing and other spiritual practices.

Features: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Faith Formation Educator, Paul Hetzler, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Horticulture and Natural Resource Educator and Fr. Paul Kelly will celebrant for Mass on Saturday afternoon.

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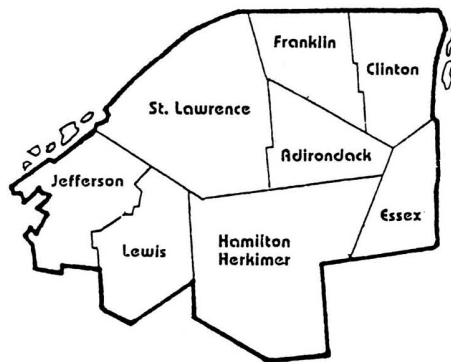
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ST. PETER'S GOLF CLASSIC

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's is sponsoring their annual Golf Tournament.

Date: Aug. 3

Time: Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. (arrive 30-60 minutes prior)

Place: Adirondack Golf Club

Cost: \$65 non-Adirondack members, \$50 for members, \$25 for dinner only
Features: Proceeds will benefit the Youth Programs sponsored by St. Peter's Church such as scholarships to Camp Guggenheim. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Any donations of \$50 will be acknowledged by appropriate signage at a hole.

Contact: Make checks payable to John Mockry, and send to 51 Oak street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 by July 31. Call 518-578-4927 or 518-562-4179

BOXES NEEDED

Plattsburgh – This will be a very busy summer for the Seton Schools as we unify and become one campus. We are in need of sturdy boxes, in good condition, to help us move and sort items.

Contact: Please call 518-561-4031 for more information.

FRANKLIN

PEDDLER SALE

Brushton – St. Mary's Peddler Sale to be held and vendors needed.

Date: Aug. 17 & 18

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

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Spaces 15' x 15', \$15.00 a space per day. No tables provided. Set up time 7 a.m. to 9, No refunds. Sell arts, crafts, foods, jewelry, cosmetics, garage sale items, antiques. This event is being held in conjunction with Brushton town wide garage sales.

Contact: Call 518-651-5859 or email lynnemagin@gmail.com for reservation.

HAMILTON/HERKIMER

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

Features: Your donations of gently used household good, working electronics, sports equipment, kitchen ware, toys, crafts, furniture, boats, garden equipment, blankets, antiques. We take anything but clothes. This fundraiser helps the Altar and Rosary society's community outreach program. Drop 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.

HEALING MASS

Redford – Healing Mass to be held.

Date: July 24

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Assumption of Mary Church

Features: Sacrament of Reconciliation available, anointing of the sick. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Mickey Demo. For those who desire, individual prayer

teams will remain after the Mass.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lake Pleasant - Get ready to tee off for charity at the 7th Annual St. Ann's/St. James' "Summer Heat" Foursome/Scramble Golf Tournament.

Date: July 28

Place: Lake Pleasant Golf Course

Cost: \$65 per person, includes cart, lunch, snacks and prizes

Features: Last year's proceeds helped 17 area families with their winter heating. Please sign up as early as possible.

Contact: Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches or e-mail Roger Snyder at rsnyder304@hotmail.com

JEFFERSON

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

EVENING OF MUSIC

Clayton – An Evening of Sacred Music to be held.

Date: Aug. 5

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: St. Mary's & St. John's Combined Choir, Turning Point/Islanders Men's A Capella Chorus, sopranos Kathryn Amore-Ingerson and Corri Willis, and Cathy Harruff as organist/pianist. There is no admission charge, but guests will have the opportunity to contribute to the St. Mary's Music Ministry Fund. A Reception will follow in St. Mary's Parish Center.

Contact: For more info, contact the parish office at 315-686-3398 or reception@stmarysclayton.org

LEWIS

LEWIS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: July 19

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: To thank God for & 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 for the month of August

Date: Aug. 5

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., before the devotions, we will view the last part of the DVD, "The Rosary: Spiritual Sword of Our Lady," by Fr. Don H. Calloway, MIC, Vocational Director of the Marians. All are welcome.

Contact: 315-348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

ST. JAMES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Gouverneur – St. James School to have their annual Golf Tournament.

Date: Aug. 11

Time: 9 a.m. Check in, 10 a.m. Tee

Time/Shotgun Start

Place: Emerald Green Golf Course

Cost: \$50 per person, \$200 per team

Features: Green fee, cart, gift, dinner, chance to win prizes, including \$1,000 payout for Best Male/Female/Coed Team Score.

Contact: St. James Parish office at 315-287-0114 for a registration form.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Fishers Club Discernment Event

Saranac Lake – Junior High School men and older are invited to join our diocesan seminarians, discerners and priests for this casual discernment gathering.

Date: July 27-28

Place: Guggenheim

Features: July 27 - 7 p.m. dinner, discernment with seminarians, night prayer; July 28, - morning prayer, Mass, breakfast, hike, lunch. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, overnight gear, hiking shoes, swim trunks.

Contact: Please RSVP to Fr. Doug Lucia (dlucia@rcdony.org) or Fr. Howard Venette (hvenette@gmail.com) by July 22.

PILGRIMAGE TO ISLE LA MOTTE

Isle of La Motte, VT - Please join the Knights of Columbus from around the Diocese for the 25th Annual Bus Trip to St. Anne's Shrine.

Date: July 21 – 22

Cost: \$150 per person; includes bus, all meals, and overnight lodging in the new cabins at the shrine.

Features: Depart from IHC Intermediate at 9 a.m. on Sat. and return around 9 p.m. Sun. night. Bus will travel North on Route 11 and can pick up along the way. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. with Bishop LaValley on Sunday.

Contact: Please contact Bill Ose at 315-232-4433 for more information.



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

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

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Busy summer for Mission Office

Summer is upon us. As usual, the Summer is a busy time in the Mission Office. It is also a busy time in our communities. A time to celebrate and reunite. We plan and anticipate such wonderful gatherings as graduations, weddings, festivals and parades. We often take for granted how easy it is to make such plans and know that they will be enjoyable for all.

However, it's not always that easy for those in the Missions. The children in places like Peru, Nicaragua and Ecuador do not have the luxury of knowing that tomorrow will even include a meal or necessary medications. This is where the Mission Office comes in to the picture. Every summer the Missionary Cooperation Campaign introduces parishioners to a real-life missionary who represents a mission cause from a faraway place. The missionary makes the needs of the missions more real and more personal, as the faithful become personally involved in learning about the missions and in responding to their needs. It has been an appeal that has been worth cultivating and nourishing in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. This summer, the Missionary Cooperation Appeal is planned for the East Side of our Diocese from late June through the last days of August.

The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal will be taken up in the St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries on the weekend of July 28 and 29. The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal will be taken up in the St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries on the weekend of July 28 and 29. This special collection will support our Solidarity of Faith efforts in the Diocese of Latakia in Syria as well as continued financial support of our former mission in Mollendo, Peru. Additionally, we assist the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America. The funds are also used to help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

Lastly, the St. Peter Apostle Appeal Campaign is currently underway. This appeal benefits directly vocations in the developing lands and supports seminarians while they are continuing their studies.

So, as you can see, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, too, has summer plans. Please consider giving this summer to our appeals that will be held in your parish or through our mail campaign, but as always, continue to help those far away and in so much need.

Diocesan award winner, Domingos, dies at 83

POTSDAM – A Mass of Christian Burial for Henry “Hank” Domingos, 83, of Potsdam, was held June 30 at St. Mary's Church, Potsdam.

Along with his wife of 60 years, Huguette, he was recognized for service to the diocese with the Bishop Edgar P. Wadham's award for distinguished service, noting their active participation in the life and worship of St. Mary's Parish, service and support for the formation to the Formation for Ministry Program, contributions to the Serra Club, and their outstanding example of piety and service of the poor and sick.

Hank was born on September 17, 1934 in Massena, NY to Acacio and Joaquina Domingos. He graduated from Massena Central High School in 1952 then attended Clarkson University in the fall of that year. Upon graduation, he was awarded the prestigious Levinus Clarkson Award, presented at commencement to one of two students who in the judgment of the University faculty had demonstrated the best combination of scholarship and professional achievement. Hank was also awarded a Hughes Master of Science Fellowship, which allowed him to obtain his master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California. In 1958, he joined the faculty of the University of Nevada at Reno as an assistant professor. In 1960 he enrolled in the Ph.D. program at the University of Washington and graduated in 1963. That fall, he joined the staff at Clark-

sociate professor, professor and chair of the Electrical Engineering Department until his retirement in 1998.

Hank's achievements during his tenure at Clarkson included being a recipient of the University's Outstanding Teaching Award in 1989 and the Golden Knight Award in 1991. He published over 30 papers, mostly on subjects relating to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD), served on numerous collegiate and technical society committees, was a Senior Member of the IEEE, and supervised the graduate work of over 30 students.

Henry was a dedicated member of St. Mary's Parish in Potsdam, NY, and served in many leadership roles in the church and school communities, as well as being a Eucharistic Minister.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Gigi Crosby and her husband, Nick of Liverpool, NY; his daughter, Chantal Domingos of Redway CA; his son, Scott Domingos and his wife, Keilah Worth of Lebanon, NH; five grandchildren, Lindsey Crosby, Zachary Crosby, Kayla Crosby, Luca Domingos-Worth, and Emerson Domingos-Worth; his sisters Mary Villnave, of Portland, OR, and Irene DeGraff and her husband, John of Scotia, NY; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, sisters Natalia Overmier, Louise Hochmuth and brother, George Domingos.

OBITUARIES

Alex Bay – Louis V. Amato, 85; Mass of Christian Burial June 30, 2018 at St. Cyril's Church; burial in Barnes Settlement Cemetery.

AuSable Forks – Michael J. Bombard, 55; Mass of Christian Burial July 16, 2018 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

AuSable Forks – Eileen M. (O'Brien) Tedford, 93; Mass of Christian Burial June 30, 2018 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Brasher Falls – Elizabeth F. (Buckley) Goodrich, 77; Mass of Christian Burial July 9, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Canton – Ursula Harriet Coffey, 91; Funeral Services July 13, 2018 at the Lawrence Funeral Home; burial in North Russell Cemetery.

Canton – Nancy Lee Dobisky-Vaisey, 65; Mass of Christian Burial July 3, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Canton – Leo D. “Doug” Tiernan, 56; Mass of Christian Burial July 5, 2018 at O'Leary Funeral Home; burial in Hermon Cemetery.

Canton – Nicholas Spadaccini, 91; Mass of Christian Burial July 9, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Canton – Leo D. “Doug” Tiernan, 56; Funeral Services July 5, 2018 at the O'Leary Funeral Home; burial in Hermon Cemetery.

Chasm Falls – Howard “Fred” White, 81; Mass of Christian Burial July 2, 2018 at St. Helen's Church.

Chateaugay – Paul Francis Wiese, 70; Mass of Christian Burial July 13, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

COLTON CELEBRATES ST. PETER & ST. PAUL



(Left) Deacon Richard Burns, Father Bryan Stitt, Father John Downs, Father Stephen Rocker and Father Andrew Amyott before the celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul at St. Paul's Oratory in South Colton, NY on June 29. Following Mass, a procession took place to the Sacred Heart Shrine where Dr. Lonel Woods, music director of St. Mary's Parish in Potsdam and St. Patrick's Parish in Colton, led the congregation in song. After which an ice cream social was enjoyed by all. (Right) is Gracie Rose Adams quite willing to share the ice cream she enjoyed during the ice cream social.

Obituaries

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Clayton – Patricia (Alberti) Cooley, 72; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Barnes Settlement Cemetery, Alex Bay.

Croghan – Anna Mae (Dicob) Berry-Russell, 91; Mass of Christian Burial July 17, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Dannemora – Carmen Jean (Manley) Bull, 82; Mass of Christian Burial July 12, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Dannemora – David Mauel Medeiros, 65; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Saranac Independence Cemetery.

Fort Covington – George "Fred" LaBrake, 86; Mass of Christian Burial July 10, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Wesley Gregory Gray, 70; Mass of Christian Burial July 11, 2018

at St. Regis Church.

Keeseville – Shirley Mary Nora (LaFountain) Kusalonis, 84; Mass of Christian Burial July 13, 2018 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Long Lake – Regina Mary Dunn, 68; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2018 at St. Henry's Church; burial in Long Lake Cemetery.

Lowville – Ellen Gallaup Lorenzini; Mass of Christian Burial July 16, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Malone – Thomas A. Petell, 52; Funeral Services July 11, 2018 at the Bruso-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Constable.

Malone – Claire E. (Benoit) Poupore, 87; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2018 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone – Earl T. Wood, 93; Funeral Services July 7, 2018 at the Bruso-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in Coal Hill Cemetery, Westville.

Massena – Sylvia "Sally" (Doody) Hayes, 83; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

Massena – Rita (Joncas) LeBlanc, 98; Mass of Christian Burial July 9, 2018 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial Calvary Cemetery.

North Lawrence – Richard "Red" M. Kirkey; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2018 at St. Lawrence Church.

Ogdensburg – Jane E. (Casey) Grave-line, 72; Mass of Christian Burial July 8, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Peru – Terry L. (Floreno) Mahler, 71; Funeral Services July 13, 2018 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Joan Bigelow, 79; Mass of Christian Burial July 13, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Gary G. LaFountain Sr., 68; Mass of Christian Burial July 9, 2018 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Rickey J. LaRose, 64; Mass of Christian Burial June 30, 2018 at St. Peter's Church.

Port Henry – Diane M. Gilbo, 69; Mass of Christian Burial July 7, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church.

Potsdam – Judith M. (Laiton) Fetcie, 77; Mass of Christian Burial July 10, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Rouses Point – John Bruce Seguin, 79; Mass of Christian Burial July 7, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church.

Star Lake – Rudolph "Rudy" J. Sovay Jr.,

88; Mass of Christian Burial July 9, 2018 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Raymond Berard, 92; Mass of Christian Burial July 2, 2018 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Watertown – Anne R. "Betty" (Riley) Keenan, 94; Mass of Christian Burial July 11, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Theodore W. Robare, 76; Funeral Services July 7, 2018 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown – Fortunato "Ben" Scordo, 98; Mass of Christian Burial July 9, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church.

Watertown – Josephine Anazlone Noto, 101; Mass of Christian Burial July 14, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.