

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Caritas project aims to end hunger in South Asia | PAGE 6

A victory for life in Argentina | PAGE 7

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Volume 73, Number 15

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

AUGUST 15, 2018

Pope: Fear leads to 'do-it-yourself' religion

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Like the ancient Israelites, Christians today also can fall into the temptation of creating their own idols when difficulties and uncertainties arise, Pope Francis said.

“To escape precariousness human nature looks for a ‘do-it-yourself’ religion. If God does not show himself, we create a tailor-

made god,” the pope said Aug. 8 during his weekly general audience.

Continuing his series of audience talks about the Ten Commandments, Pope Francis said he wanted to return to the theme of last week’s talk on idolatry because “it is very important to know this.”

He reflected on the read-

ing from the book of Exodus in which the Israelites ask Aaron to build a golden calf to worship while Moses was on the mountain receiving the commandments.

Moses’ absence, Pope Francis explained, triggered insecurities and anxieties in the people, leading to the creation of the idol that embodied

“the desires that give the illusion of freedom but instead enslave.”

“The calf had a double meaning in the ancient East. On one hand, it represented fruitfulness and abundance; on the other hand, energy and strength. But above all, it was made of gold because it is a symbol of wealth. Success, power and

money. These are the temptations of all time,” the pope said.

Idolatry, he continued, stems from the inability to trust in God.

In the absence of this trust, Christians lack the strength to resist succumbing to doubt in times of uncertainty and precariousness.

August is Make-A-Will Month

We all know the importance of having wills and what purpose they serve. It’s just taking that first step. With August being National-Make-A-Will Month, what better time than now? Do not let state laws determine who will inherit your property/assets.

Also, consider contributing to your favorite Catholic cause.

FULL STORY, PAGE 5

Dignity for the lost unborn

Proposed bill requires hospitals to inform

parents of rights
FULL STORY, PAGE 8

CLEAN CARS FOR A CAUSE



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Week six campers, from left, Violet Bennett, Tim Woolschlager, Isabella Rondon, Joey Jamison, Georgia Barton, Marikate Parmeter and Keegan Poste try to drum up business for a car wash the campers held to raise money for Gabriel Project. The campers raised \$504.89 in the effort.

YOUNG FAITH



More than 300 youth, ages 12 to 18, traveled to Saranac Lake this summer to attend Camp Guggenheim. Campers share both faith and fun at the diocesan camp.

FULL STORY, PAGE 3 & 4

LETTER URGES ACTION: Young Catholics exhort bishops

NORTH
COUNTRY
CATHOLIC

Box 326
Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669
USPS 0039-3400
BISHOP TERRY
R. LAVALLEY
President
REV. JOSEPH A. MORGAN
Vice President
JAMES D. CROWLEY
Secretary-Treasurer
DARCY L. FARGO
Editor &
Communications Director



Publish 45 issues per year: Weekly except skipping every other week beginning July through Aug. and skipping one week in Dec. by the Diocese of Ogdensburg, 622 Washington Street, Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669.

Editorial Office:
622 Washington Street,
Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669.

Telephone:
(315) 608-7556

E-mail:
news@northcountry
catholic.org

**Entered at the
Post Office:**
Ogdensburg, NY
13669 and
additional mailing offices as
Periodical Postage.

Subscription:
For one year:
In-Diocese Rate: \$27
Outside of Diocese Rate: \$30

Matters for publication
should be
addressed to
PO Box 326
Ogdensburg, NY 13669
and should be received by
Thursday prior to
publication.
Paper is printed each
Monday;
dateline is Wednesday.
Member, Catholic Press
Association.

POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to
North Country Catholic,
PO Box 326
Ogdensburg, NY
13669-0326

EDITOR'S NOTE

Finding a moment of faith in chaos

Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. – 1 Timothy 4:12

"DANCE PARTY!" That's not something you hear every day working in Catholic media. Yet those were the words I heard as I entered the evening program of one of our two Catholic camps for teens in the diocese. This time, it was Catholic Heart Work Camp.



Darcy L. Fargo

Flashing lights, music and fog filled the gym in which the campers had gathered. The teens, and even a few of the chaperoning adults, were dancing and singing along with the music.

Despite the high volume of the music, another noise soon sounded out above the tunes: the fog machine tripped the smoke alarms.

The adults were obviously rattled. They scrambled to get the teens out of the building and into a nearby

courtyard, contact the facility maintenance staff and wait for the fire department. It would be a couple of hours before the teens would be cleared to re-enter the building.

But the teens weren't phased. They moved their dance party outside. Not only did they have their music and fun, they followed it with outdoor adoration. What seemed like a stressful moment for the adult staff was, for the campers, an adventure. They turned an evacuation into an opportunity for outdoor fun infused with faith.

We have an amazing young church here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Interviewing them about their experiences at various camps and events, I'm blown away by their love of God, their willingness to express it, and the beauty with which they do so. I'm impressed by their ability to find God in even less-than-ideal moments.

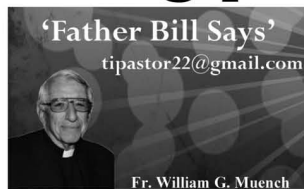
I pray these youth are open to the grace they need to stay connected to the Lord as they advance in age. I pray the rest of us are open to the grace we need to guide them along the way and take inspiration from them.

The life-altering power of the Eucharist

August is becoming a rather unique month this year. I am certain that it was pointed out to you that the Gospel readings for Mass on each of the Sundays in August are from the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, John 6. We, Catholics, find this chapter of John's Gospel rather important to us. In John 6, we read of Jesus' dialogue with the people who have experienced his feeding of the 5,000. The overall message is that Jesus wants them and us to recognize that God sends to us bread from Heaven, and Jesus is truly that bread – the bread of life. For us, we recognize Jesus' message as the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Already, during August, you have heard much at Mass about this most important sacrament of our Catholic faith, the sacrament of the holy Eucharist. So, today, I would like to share with you a few of my thoughts concerning the sacrament of the holy Eucharist.

As a priest, I have had the opportunity of demonstrating to the people of my con-



'Father Bill Says'
tipastor22@gmail.com

gregations how deeply concerned Jesus is to be part of our lives as his disciples. I have been able to lead others to recognize that Jesus is present to us in the blessed Eucharist. I remember well the happiness I experienced when I was ordained a priest. I was then able to celebrate Mass every day of my life. I am often asked about the experience of celebrating Mass, of saying the words of the consecration during Mass. It has always been a special moment for me, and I must admit that as I grow older, it becomes even more special at each Mass. However, when I recognize the faith of all those present with me at Mass, their personal readiness to be united with Jesus in Holy Communion, I recognize the joy of that moment.

I do want to mention here that I found a new happi-

ness and joy when the liturgy of the Mass was powerfully changed at the time of the Second Vatican Council. The Council allowed us to become more united at Mass, priest and people, since we all could better understand the prayers of Eucharist, in our own language. So, I often pray in gratitude to St. Pope John XXIII for his wonderful Council.

As I read John 6, again and again each week this month, I can only imagine how startled those people with Jesus must have been when they heard the words of Jesus. I suspect that many of you may be surprised even now, when you again hear the words of Jesus in this Gospel. Today, I have again read over this chapter, John 6. I want to again remind you of the words of Jesus as we consider the Lord's presence in the blessed Eucharist.

So, let me remind you of a few of Jesus' words: "I am the bread of life." (45) "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven, if anyone eats this bread, he will

live forever, and the bread which I will give you for the life of the world is my flesh." (51) "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in yourselves." (53) "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." (54)

I believe in faith this message of Christ's presence in the holy Eucharist. My life as a person and as a priest has been transformed by this sacrament of the holy Eucharist, each time I receive holy Communion. I am a different person through the gift of the Lord at each Mass. Through the gift of my ordination as a priest, I am allowed to say the words of Jesus from the Last Supper. I don't believe that Jesus needs me. However, I am completely grateful that Jesus allows me to be involved in this Eucharist, his presence among us, as the Lord comes to be one with each of us as we receive Holy Communion.

Faith, fun combine at Guggenheim

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

SARANAC LAKE – More than 300 youth from around the Diocese of Ogdensburg and beyond gathered for one of six sessions of hiking, swimming and praising and Camp Guggenheim this year.

“This year, we had 320 campers,” said Camp Director Kelly Donnelly. “The vast majority are from here in the diocese, but we have campers from as far away as Texas and Colorado.”

Camp Guggenheim welcomes around 60 campers per week. Youth ages 12 to 15 attend weeks one through five, while youth ages 16 to 18 attend week six. In all six weeks, the youth participate in a variety of activities encouraged to help them connect to one another, their faith and Jesus Christ.

“Camp is a community,” Donnelly said. “It’s a place where people can more fully come to appreciate their Catholic faith and witness the vibrancy and joy of a life centered on Christ.”

Campers arrive at the Saranac Lake facility on Sunday afternoon and stay until Friday afternoon.

According to Donnelly, a typical day starts with morning prayer and breakfast. Campers then divide into pre-determined groups for morning programs.

“There are four programs – project adventure, waterfront, arts and crafts, and liturgy,” she said. “By the end of the week, campers will have done all four programs.”

In project adventure, campers participate in team-based games, as well as a ropes course. Waterfront includes games and

IN THEIR WORDS




Sofia Mangino, 15, Adams

“This is my fourth year at camp. I love everything about being here. It gives me a better perspective on my faith, and I love how much fun I have. I love having Mass every day. It’s nice to have the opportunity to relate to other people of faith. And it’s a great place to get closer to God.”



Cade Corris, 13, Saranac Lake

“This is my first year at camp. I honestly didn’t know what to expect. I sort of came because my mom wanted me to. I really thought it was just going to be a lot of praying and church. But I’m having a lot of fun. I’ve learned about my faith, but it’s been in fun ways. I’m making new friends. We get to play football and other sports. It’s like it keeps getting better every day. I’m glad I came. It’s worth it.”



Faith Leader, 12, Gouverneur

“This is my first time at a full week of camp, but I’ve been to Family Camp. I was a little nervous before I got here, mostly because I knew it would be a lot of new people, but I also know I have family here, and I know I love this place. So far, I love it! I love that we have Mass every day. And there are no soft kneelers or anything like that. But everyone still kneels. It feels like it’s more of a sacrifice that way. I loved project adventure and waterfront, too.”



PHOTO BY DARCY FARGO

Campers in the fifth session of Guggenheim gather in prayer prior to planning the day’s Mass as part of morning program. Other morning programs include arts and crafts, project adventure and waterfront.

activities on the beach and in the lake. In liturgy, campers plan the evening Mass or reconciliation service. In arts and crafts,

each camper makes a piece of a camp-wide project, and there’s generally time to work on independent art and craft projects.

After morning programs, the youth gather for song practice, in which they practice the music for that evening’s Mass or rec-

onciliation service before having time for lunch, a break and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

“With the exception of Friday, when the campers are getting ready to leave, we have adoration every day,” Donnelly said.

Later in the afternoon, campers break up into smaller groups to participate in afternoon programs.

“The campers sign up based on interests,” Donnelly said. “We offer rappelling, hiking, touch football, volleyball, Rosary making, dancing, kayaking, nature walks, card games... a pretty wide variety of activities.”

The campers then get time at the camp’s private beach before participating in the evening Mass.

“We have Mass every night but Wednesday,” Donnelly said. “On Wednesday, we have a reconciliation service. The campers help plan the liturgy and they take active roles in it.”

The night ends with evening programs.

“We have a different evening program every night,” Donnelly said. “We do camp-wide games, a movie night, a variety show, and a formal dinner and dance.”

Camp staff, all but two of whom attended Guggenheim as campers in their younger years, plan the programming in the 10 days prior to the start of the first session.

“We get just over a week together to plan out the programming, complete all our training and learn any needed skills,” Donnelly said.

On Friday, the last day of each camp week, parents and guests join their campers for a closing Mass at 1:30 p.m.

YOUNG FAITH

CAMP GUGGENHEIM



PHOTO BY DARCY FARGO

Week five campers create small wooden crosses as part of a camp-wide art project. Each camper was asked to draw a design on his or her cross and write a prayer intention on it. The small crosses were then added to a larger wooden cross. Crosses from all six weeks will be included in the larger cross by the end of the camp season.



PHOTO BY DARCY FARGO

Campers play "Wet Potato" as part of waterfront activities. Similar to "Hot Potato," campers pass around a ball as a song is sung. Whoever has the ball at the conclusion of the song gets lake water dumped on them.



PHOTO BY DARCY FARGO

Counselor Kevin McCullough, also a seminarian for the diocese, chases Sarah Weaver in a variation on tag. The game was part of the project adventure morning program.



The 2018 Guggenheim staff includes, Father Martin E. Cline, chaplain for the second week of camp, and counselors (front row, from left) Katy Sherman, Clare Wooschlager, Robert Leader, (second row) Marikate Parmeter, Conner Cummings, Grace Leader (third row) Camp Director Kelly Donnelly, Lillia Wooschlager, Michael Bobak (fourth row) Lukas Gruber, Joy Leader, Ellen Miner, (fifth row) Carter Pierce, Adam Branch, Nick Olley, Kevin McCullough, Mariah Foltan and Johnny McBride.



PHOTO BY DARCY FARGO

Faith Leader uses hand holds to help cross a balance obstacle as part of the project adventure morning program. The obstacle course included a number of obstacles designed to test balance and agility.

Make a will month: Join the Memorare Legacy Society

By **Scott Lalone**
Executive Director of Development

What are some of the things most important to us? Our families, our faith and the charities that touch our hearts come to mind for most. Others might also add to that list our assets we accumulated with hard work throughout our life.

With over 50 percent of adults in the United States not having a will, the things most important to them may not be taken care of the way they might have intended.

We all know the importance of a will and what purpose they serve. It's just taking that first step. With August being National-Make-A-Will Month, what better time than now? Do not let state laws determine who will inherit your property/assets.

Over the years, the so many individuals have had bequests through their wills or trusts, and had the Diocese of Ogdensburg, their parish, a Catholic school, Catholic Charities, Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, St. Joseph's Nursing Home, the Bishop's Fund Appeal, the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg and other ministries and institutions of the Diocese of Ogdensburg as one of their final beneficiaries. Other donors who have been called home to God in the past several years have used charitable gift annuities as well as their wills to provide for the future of the diocese.

In commemoration of their faithfulness and the commitment of those today and tomorrow who

will make such gifts, the Memorare Legacy Society was established in 2008. It is through this society that the Diocese of Ogdensburg thanks donors for their support of the beneficiaries listed above.

The Memorare Legacy Society honors and recognizes the generosity and vision of those who have chosen to leave a legacy to the Diocese of Ogdensburg through estate or deferred gifts.

An annual Mass and luncheon is held each May for the Memorare Society members with Bishop Terry R. LaValley officiating.

One qualifies for membership by designating a portion of his or her assets to pass at death to the any of the above mentioned.

These gifts may be accomplished by a simple statement that you have remembered the church in your will or similar document, such as a trust, life insurance policy, charitable gift annuity, designation of an IRA or 401(k) or any other more complex transactions.

Members of this society are those who have informed the diocese of a planned gift that, in the future, will benefit the Diocese of Ogdensburg or any of its parishes or programs. This ensures a continuous commitment of care to the church and its vision. Members' names will not be made public


unless they specifically give their consent to do so.

A special thank you to current members of the Memorare Legacy Society: Jack Andrew of Old Forge, Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin of Plattsburgh, Dr. Lisa Breitenbach of Heuvelton, Therese Bruyere of Ogdensburg, Father Daniel L. Chapin, Father Douglas Comstock of Alexandria Bay, Paul and Julie Duflo of Cape Vincent, Judith Kelly of Massena, Helen Knepp of Ogdensburg, Father Arthur J. LaBaff of Clayton, Scott and Kim Lalone of Ogdensburg, Loretta Lanzione of Clayton, John McCarthy of Massena, Father Gilbert B. Menard of Plattsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Pearson of Watertown, Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant of Plattsburgh, Deacon and Mrs. William and Frances Raven of Black River, Michael Roach of Ogdensburg, Deacon Bernard Slate of Clayton, Kathleen St. Denis of Plattsburgh, Father Bryan D. Stitt of Canton, Father Richard S. Sturtz of Schroon Lake, Joseph Tebo of Canton, as well as several who prefer their intentions to remain anonymous.

It's easy to become a member of the Memorare Legacy Society. Request a brochure be sent to you or simply complete the membership form included on this page and return it to become a member.

Visit our website
www.northcountrycatholic.org

- Read Bishop LaValley's columns
- Search archived papers
- View diocesan events and much more

 Find us on Facebook!



Follow Pope Francis on
Twitter!
www.twitter.com/Pontifex

 #Pontifex

BARSTOW
AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION GMC SUBARU
For More Information, Visit Our Web Page
at: www.barstowmotors.com
MARKET ST., POTSDAM, NY 8 (315) 265-8800
Your NNY Regional GM & Subaru SuperCenter

For a New or Used Car
**Mort
Backus &
Sons**
On Canton-Ogdensburg Rd.
315-393-5899



APPLEFEST CARD

Benefit of

St. Augustine's & St. Patrick's Church

3035 Main Street, Peru, New York 12972

Donation \$ 5 per card

FIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN BIG!

GRAND PRIZE - \$3000

2nd Prize - \$500

3RD, 4TH & 5TH - \$100 Each Cash

DRAWING TO BE HELD SEPT. 16, 2018 AT 4 P.M.

You do not need to be present to win.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Seller: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Augustine's Church

Memorare Legacy Society Form

Requesting a brochure to be sent to you or by simply completing the membership form below and returning it makes you an automatic member.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

As evidence of my/our desire to provide a legacy gift, I/we wish to inform that (name of beneficiary) _____ has been named in my/our estate plans.

In recognition of your intention, you will be enrolled into the Memorare Legacy Society.

Yes, you may publicize my/our name(s) as member(s) which serves to motivate others

I/we prefer my/our intentions to remain anonymous

Donor's Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Return completed form to: Scott Lalone, Executive Director
Development Office, PO Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Caritas project aims to end hunger in South Asia

NEW DELHI, India (CNS) – The Catholic Church agency Caritas has launched a project that aims to end hunger across South Asia by 2030.

Caritas India introduced the program in collaboration with its international partners to help farmers adapt methods to cope with erratic climate conditions, ucanews.com reported.

"Climate change is a global challenge and affects agricultural production and human well-being. It hits hardest where people directly depend on agriculture for food and livelihoods," said Sunil Simon, project director in India.

The Smallholder Adaptive Farming and Biodiversity Network was launched in June during Caritas Asia's regional conference in Bangkok.

"The unique program aims to address our common goal of ending hunger by 2030," said Christoph Schweifer, secretary general of Caritas Austria, a partner in the project.

Caritas organizations in Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan will implement the program with the support of Caritas Austria and Caritas Switzerland.

The effort aims to fight hunger and malnutrition by promoting local food through small-scale farming in selected areas of South Asia in response to climate change, Simon said.

The program will contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nu-

trition and promote sustainable agriculture in South Asia.

While 40 percent of the global population is employed in the agriculture sector, 54.6 percent of India's 1.2 billion people are farmers, according to U.N. studies.

Although more than half of Indians are farmers, agriculture contributes only 15 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

India has nearly 191 million hungry people – 25 percent of the world's total – who do not have a complete meal each day, said the U.N.'s 2017 report on the state of food security and nutrition.

About 51 percent of Indian women of child-bearing age are anemic because of a lack of a balanced diet, while 38 percent of Indian children have stunted growth for want of nutritious food, the report said.

The project aims to create a network of farmers to discuss their environment, climate and agrarian economy to pinpoint their specific problems. They will then identify locally acceptable solutions and test them to arrive at the best solution for growing crops.

"Mutual sharing, learning and proactive problem solving between farmers, agricultural scientists and governmental and non-governmental organizations are at the core of this project," Simon said.

The five-year project aims to benefit 10,000 farmers in India and 40,000 across South Asia before concluding in 2022, he said.

Rest in Peace

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

- Aug. 15** – Rev. Alfred Onesime Boyer, 1959; Msgr. Cornelius A. Collins, 1967
Aug. 16 – Rev. Peter Paladini, S.A.C., 1990
Aug. 17 – Rev. Joseph Winfrid Vinet, 1907
Aug. 18 – Rev. Leoneo Proulx, O.M.I., 1979
Aug. 19 – Rev. J. N. Emery, O.M.I., 1933; Rev. Richard A. Maher, O.S.A., 1959
Aug. 20 – Rev. J. McCarthy, O.S.A., 1931; Msgr. Griffith J. Billmeyer, 1988
Aug. 21 – Rev. John J. Waters, 1921; Rev. Albert G. Salmon, 1997
Aug. 22 – Rev. James W. M. Rensing, 1936
Aug. 24 – Rev. Louis Lewis, O.M.I., 1938; Msgr. Paul George Brunet, 1991
Aug. 25 – Rev. Damas Guilbault, 1919; Msgr. Hugh R.R. O'Reilly, 1948; Rev. George W. Tobin, 2010
Aug. 27 – Rev. John F. Byrne, 1919; Rev. Ubalde LaRose, 1919; Rev. Edward Henry Bernier, 1962
Aug. 28 – Rev. Florent Vandenberghe, O.M.I., 1882

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:

- Aug. 24** - 5:30 p.m., St. Martin's Church, Port Leyden
Aug. 29 - 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown
Aug. 30 - 7:30 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall/SUNY Potsdam
Sept. 18 - 3 p.m., St. Agnes School, Lake Placid
Sept. 18 - 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart Central High School, Watertown
Sept. 25 - 5:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

Bishop's Public Schedule

- Aug. 15** – Noon, Mass of the Assumption of Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral
Aug. 16 – 10 a.m., Graduation Ceremony at Moriah Correctional Facility in Mineville
Aug. 17 – Noon, Mass & Tour of St. Mary's Cathedral with the Diocesan Altar Servers followed by a picnic at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
Aug. 18 – 11 a.m., Founder's Day Mass at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer in Ellenburg
Aug. 19 – 9:30 a.m., Mass at St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls
 11 a.m., Mass at Holy Cross Church in Hopkinton
Aug. 23 – Noon, Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
Aug. 25 – 11 a.m., Mass at Family Guggenheim in Saranac Lake
Aug. 26 – 8 a.m., Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Chazy
 10 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy
Aug. 27 – 7:15 p.m., Novena & Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
Aug. 28 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
Aug. 29 – Noon, Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

To Report Abuse

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

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.
- Send letters to North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or e-mail to news@northcountrycatholic.org

Environmental Stewardship

A healing touch

Summertime is the season when our hillsides and forests have turned a lush green, our fields and woodland clearings have become covered with rapidly growing grasses, wildflowers and ferns, and our waterways, which harbor an abundance of life, are warm to the touch.

Immersing oneself into the natural world and temporarily harmonizing with everything around you is greatly uplifting to your mind and spirit, and can be most beneficial to your body and overall state of health as well. It is no wonder that more than a century ago, people flocked to the Adirondacks to seek out the healing powers afforded by breathing the clean air and living in close proximity to nature.

While health care professionals and outdoor enthusiasts may cite a multitude of factors responsible for the healing benefits of communing with nature, our faith reveals to us that it is God Who causes the healing, and by drawing oneself closer to Him in peaceful meditation, it is possible to touch our Lord's cloak, just as the unnamed woman who suffered from hemorrhages for 12 years did, according to the Gospels of both Mark and Luke, to receive His healing energy.

This is a great time of year to put down the i-phone, turn off the TV, get away from the computer, and venture outside. Visit the shore of a lake, take a stroll along a quiet woodland trail, or simply sit and relax on a backyard porch, and take several minutes to be quiet, to take in God's presence, and savor His peace which is one that our world cannot give.

In gratitude to God who has graced us with such abundance of life around us and within us, consider choosing one practice that would provide a 'healing touch' for our hurting planet today. For example, reducing one-time used plastics in our home helps to keep our 'common home' cleaner.

Submitted by Tom Kalinowski, Member of the Faith and Ecology Group, Lake Clear

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

CEO: Knights' donations, volunteer hours keep growing

BALTIMORE (CNS)— In an opening address Aug. 7 at the 136th annual Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, the organizations' CEO, Carl Anderson, spoke of the charitable works of the Knights, their ongoing pro-life commitment and pledge to support persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria. Anderson said it's "safe to say that we've never had a fraternal year quite like this one." He said the Knights gave more than \$185 million dollars to charity last year, an \$8 million increase from the previous year and one of the largest yearly increases in the organization's history. The Knights also donated more than 75.6 million volunteer hours.

Pope thanks Chilean bishops for steps to address abuse

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— After the bishops of Chile issued a formal apology for failing to listen to clerical abuse victims and drew up national guidelines for responding to abuse allegations, Pope Francis sent them a handwritten letter of thanks. "I am struck by the work of reflection, discernment and the decisions you have made," the pope wrote in the letter dated Aug. 3 and posted on the website of the Chilean bishops' conference. Addressed to Bishop Santiago Silva Retamales, the military ordinary and conference president, the pope's letter praised the decisions as "realistic and concrete." The bishops, who have been accused of interfering with the pursuit of justice by alleged victims, promised to draw up a formal agreement with the national prosecutor's office to share information; vowed to release information on investigations carried out within their dioceses and urged the superiors of religious orders to do the same; expanded the competencies of their national review board and appointed a laywoman lawyer to lead it; and appointed another laywoman to direct the new Department for the Prevention of Abuse within the bishops' conference. Pope Francis told the bishops that what "struck me most" about the decisions made after a five-day meeting in early August was "the example of an episcopal community united in guiding the holy, faithful people of God. Thank you for this edifying example."

Survey: U.S. religious superiors favor female deacons

WASHINGTON (CNS)— A new study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University surveyed men and women religious superiors in the United States about the possibility of ordaining women to the diaconate and found that the majority were in favor of the idea. The survey was taken in response to a papal commission organized by Pope Francis to study the question of ordaining women to the permanent diaconate. Seventy-six percent of religious superiors were aware of the commission, and 69 percent knew that it had formed and met. On the question of ordaining women to the diaconate, 73 percent of religious superiors believed it was theoretically possible and 72 percent thought that the Catholic Church should ordain women to the diaconate. However, they were less confident that it would happen. Only 45 percent believed that the church would authorize female deacons, and, if it were authorized, 58 percent believe that their bishop would implement it. Sixty-four percent of the superiors were at least "somewhat" aware of a history of women being ordained as deacons and 84 percent believed that doing so would create a greater call for women to be ordained to the priesthood. The full report on the survey can be found at <https://bit.ly/2MkChak>.

Young Catholics in letter to bishops: 'Take clear action'

NEW YORK (CNS)— A group of young Catholics has urged the U.S. bishops to "take clear action" by conducting an independent investigation of who knew what and when about actions by Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, who has been accused of sexual abuse.

They also stressed that the bishops should engage in "formal acts of public penance and reparation" for what has happened.

"An Open Letter from Young Catholics" was published online Aug. 8 on the website of First Things, a journal of the Institute on Religion and Public Life, which is a research and education center based in New York.

The journal is printed 10 times a year.

The letter, addressed to "Dear Fathers in Christ,"

had 43 signatures. The group includes authors, writers and editors; the heads of Catholic and other organizations; and professors, assistant professors, doctoral candidates and research scholars in various disciplines at Catholic and secular universities in the U.S. and elsewhere.

"You are the shepherds of the church. If you do not act, evil will go unchecked," the letter said.

It asked the bishops to "agree to a thorough, independent investigation into claims of abuse by Archbishop McCarrick, both of minors and of adults. We want to know who in the hierarchy knew about his (alleged) crimes, when they knew it and what they did in response. This

is the least that would be expected of any secular organization; it should not be more than we can expect from the church."

The letter also asked that "the silence surrounding sexual impropriety in the church be broken" and that the bishops "take clear action when priests flout the church's sexual teaching and that networks of sexually active priests be rooted out."

It said good priests should have the freedom to tell their bishops what they know, without fear of reprisal.

The letter writers described themselves as some being younger than others but that they were "all children in the decades leading up to the sexual abuse crisis of 2002."

Victory for life in Argentina

MEXICO CITY (CNS)— The Argentine Senate voted against a bill that would have decriminalized abortion during the first 14 weeks of pregnancy.

Senators voted 38-31 against the measure early Aug. 9 following a 15-hour debate. The measure had been approved in June by the lower house of Congress.

The Argentine bishops' conference hailed the vote, saying the debate in the country opened an opportunity for dialogue and a chance to focus more on social ministry.

The Senate debate revealed deep divisions in Argentina, where support for decriminalizing abortion drew stronger support in Buenos Aires, the capital, than in the more conservative provinces.

Observers attributed that difference to the bill being voted down in the Senate, which includes more representation from outlying areas.

The vote came as a movement of women and supporters of the measure — wearing green handkerchiefs — filled the streets outside the Congress as voting occurred. Catholics, meanwhile, celebrated the Eucharist.

"Everyone had time to express their viewpoints and be heard by legislators in a healthy democratic exercise. But the only ones that didn't have an opportunity to make themselves heard are the human beings that struggled to be born," Cardinal Mario Poli, Pope Francis' successor in Buenos Aires, said Aug. 8 in his homily

at a what organizers called a "Mass for Life."

In an acknowledgment that the church could be doing more to work with women, Cardinal Poli said, "We have done little to accompany the women when they find themselves in tough situations, particularly when the (pregnancy) is the result of rape or situations of extreme poverty."

In a statement after the vote, the bishops' conference said it was time to address the "new divisions developing between us ... through a renewed exercise of dialogue."

"We are facing great pastoral challenges to speak more clearly on the value of life," the bishops said.

More than 75 percent of Argentines still consider themselves Catholic.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The path to wisdom is also the path to faith

For several Sundays, the Gospels have narrated Jesus' teaching about the Eucharist. This incredible news has been accepted by the crowds with skepticism. Even his disciples have had to struggle with the idea that the Master is Himself the bread of life sent from heaven. Instead of responding with enthusiasm, the people argue among themselves as to how "this man" could possibly do what he says he



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

will do. Already some of them turn away and leave for their homes. To his disciples, Jesus asks, "Will you too leave?"

We might have reacted in the same way if we're honest about it. There's an old saying: "If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is." And that invitation of Jesus just didn't seem reasonable.

The problem for them, as well as for us, can only be solved by seeing more

August 19

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

than just "this man." We must see more deeply into Jesus as the "God-man." In every age, it takes real wisdom for people to believe in the gift that the divine Jesus offers us.

What is wisdom? Wisdom involves seeing deep down below the surface

of words and events, making a judgment as to the truth of that insight, and giving an assent, which we call "understanding." Wisdom is a gift. It's one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom can be lost through carelessness. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, lost his precious gift through sinful living.

In the first reading today from the Book of Proverbs, God offers the gift of wisdom at a banquet prepared for all "who are simple" and "lack understanding." All

we have to do is forsake the path of foolishness and sin, and we will then grow in "understanding."

In the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul urges us to live not as foolish persons, but as wise ones. Why? Because wisdom leads to understanding, and understanding leads us to faith in the words of Jesus.

Holy Spirit, grant us more wisdom each day, that we may not only understand the Living Bread of Life, but that we may receive this Bread more worthily.

RESPECT LIFE

Allowing families to grieve lost unborn babies

By **Kathleen Gallagher**
NCC Columnist

I lost my first pregnancy to miscarriage in the late 1980s. The memory is hazy, clouded by the rollercoaster of emotions and hormonal changes that a woman experiences when she loses a baby. I remember Joe and I watching the ultrasound machine anxiously and excitedly, waiting for the heartbeat that never came. I remember the doctor taking over from the technician and delivering the tragic news. And I remember crying.

But that's all. I don't remember asking if my baby was a boy or a girl. I don't remember telling the awful news to our family members. And I don't remember asking what happened to my baby's remains. Only

months later did I learn that the hospital where I lost my baby respectfully buried him in a communal plot in a Catholic cemetery. Thank God. That knowledge comforted me, allowed me to mourn, and gave my heart some peace.

Not all families are so fortunate. Due to a poorly crafted law, New York State only requires a burial permit and proper disposition for the remains of fetal deaths occurring at 20 weeks gestation or greater. The law is silent on miscarriages which occur at less than 20 weeks, an arbitrary and ridiculous dividing line. As a result, not all women who miscarry are told they may obtain a permit and respectfully bury or cremate their baby's remains. Worse yet, if a family does not claim

their child's remains, it is often disposed of as "medical waste" under our laws.

Tragically, the silence of our current law is being wrongly interpreted by some hospitals to mean that a burial permit under 20 weeks is prohibited. It is not. I recently met with several nurses and the bereavement coordinator of a hospital in upstate New York who tell me that their facility no longer allows them to tell parents of their right to access the permit and plan a funeral for their deceased child under 20 weeks. They say that denying parents the opportunity to say good-bye is extremely harmful, and prevents proper grieving and healing from taking place.

Thankfully, a new bill has been introduced in the state legislature that would correct this wrong. Senate bill 7863 / Assembly bill 10013 would re-

quire that all hospitals notify all moms who miscarry that they have the right to access the fetal death report and obtain a burial permit if they so choose. This will allow the remains to be released to a funeral home for proper burial or cremation. This measure deserves the support of all of our state representatives.

We are fortunate that many hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, have already adopted internal policies whereby they inform parents of their right to direct the disposition of their child's remains, no matter the gestation of the pregnancy. We're also fortunate that there are places we can go to mourn. For example, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents Chapel, on the property of St. Mary of the Snow Church in Saugerties, New York, is open 24 hours a day every day of

the week. Visitors are welcome any time to pray for their babies, unborn or born, who have gone home to God. It is a place to remember, and a place to find healing.

Losing a child – whether unborn, stillborn or live born – is undoubtedly one of the most painful and heartbreaking events that a parent can endure. Parents like me who lose a child early in pregnancy know that their child's life, no matter how brief, was made in the image and likeness of God, and deserves to be respected and honored.



**Kathleen
Gallagher**



*Support And Pray
For Vocations*

AT THE MOVIES

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) – It's always dangerous to tamper with perfection. And, if there were ever a perfect world, it must be that of the Winnie the Pooh literature created by author A.A. Milne and illustrator E.H. Shephard in the 1920s.

So fans young and old may be forgiven for approaching the fantasy film named for Pooh's owner and friend, "Christopher Robin" (Disney), with trepidation. Happily, all such anxiety turns out to be misplaced.

This is a magical and enchanting riff on the original. Its underlying values, moreover, are entirely in keeping with a Christian outlook.

After introductory scenes evoking the melancholy of the youthful Christopher Robin's (Orton O'Brien) last visit to Pooh's realm, the Hundred Acre Wood – the lad is about to depart for boarding school – we're introduced to the grown-up version of the title character, played by Ewan McGregor. Spiritually, at least, the years have not been kind to him.

Now a harried middle-



CNS PHOTO/LAURIE SPARHAM, DISNEY

Ewan McGregor, as Christopher Robin, shares a scene with Winnie the Pooh in the live-action adventure movie "Christopher Robin."

aged efficiency expert, Christopher consistently prioritizes work over family life. So much so that his misguided behavior is about to provoke a crisis in his relationship with his devoted wife, Evelyn (Hayley Atwell) and loving daughter, Madeline (Bronte Carmichael).

By a happy accident, Winnie (voice of Jim Cummings) chooses this moment to pay a visit to his

old pal. The other inhabitants of the Wood – most prominently Tigger (also voiced by Cummings), Eeyore (voice of Brad Garrett) and Piglet (voice of Nick Mohammed) – have all suddenly disappeared. Alarmed and lonely, Winnie makes his way to real-world London where he hopes Christopher will be able to help him.

Though initially de-

lightened at the reunion, Christopher's patience with accident-prone Winnie wears thin quickly. To prevent further mayhem, he decides to transport the bear back to his native setting. Christopher's return there enables its other natives, once the mystery of their absence has been solved, to join Winnie himself in gently showing Christopher the error of his materialist ways.

Director Marc Forster and screenwriters Alex Ross Perry, Tom McCarthy and Allison Schroeder make deft use of Milne's immortal figures, marshaling droll humor to convey the message that there are better goals to be pursued than merely getting ahead.

Their leisure-loving Winnie is something between an unwitting philosopher and Zen master with a knack for asking the right

question. His bewildered observations on the bustle of London are hilarious, as is Eeyore's perpetually pessimistic running commentary on life in general.

Problematic elements are entirely absent, the raciest exclamation in the dialogue being "Cripes!" But the film is too sophisticated for tots, who might also be disturbed by its scenes of mild peril. Even preteens, however, may find it a source of delight, as will a broad swath of other age groups. A rare treat for all but the littlest members of the family.

The film contains a mature story line and nonviolent action. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II – adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG – parental guidance suggested.



CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 7, 2018 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2018 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the form & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

ST. AGNES CHURCH
169 HILLCREST AVE
LAKE PLACID, NY 12946

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Telephone _____

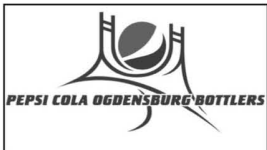
E-Mail _____

Number of Tickets _____ Amount of check \$ _____

\$20 EACH or 6 for \$100

You do not have to be present to win.

NCC



Plattsburgh

Wholesale Homes

Building the North Country
for over 45 Years!



Smart. Stylish. Functional.
Everything you want in your New Era modular home.

We process all VA loans

New or Used Manufactured and Modular Homes

Located on 7109 State Route 9

Exit 39 of the Northway, across from the city beach of Plattsburgh

518-563-1100 • www.pwmh.com

ADIRONDACK

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 or 518-236-6016.

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, SSI, Faith Formation Educator, Paul Hetzler, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Horticulture and Natural Resource Educator and Fr. Paul Kelly will celebrate for Mass on Saturday afternoon.

Contact: To register, call: 315-212-6592 or email: srbethsj@gmail.com

CLINTON

APPLEFEST

Peru – The 41st annual St. Augustine's Applefest will be held.

Date: Sept. 15-16.

Place: 3030 Main Street

Features: Saturday's giant parade begins at 11 a.m. at the Peru Elementary School and ends at the Applefest grounds. Two days of live music, a giant craft fair, a variety of foods, games and several new rides. Sunday afternoon there will be a chicken BBQ. Saturday's music features singer Mitch Willette followed by the Bootleg Band. On Sunday Taylor LaValley and the Intangibles will perform.

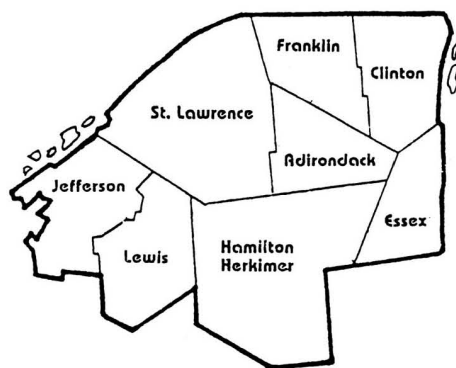
Contact: 518-643-2435, ext. 0

REDFORD PICNIC

Redford – The 162 Annual Redford picnic to be held.

Date: Aug. 19

Place: Church of the Assumption Parish Center



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Schedule: Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass; 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ham and Roast beef dinners will be served at the Parish Gym Center. There will be a variety of games for people of all ages, Skillo, Pie Wheel, Fancy Booth and the main attraction, the oldest merry-go-round in North America. Pull Tabs, Games, Fancy Booth, food and Rummage sale. Musical entertainment will be provided from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with music by Roy Hurd from 2 p.m. to 4. The event will end with the \$5,000 cash raffle winners at 6:15 p.m. (on need not be present to win).

CLOTHES, SHOES DONATION CENTER

Plattsburgh – Drop unwanted clothes, shoes, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, towels, curtains and stuffed animals in our BLUE drop box.

Place: Seton Catholic

Features: Seton receive 5 cents per pound of donations. You can also donate cans and bottles in our redemption box.

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 lynnemaginn@gmail.com for reservation.

JEFFERSON

CURSILLO MEETING

Carthage – The Jefferson/Lewis Cursillo holds its monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Time: 6 p.m. to 8

Place: Community Room of St. James Church

Features: All Cursillistas are encouraged to attend. We also welcome those interested in deepening a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Contact: Anne Seegebarth
ams2962@gmail.com, 315-783-4596

HIBERNIANS SEEKS MEMBERS

Watertown – Ancient Order of Hibernians are looking for new members.

Features: The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) the oldest and largest Irish Fraternal Organization in the World, is looking for new members. Are you a Catholic male, 17 years or older of Irish descent? The AOH will be visiting parishes across the North Country to spread the word about the charitable works we do across our community.

Contact: nnyirish@gmail.com or Pat Keogh 519-1961 or Sean Hennessey 775-0570.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 5 p.m. to 6

SECULAR FRANCISCANS MEETING

Watertown – The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity of the 3rd Order of Secular Franciscans meetings are set.

Date: last Sunday of the month.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: McCarthy Hall, Holy Family Parish

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of September.

Date: Sept. 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

Contact: 315-348-6260.

CHAPEL MASS

Lowville – Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Lake Chapel.

Date: Aug. 19

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Lake Chapel, Number Four Road, Lowville

Features: Father Donald J. Manfred will be celebrating Mass

ST. LAWRENCE

K OF C GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

Date: Aug. 18

Place: State Golf Course on Route 37

Cost: \$70 a person \$280 per team Entry limited to the first 14 teams. \$100 deposit is required to hold your spot This is non-refundable. Green fee, cart, lunch at the golf course and dinner at the Knights of Columbus at the conclusion of play. Guest Dinner is \$11

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

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

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Massena – The Massena Catholic Community Book Club meets once a month to discuss various works of fiction and non-fiction that have importance to the Catholic Church and relevance in our daily lives.

Date: The third Thursday of each month
Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Rectory

Features: Copies of book are often available on Kindle through our parish's Formed.org subscription or through purchase with Amazon.

Contact: visit website at: www.massenacatholics.com or email: smarion@massenacatholics.com

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIOCESAN LEAD EVENT

Lake Placid – Diocesan LEAD event to be held called The Call: "A Life of Holiness Begins At Baptism".

Date: Aug. 18

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

Place: Crown Plaza

Cost: One LEAD member is free to attend LEAD events, additional LEAS members and non-members attending events may incur a small fee that will be billed to the parish. Additional LEAD members and non-members fee to cover lunch buffet is \$20 each

Features: Share in reflections with Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSI; and workshops with Carol Gonther and Pam Ballantine.

Contact: RSVP by Aug. 10 to Shayne at slippincott@rcdony.org or call 315-782-3620

FAMILY GUGGENEIM

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

Date: Session 2, Aug. 23 – 26; Session 3, Oct. 5 – 7

Features: Bring your family to the most meaningful weekend of the year! Hike, swim, pray, play...be.

Contact: Visit

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

DOVS PILGRIMAGE

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

Date: Oct. 16-18

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

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

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



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

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

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

Youth are alive with faith, action

I often think youth in our community are underestimated. I would never have thought before I took a position in the Mission Office nine years ago. The youth in our communities do so much and care so much more than I think many people realize. I would like to elaborate.

In our diocese, the Mission Office oversees a program called Missionary Childhood Association. I write about it quite often. Children as young as 5 are learning about the Mission Lands in their schools and religious education programs. Through prayer and sacrifice, they raise thousands of dollars every year.

We are also blessed to have Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake. I attended Guggenheim several summers in a row in the 1980s. Now I am blessed to say my daughter attends every summer, as well. Not only did I make life-long friends there, but you leave Guggenheim changed. You leave knowing that it is your duty to go and do great things, make the world a better place and love each other.

We are also blessed to have amazing schools and educators around the diocese. These educators make a positive difference in our world. As previously reported, an IHC second grader was so moved by the stories of missionaries helping children in South America, he donated his birthday money to make sure kids everywhere have food to eat.

In our diocese, our young people go to Catholic youth rallies, pilgrimages, March for Life and retreats. Some are involving themselves in the Teen Vision program, in which they volunteer at Guggenheim to help their younger peers grow in spirituality, while they grow in leadership skills.

In our diocese, we have young men contemplating and committing to vocations in the priesthood. There are young people who volunteer every week as altar servers, choir members or lectors in their local parishes. There are young people helping with projects like cleaning cemeteries, planning flowers at churches or painting murals.

There are so many more concrete examples of our youth doing great things. Their faith is strong. Youth in our communities do so much more than just time spent towards goals in their faith, though. They are volunteering in other civic organizations, as well, doing things like cleaning parks and volunteering at nursing homes.

Say a prayer for the young and faithful. They are growing up in a challenging world. Yet, our young people are trying hard to make this place better, stronger and kinder. God bless our youth. Next time someone asks you to volunteer, remember: if the youth can help, so can you.

OBITUARIES

Sister Mark Rumble, SSJ



Sister Mark Rumble, SSJ

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Mark Rumble, SSJ, was held August 11 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Rochester.

Sister Mark died August 6, 2018.

Sister Mark spent 26 years teaching in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, including seven years as principal and superior at Holy Name School in Tupper Lake. She later taught for 13 years in Rochester at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Guardian Angels Schools.

In recent years, she was active in ministry at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Rochester.

She celebrated her 60th Jubilee in 2013.

Sister Mark is survived by her devoted nieces and nephews, as well as friends and her Sisters of St. Joseph Community.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 150 French Rd, Rochester, NY 14618 (www.ssjrochester.org).

AuSable Forks – Barbara E. Payro, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 4, 2018 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Bloomington – Patricia (Strobel) Stephenson, 82; Mass of Christian Burial July 31, 2018 at St. Paul's Oratory; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Brasher Falls – Elizabeth P. Russell, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Calvary

Cemetery, Norwood.

Brushton – Iola M. (Woods) Ranieri, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Carthage – Beluah M. (Goutremont) Baker, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2018 at the Lundy Funeral Home & Cremation Service Inc.; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Copenhagen.

Carthage – Rose (Stewart) Bezanilla, 93; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chateaugay – Francis G. Martin, 82; Mass of Christian Burial July 30, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Clayton – Susan F. (Perruccio) Ivey, 61; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Colton – David M. Dominy, 55; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Croghan – Lena M. (Boliver) Aucter, 95; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in St.

Stephen's Cemetery.

Croghan – Diane Mae (Schwendy) Wheeler; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 15, 2018 at Ste. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Ellenburg – Josephine G. Lawrence, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2018 at St. Edmund's Church.

Houseville – Wadyslawa W. "Lottie" (Cierniak) Szewil, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 16, 2018 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Keene – Joyce Ann Whitney, 52; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 7, 2018 at St. Brendan's Church; burial in Norton's Cemetery.

Malone – Viola M. (Baker) Tierney, 90; Funeral Services July 31, 2018 at the St. Mary-Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – Mary Elizabeth (McGrath) Bonczar, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 18, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – William Seguin, 55; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2018 at St. Mary's Church.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

JOB OPENING

Prayerful Residents for House of Prayer

Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, located at 7270 Star Road Route 190 in Ellenburg, NY, is seeking the right person to live on premises as the House Formation Coordinator.

A strong prayer life, a genuine love of people, a welcoming inclusive spirit, and joyful excitement at the prospects of renewal through evangelization are among the prerequisites for this position. Other people who share this calling are also being sought for Residency to live in community. The mission of the House of Prayer is "to promote prayer, recollection, retreats, and spiritual development for all, and with special attention to those living in the North Country." Its vision is "to imitate the way of life of Jesus Christ in a spirit of simplicity and hospitality expressed through the poverty, love and peace exemplified in our Lord and his blessed mother, Mary." We know that the House Formation Coordinator position is not for everyone, but we believe that some folks have been called by the Lord in this special way, either as the House Formation Coordinator, or as a Resident, and we look forward to hearing from you. Please call the House at 518-594-3253 for more information or contact Sarah Anderson at 518-846-3060.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



St. Monica's Court #2598, Peru attended the Annual Spiritual Day and Picnic held at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. The event was hosted by Morisonville Court #2663. Pictured with Bishop Terry R. LaValley are Rose Blaise, Novalee Martineau, Jane Woods, Jackie Tortorelli, Linda Manchester and Sally Kokes.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School was held at St. Mary's of the Fort in July. Titled "Around the World in 5 Days," the children learned about Saints Juan Diego, Brigid of Ireland, Martin De Porres, Nicholas of Myra and Kateri Tekakwitha. Debbie Thomas and Vicky Phillips, members of St. Regis Mission Church and the Kateri Circle, visited the camp to tell the children about the life and miracles of St. Kateri. They also presented each child with a medal of the saint, which were blessed by Father Alan J. Lamica, who assisted at the camp while Father Thomas E. Kornmeyer was on vacation. Throughout the week the children brought in an offering of coins and small bills; the money collected will be given to Bishop Terry R. LaValley for the church in Latakia, Syria.

Obituaries

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Morristown — Francis Murphy, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Morristown — Edward "Ted" Spilman, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at St. John's Church.

North Bangor — Virginia Ellen (Dunbar) McCaffrey, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2018 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Stevens Cemetery, Brandon.

Ogdensburg — Mary E. (Durant) Barlow, 78; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg — William H. Bergeron, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg — Louisa F. (Petriglia) Calcaterra, 97; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 7, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Lucille Marsha (Rosenburg) Murphy, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2018 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — John F. Sutter, 84; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2018 at St. Joseph Home Chapel; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

rial Park.

Plattsburgh — Bertha B. (Carter) Hebenstreet, 93; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2018 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Joyce Pricilla (O'Connell) Kelley, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Henry — Alice K. (Donahue) Curry, 95; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 2, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church.

Potsdam — Beverly (Hinman) LaPoint, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

St. Regis Falls — Rita Anne Tripney, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

South Colton — Edward C. Long, 77; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 11, 2018 at St. Paul's Church.

Tupper Lake — Wilbur J. Lamica, 95;

Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2018 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Greta Evelyn (Bedore) Rovito, 95; Mass of Christian Burial July 30, 2018 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown — Ann M. (Chiappone) Lofthus, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2018 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Minne Habib Mathar, 100; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2018 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Evangeline E. (Arnold) McDonald, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2018 at the Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; Burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown — Reginald H. Sholette, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Ogdensburg.

Watertown — Grace M. (Lettiere) Squic-

ciarini, 97; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Bonnie L. (Baker) Thompson, 71; Funeral Services July 31, 2018 at the Cummings Funeral Home Service Inc.; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown — George S. Tripp, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 2, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Evangeline E. (Arnold) McDonald, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2018 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

West Chazy — David F. Chauvin, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Westville — Joanne E. (Bissonette) Wood, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Constable.



Relax this summer with your subscription to the *North Country Catholic*, the newspaper for the Diocese of Ogdensburg
Send payment to: North Country Catholic,
PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY 13317

Name _____ Inside Diocese \$27
Address _____ Outside Diocese \$30
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Patron Donation
 \$35 \$50
Parish _____ \$100 \$250