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Love breaks chains of slavery to sin, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Only true love for God and neighbor can destroy the chains of greed, lust, anger and envy that enslave humankind, Pope Francis said.

"True love is true freedom: It detaches from possession, rebuilds relationships, it knows how to welcome and value the neighbor, it transforms every

struggle into a joyous gift and makes communion possible," the pope said Sept. 12 during his weekly general audience.

Before addressing thousands of men, women and children, the pope made his way around St. Peter's Square and greeted excited pilgrims lined up along the popemobile route.

While making his rounds, the pope abruptly ordered his driver to stop.

He made his way to two disabled children and blessed them. The mother of one of the children, overcome with emotion, reverently kissed Pope Francis' hand before he boarded the popemobile.

Continuing his series of talks on the Ten Commandments, the pope reflected on the Third Commandment, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."

The commandment to rest on the Sabbath was linked to the memory of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, he said, because slaves "by definition cannot rest."

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On Sept. 7, speaker and legendary professional boxer Ray "Boom-Boom" Mancini Spoke to Immaculate Heart Central students and faculty about following their passions and taking chances in order to live life to the fullest. As a student of parochial school all 12 years, he enforced, "Whatever it is you do in this life, find your relationship with God. Find your faith. It's the one thing that will keep you consistent!" Pictured are, from left, Justine White, Camden Rickman, Hideki Jacobsen, Marialena Mouaikel, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, Lynise Lassiter, Dominic Duah, Michael Pan, Matthew Murrock and John Tyler.

RISK MANAGER TO RETIRE



Jack Carter, the diocesan director of insurance claims and risk manager, plans to retire Oct. 31 after eleven years of service. Read more about his years and efforts in his diocesan role.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Sharing joy, love over plastic skeletons

"He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." – Job 8:21

My family is the best kind of crazy.

This past weekend, my twin sister, my husband and I drove the few miles to my parents' house for the start of what's become a tradition: the creation of a giant Halloween display.

When my sisters and I were growing up, my parents didn't decorate outside much for holidays. My childhood home, an 19th century building that used to house a general store, sits

flush to the sidewalk. My parents didn't have land with road frontage.



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A few years ago, my parents bought a dilapidated structure next door and demolished it. They finally had land with road frontage. My mother, a child at heart, was able to realize her dream of creating gigantic holiday displays for Halloween and Christmas.

This past year, my parents acquired another property. The space available for holiday insanity has doubled.

So, while it's only mid-September, we spent our week-end constructing a ghost ship and staging its skeleton crew, as well as constructing a horse-drawn hearse. Isn't that what every family does for fun?

Ok, maybe not. But, with my family, the laughs seem endless when we're all together trying to manipulate plastic skeletons or Christmas decorations (maybe someday I'll write about "the flying Christmas pig"). These are moments of joy, creativity, humor and love.

And their displays have become tradition for the neighborhood. People frequently

tell us how much they love the Halloween and Christmas displays.

While my family may not be what I'd describe as "religious," they live joy and love better than just about anyone I've ever known, and they relish opportunities to share that joy and love with others, even if it's by creating ridiculous Halloween displays. They reflect Christ in their willingness to give of themselves – it takes a lot of time, effort and money to create these massive displays – for the joy of others.

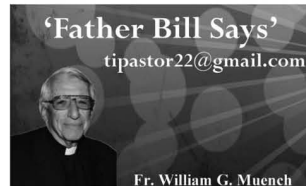
May we all be families that share love and joy with each other, and the world.

The church, its sacraments transform us

I would like to focus today with you on our church, our Catholic Church, our source of holiness. As followers of Jesus, in faith, we are called to become holy. As church, we are to be a holy people. As disciples of Jesus and members of his church, we are challenged to make our world holy.

I am a Catholic. I have always been a member of the Catholic Church. As a Catholic, I found my vocation in the priesthood. I joined with all the others to be a priest and to dedicate my life to bring the message, the love and the life of Jesus to others. I did this especially through the celebration of the church's sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of forgiveness, of penance.

You, through your faith in Jesus and your baptism, found your vocation in life as members of the Catholic Church. As lay men and women, you are journeying on the road to holiness through the sacraments of the church and your relationship with God. You are called



Fr. William G. Muench

to make our world holy by bringing Christ's spirit and life into this world by living well as disciples of Jesus.

Church is all about holiness. Each of us, clergy and laity, are called by the Lord to holiness. We are all challenged to make our world a holy place as members of Christ's church. We accomplish this best by uniting ourselves to our God and with each other in our Catholic Church. Jesus made us a holy people. Jesus came to this world to be one of us. Jesus made us a holy people by living among us, by teaching us, by suffering and dying for us, by leading us to a new life by rising from the dead. We are a holy people; Jesus was one of us.

Our Catholic Church through its sacraments, transforms us and makes us a holy people. Jesus sends

the Holy Spirit to us to move us interiorly to love God with our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole understanding and with our whole strength to love one another as Christ loved us.

Through our church, we are transformed. We become holy. Jesus showed us the way. As the Son of Man, he laid down his life for us all. No one has greater love than to lay down his life for his brother or sister. Jesus accepted his cross to show us the way. As we follow the Lord, we must accept our cross with peace and joy. As one Church we must be ready to reach out in love to help those who need us, especially those of our church.

The Second Vatican Council made it very clear what we are as church, a holy people. The Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) showed us our purpose as a church is holiness. Our vocation as clergy and laity is to become and live as a holy people. The Council states: "The tasks of life are many – holiness is one – that sanctity which is cultivated by all who

act under God's Spirit and obeying the Father's voice and adoring God the Father in spirit and in truth, follow Christ, poor, humble and cross-bearing, that they may deserve to be partakers of his glory."

Jesus promised to be with us for all time. Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, Jesus is always ready to be one with us. The true gift of my priesthood is that through my ordination I can do what Jesus did at the Last Supper and say what Jesus said to consecrate the Eucharist – to sacramentally bring the presence of the Lord to others. I can be the one who leads people to a unique holiness through this magnificent Eucharist.

Through Holy Communion, we – clergy and laity – receive the presence of the Lord in a true and powerful manner. We become holy through this sacrament. Jesus joins us. Jesus is one with us. Jesus goes with us into the world. Jesus becomes one with us in all that we do each day on our journey to holiness.

FOLLOW ME

'You will pray for those who do not pray'

Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood makes her Perpetual Profession

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Sister Mary Catherine Pham made her Perpetual Profession as a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood on Sept. 14 at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown. Bishop LaValley's homily for the occasion follows:

What a fitting day on the Church calendar for us to witness Sister Mary Catherine make her perpetual profession as a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood, on this, the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross.

Sister Mary Catherine, through much discernment and intimate prayer, today, with a heart that is overflowing with love, you are responding to the Lord's call for you to commit perpetually to a different way of living your life from most of the rest of us.

Sister, in this sacred space, you are declaring, before your family and friends, before the Church, before this local community of Precious Blood Sisters, your complete surrender to Jesus as a Sister Adorer of His Precious Blood.

This radically different way of expressing your love for the Lord is a powerful and much needed sign of hope for the Church. Your "Yes" to live a life of adoration and reparation is a tremendous gift to the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. We are so grateful.

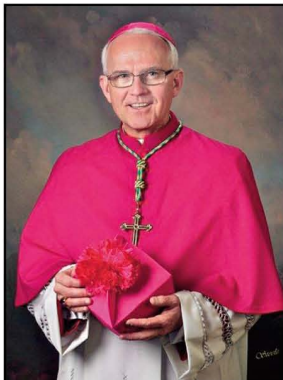
As I was reflecting on the spiritual legacy which your foundress, Venerable Mother Catherine Aurelia left to you, her daughters, I couldn't help but think how beautiful and relevant

her words are for all our ears to hear today. I'm sure you're familiar with her thoughts, but I know we will all find them so inspirational.

Allow me to personalize them: "Sister Mary Catherine, Jesus has cast upon you a long and loving look. Impelled by love, in the cloister, you will hide yourself from the too often icy winds of the world.

We need solitude and seclusion, peace and silence. We need and value so dearly the walls of your monastery on Pratt Street here in Watertown, where freed from the cares and solicitude of the world, you and the sisters of your community, can labor with all your strength for the glory of Him who spent Himself in the work of our salvation. Like Jesus, through Jesus, in Jesus, you will pray for those who do not pray; for those who hurt, for those who risk their eternity for perishable things.

You will pray for ungrateful humanity who ig-



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

nores and forgets the Divine Crucified One and who crucifies Him anew each day.

You, my dear Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood will pray for the sanctification of peoples around the world. You will obtain the grace of repentance for sinners.

You, devoted virgin of reparation will pray also for hearts torn by suffering and haunted by discouragement and despair. Pray that we bishops and priests be more holy, that the flame of our zeal may be more vivid, and that we may be more worthy dispensers of the Divine Blood.

It's all about love isn't it?

God's love for us and your response, steeped in love for him.

Today, here at St. Patrick's Church, a new chapter in the love story of the Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood is being written as Sister Mary Catherine commits to perpetual vows of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

These counsels will provide the rich soil from which you will continue and even grow in your love for God with an undivided heart.

In our Gospel, St. John depicts Jesus lifted onto the cross as a sign of final victory, an act prefigured by the account of the healing serpent being lifted up, as we just heard from our first reading from the Book of Numbers. Completed by resurrection, this lifting up forms the central core of the Paschal Mystery of our salvation. St. Paul's letter to the Philippians uses a form of the Greek word kenosis (a

self-emptying), making clear that this lifting up is the humblest of acts. Jesus' life on the cross is given up not as an act of self-assertion but as the best of humanity—a gift of self to and for others.

We thank you, Sister Mary Catherine for today making such a self-emptying personal gift of your life to and for others.

We congratulate the Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood. Sister Mary Catherine, as you make your perpetual profession today, travel in the joy of Christ as you follow Him Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We thank God for your vocation and thank your parents, family members, friends and the Precious Blood Sisters who have touched your life and encouraged you in faith and love.

Mary Immaculate, pray for her.

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Marker serves as reminder of Champlain school

By Shawn Ryan
NCC Contributing writer

CHAMPLAIN – When the former St. Mary’s Academy in Champlain burned down in January, 2015, it was a

blow to both the parish and community that many still feel. Now, through the work and dedication of one dedicated trustee, an historic marker now sits on the site reminding

passer byes of the 106 year tradition of the hulking stone school.

The history of a parish school in Champlain goes back well before the 1906 opening of St. Mary’s. In

1877 Reverend Francois Xavier Chagnon opened a school to serve the Catholic community in Champlain. That school was later closed, but it would re-open in 1906 after the arrival from France a year earlier of several of the Daughters of the Charity of the Sacred Heart, religious women whose mission was to teach in Catholic schools.

A massive stone school building was built in 1909 which included an area for boarding students and teachers alike. That structure served students up until 2012 when it was finally closed.

From the time of its closure until the 2015 fire the school remained important to the community, serving as a meeting place for groups like the local Boy Scouts among others.

“There was a lot talk in the Village, everyone was depressed because we lost the school. We talked about a memorial garden,” said Trustee Linda Seymour, who spearheaded the campaign for the historic marker.

In September of 2016 Seymour applied for a grant with the help of the William G. Pomeroy Foun-

dation to finance the marker.

That grant was approved in January of 2017, and in the summer of 2017 the marker was unveiled.

“She did all the work,” said Reverend Clyde A. Lewis, pastor of St. Mary’s. “It’s mainly for the people of the Parish. The school did so much for the Parish community when it was open.”

Many noted members of today’s Parish community as well as the greater Clinton County area got their start as students at St. Mary’s School, among them Clinton County Clerk John Zurlo and Village Historian Celene Pauquette, according to Seymour.

The school property, which sits on a small prominent rise in the center of Champlain, does still play a role in the life of the community.

The Village holds its annual bazaar on the site, and there are long term plans to build a parish center there.

For the time being parishioners can be comforted in knowing that the memory of their school, now etched in a blue steel marker for all to see, will not be forgotten.



Bishop Terry LaValley cordially invites you to the

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Thanks to the efforts of Trustee Linda Seymour, a historical marker now designates the location where St. Mary’s Academy previously stood.

Risk manager to retire after decade of service

Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Contributing writer

Ogdensburg—The Diocese of Ogdensburg is self-insured. Well, up to \$250,000 per loss for liability and property claims. Think of it as a \$250,000 deductible. That is oversimplifying but it gives you a sense of the exposure each time someone files a claim or a parish, or school has a fire or wind damage. If the claim is greater than the \$250,000 amount, excess coverage policies kick-in. Parishes and schools all pay annual premiums to maintain the insurance coverage administered by the Diocese.

Jack Carter, the diocesan director of insurance claims and risk manager, believes the diocese had to reach into the excess coverage only once in the 30 years he and his predecessor, Harry Granger, handled insurance matters for the Diocese.

Only once until September 2014, that is.

According to Carter, "that's when everything turned upside down."

The night before school was to open at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga someone set fire to the school. It remains an open investigation.

There was at least once teacher in the school at the time, readying her classroom for the student's arrival. The teacher and the school principal saw someone run from the building. Firemen were unable to save the structure. The loss has been settled in the neighborhood of \$4.5 million. The rebuilt school has reopened, but the arson case is still open with no arrest.

A few months later, fire broke out in the circa 1900 wing of St. Mary's Acad-



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Jack Carter, the diocesan director of insurance claims and risk manager, inspects steps in Lyon Mountain.

emy in Champlain. Aside from the Boy Scouts, who stored some camping equipment in that part of the structure, the building was not used.

Two wings added to the original building over the years were extensively damaged. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$4 million when the case is settled. No cause for that fire has been determined.

For Jack Carter these fires meant difficult months, years of assessment, negotiation and review.

The diocesan self-insurance account took a sizeable hit of half a million dollars. But the prudent management of the diocesan insurance program over the years, under the direction of diocesan Fiscal Officer Michael Tooley,

means the program remains solvent and worked as designed.

The Diocese has over 180 locations covered under the liability and property lines of insurance. Each location may have multiple buildings or facilities.

The total insurable assets are in the range of \$125 million dollars.

Each year Carter, wearing his risk manager credentials, visits half the properties. He conducts safety inspections to bring to the responsible persons attention (pastor, principal, building supervisor) any potential causes for injury or other loss.

"For the most part people are very cooperative and agreeable," Carter said. "Pastors are usually pretty good about sending me the inspection sheet



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A fire at St. Mary's school in Champlain was one of two major fires diocesan Director of Insurance Claims and Risk Manager Jack Carter handled in his tenure in the office. Jack will retire Oct. 31.

What's next?

Carl Miller will begin work with the diocese on Oct. 1.

Miller has been employed for the last 18 years with Capital One, with his most recent position being director of risk management and corporate insurance.

Miller and his wife are native to northern and central New York, and they are looking forward to returning to be near family.

with notations that this or that problem was addressed and when."

After eleven years on the job, Jack Carter will retire October 31, 2018.

"I think I'll miss doing the safety inspections the most," Carter said. "I like chatting with the pastors or the superintendents or custodians; whoever is with me on the tours. I'll miss some of the buildings too, mostly the churches and some of the other facilities, like the rectories, that are so beautiful."

After graduating from the State University at Albany in 1973, Carter found himself working as an adjuster for one of the two large insurance adjustment firms. His career took him to Syracuse where he worked as an adjuster for several companies before succeeding Granger as the insurance director for the diocese.

He and wife Barbara were married in 1978.

They have one son, a third-year medical school student at Upstate Medical University.

Carter looks forward to "not working."

"Maybe I'll have more time to do some hunting and fishing."

Perhaps he can revisit some of those places he recalls with a little bit of emotion and more than a little fondness.

The rectory in Alexandria Bay is one. He calls it a woodworking masterpiece. The oratory at Churubusco is an unmatched field stone construction. The roof is unique. The oratories at West Peru, Antwerp and Paul Smiths are all favorites. But he considers the rectory at Port Henry to have the most breathtaking view of them all.

Perhaps in retirement he can drive up there again and "just lean against the car and look out over the countryside and Lake Champlain."

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Environmental Stewardship

It's that time of year again

This is the time of the year when tomatoes ripen, corn is being pulled from its stalks, potatoes and carrots are set to be dug from the soil, and the canning and freezing of numerous other vegetables continues.

The harvesting of food in preparation for the many months ahead is a ritual that has been taking place for thousands of years. So too has the act of praying to the all-powerful Creator for His help in producing a bountiful harvest, and to thank Him for all that He has given to us in the past.

Even though most people in today's society are not involved in the business of agriculture, it is an undeniable fact that every person on the planet is directly impacted by the success, or failure, of the harvest season.

For this reason, we continue the centuries old tradition of asking the Creator to look favorably upon our crops, and those people who work in the fields to raise our food, and eventually bring it to our table.

Let us continue to thank God for providing us with the crops that become "our daily bread."

Please also pray that as a society, we will attempt to reduce the contamination of ground water, and make a serious effort to limit the pollutants placed into the air, which can eventually enter the soil, or alter the climate thereby creating growing conditions detrimental to our crops, and the health of our livestock.

May God continue to bless you, and the present, and future generations of farmers and ranchers.

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

Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 19 – Rev. Clement J. Dwyer, O.S.A., 1956; Rev. Francis C. McMahon, 1975

Sept. 20 – Msgr. Edmund J. Brown, 1954; Rev. Donald Gallagher, 1959; Rev. Edward J. Wright, 1993; Msgr. Floyd J. Brown, 1994

Sept. 21 – Rev. M. Stanton, 1908; Rev. M. J. Geraghty, O.S.A., 1914; Rev. Michael J. Brown, 1917; Rev. Wilbert LeBeau, 1953

Sept. 22 – Rev. John McDermott, 1870; Rev. Pierre L'Esperance, M.S.C., 1942; Msgr. John Michael Hogan, 1951

Sept. 23 – Rev. P. Phillips, 1872; Rev. Marcel Dupont, M.S.C., 1982

Sept. 24 – Rev. John Talbot Smith, 1923; Rev. Leo Staves, O.M.I., 1994; Deacon Reginald F. Merrill, 2005

Sept. 25 – Rev. Frederick P. Shue, 1989

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:

Sept. 18 – 3 p.m., St. Agnes School, Lake Placid

Sept. 18 – 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart Central High School, Watertown

Sept. 19 – 6 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

Sept. 19 – 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Sept. 25 – 5:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

Sept. 25 – 5:30 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

Sept. 25 – 6:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic School, Massena

Bishop's Public Schedule

Sept. 19 – Noon – Bishop's Heritage Circle Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral with lunch following at Bishop's residence

Sept. 20 – 9:45 a.m. – Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's residence

Sept. 21 – 2:30 p.m. – Mass at Camp Guggenheim for the Middle School Vocations Retreat

Sept. 22 – 10:30 a.m. – Council of the Religious Meeting at Bishop's residence

Sept. 23 – 2:30 p.m. – Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral

Sept. 24 – 10 a.m. – Confirmation and Mass at the Church of St. Dismas at Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora

Sept. 25-26 – 8 a.m. – New York State Catholic Conference at Douglaston, NY

Sept. 28 – 10 a.m. – Mass and school visit at Seton Academy School in Plattsburgh

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

After meeting pope, cardinal hopeful about addressing crisis

WASHINGTON (CNS)— Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston struck a determinedly hopeful tone after his long-awaited meeting with Pope Francis to discuss the growing sexual abuse crisis in the United States. "I myself am filled with hope," he said, "but I also realize all these things might take purpose and time." The cardinal spoke following a noon meeting Sept. 13 at the Vatican. Cardinal DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was joined in his meeting with the pope by: Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors; Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the USCCB; and Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, general secretary of the conference. "The Holy Father is the important figure for us in this," Cardinal DiNardo said. "He sees the problem all over the church and throughout the world." While the cardinal did not want to discuss the specifics of the private meeting beyond a statement released by the U.S. bishops, he did describe the encounter as "very, very fruitful." "It was lengthy, and we shared a lot of thoughts and ideas together," the cardinal told Catholic News Service, "so I found the meeting very good from that point of view." "The pope is well informed," the cardinal said, "and he's also very, very attentive to what has happened to abuse victims in the church in the United States."

Women's Catholic leadership program officially launches

WASHINGTON (CNS)— A Catholic women's leadership organization, the GIVEN Institute, which aims to encourage and train young women in leadership roles in the church and society, officially launched Sept. 12. "There are plenty of leadership programs in the private sector; there is no reason we can't do it with a faith component," the organization's founder, Elise Italiano, said Sept. 11. Italiano, who also writes for the Catholic News Service column "In Light of Faith," noted that there also are plenty of innovative programs in the church but leadership development for women is especially needed, particularly in the current moment in the church. The organization is not a brand new idea but something that grew out of a 2016 leadership conference sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious called the GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum. That program brought together 300 young women for a weeklong conference at The Catholic University of America in Washington and featured U.S. Catholic women leaders.

SCOTUS petition next step in effort to stop gas pipeline

WASHINGTON (CNS)— A Pennsylvania religious congregation planned to petition the U.S. Supreme Court to consider whether their religious freedom rights are being violated by the construction and pending use of a natural gas pipeline on its land. The Adorers of the Blood of Christ are rooting their legal argument in the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, saying that their "deeply held religious convictions about the sacredness of Earth" would be violated once the Atlantic Sunrise pipeline becomes operational. An attorney for the sisters in Columbia, Pennsylvania, contends that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit erred in allowing provisions of the Natural Gas Act that govern pipeline construction to supersede the intent of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, known as RFRA. "We think the 3rd Circuit turned it (RFRA) on its head to apply the Natural Gas Act to RFRA rather than RFRA control the Natural Gas Act," attorney Dwight Yoder told Catholic News Service.

Parishes hold listening sessions on abuse scandal

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — A pastor from the Albany Diocese said the reaction from local Catholics to the clergy abuse scandal is a combination of concern for the church and its future along with anger and confusion about the church that they love.

The priest, Father Robert Longobucco, pastor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Schenectady and diocesan vicar for Catholic faith formation and education, has heard individual comments from parishioners, but he planned to hear from them as a group during a Sept. 13 listening session.

Since Albany Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger is "anxious to have" feedback from diocesan Catholics on moving through the crisis, the priest said the goal for the session at St. Kateri's was "to have people voice their feelings and give input to the bishop."

On the same evening, St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Albany was hosting its own conversation on the abuse crisis, facilitated by Melissa Martinez, a clinical psychologist with a focus on mental wellness. The parish held two previous sessions earlier in the month.

"These conversations will offer a safe place in which to express your feelings, hear some of what other people may know or have experienced and possibly learn something of the behaviors that have contributed to this scandal," the parish announcement said.

Parish life director Elizabeth Simcoe said the idea came up at the first meeting of St. Vincent's newly-formed pastoral council. The August council meet-

ing coincided with the release of a Pennsylvania grand jury report documenting more than 1,000 allegations of sexual abuse by priests and other church workers over a period of 70 years.

Pastoral council members were "very concerned about people's feelings," Simcoe told The Evangelist, newspaper of the Albany Diocese. "There was a sense of hurt, betrayal, concern for the church, concern for people leaving the church because they feel it isn't a safe place."

St. Edward the Confessor parish in Clifton Park already had two listening sessions Aug. 28 which drew about 180 people. "People need to be heard," the pastor, Father Patrick Butler, said about the meetings.

Although many pastors are speaking about the abuse crisis in homilies, he said priests can only say so much: "It's tough to talk about this in church; there are too many kids" present."

Participants at St. Edward's listening sessions could say anything they wished, but they also were given four questions to reflect on: "What are you feeling? How does the current situation impact your identity as a Catholic? What would you like to say to the hierarchy (national or local) and what do you need to hear them say/see them do? What can we as leadership in the parish assure that we're doing best we can to make this a safe environment?"

"There was a lot of raw emotion, but it was very respectful," Father Butler said. "People listened to one another and really supported one another. They're faithful people,

but there are all those feelings of betrayal, sadness, anger, frustration (with), 'Here we go again.' A number of them recognized that this is a societal issue also, but we need to worry about cleaning our house."

Even amid the high emotions, the pastor noted that parishioners' "faith in God hasn't wavered in the least. Church-wise, some of them feel shaken, but in terms of their relationship with Christ, that hasn't changed."

In upcoming weeks, the parish hopes to hold a follow-up meeting, getting input from parishioners on the list of questions they took home. Father Butler will compile the responses and send them to the diocese.

One piece of feedback has already become clear: Catholics want to know more about the procedures the diocese already has in place for addressing allegations of abuse.

A number of parishioners at the listening sessions said they were surprised to learn that anyone reporting an instance of sexual abuse by diocesan clergy, employees or volunteers can contact the diocesan assistance coordinator who reports all allegations to the appropriate district attorney, the bishop, the diocesan attorney and diocesan review board members.

Bishop Scharfenberger has said he was "saddened and sickened" to learn about "spiritual fathers" who wounded people in their care. He told the diocese: "Your voices, your vision, your experiences — and your prayers — are not only wanted by me and by your pastors but are indispensable."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

A plan for overcoming evil with reform

Amidst the anger, confusion, and shame our beloved church is experiencing at this time, today's scripture readings provide a powerful plan for overcoming evil with wise reform.

In the first reading, the corrupt power people are plotting to get rid of a holy one who is exposing their evil: "Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us." Like



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

scheming back-room politicians, they are saying, "He's a pain! Get rid of him!" They plot to torture him, and eventually kill him! Of course, the just one wins out in the end since, in his wisdom, he is following the way that leads to truth and justice. All wisdom must be rooted in humility, gentleness and truthfulness.

In the second reading

September 23

**Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

READINGS

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

for this week, St. James warns the early Christians to avoid self-seeking and envy. This only leads to dissention, quarreling, and war. The true follower of Jesus will seek that wisdom that is "peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of

mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." According to St. James, wisdom leads to good order and peace.

In the Gospel, the disciples of Jesus are so busy arguing about which one is going to be greatest in the Kingdom, that they really miss what Jesus is trying to tell them. For the second time, he is attempting to explain that soon he must suffer and die, and on the third day, to rise from the dead. When they arrive at a house in Capernaum,

Jesus asks them what they were arguing about on the way. He knows very well that they had not been listening, so he tells them that any follower of his must be a servant to others.

Placing a small child in the middle of the group, he declares that the trust and love they see in the eyes of this little one is a model for their future discipleship.

May the Spirit of Wisdom guide our Holy Father and the whole church to renewed hope and vigor.

Moving forward from the 'Summer of Shame'

Catholic News Services

Responding to editors' requests for a regular sampling of current commentary from around the Catholic press, here is an editorial titled: "Quieting the storm" which appeared in the Sept. 5 issue of Our Sunday Visitor, a weekly Catholic publication based in Huntington, Indiana. It was written by the editorial board.

The events that have unfolded within the church over the course of the past several months have led some to dub it as the church's "Summer of Shame."

The allegations against Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, the Pennsylvania grand jury report, the memo from Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò – the combination feels like a perfect storm of despicable crimes, malleasant leadership and intra-church intrigue.

Unfortunately, it seems as if this storm is not less-

ening in intensity.

We are bombarded by noise from various groups on social media, where individuals take advantage of the medium to demean those with whom they disagree.

We are hearing noise in the form of the statements of various bishops, who are sharing their opinions and even frustrations over the developments of the past several months.

And we are hearing noise from Catholics in the pew who are confused, ashamed and frustrated at the church's past sins and the continuing open-endedness of the crisis.

To be sure, noise is not all bad. We need to have conversation, and we need to be able to speak up in support of truth.

But the danger of increasingly deafening noise is that divisions within the church seem to be deepening. To help steady the conversation, we are in need of strong, clear leadership – from our Holy Father, our bishops and even

the laity – to move the church out of our "Summer of Shame" into something akin to a "Fall of Transparency, Action and Accountability."

The first opportunity for strong, clear leadership is for an investigation to get under way as soon as possible regarding the Archbishop McCarrick scandal.

In order for the church to be able to move forward, it is imperative that we find out who knew what and when regarding Archbishop McCarrick's rise throughout the ranks of the church.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has already petitioned Pope Francis for an apostolic visitation, and we are certain that, for the sake of clarity, transparency and healing, the pope likely will soon respond. We look forward to such a visitation with great anticipation and hope, confident that only through such an action

can meaningful healing begin.

The second opportunity for strong, clear leadership is for the U.S. bishops themselves. As we approach the November general assembly of the USCCB, the church is in great need of transparency and clear communication.

This cannot be conveyed through closed-door meetings.

Any significant debates, conversations and decision-making must occur outside of executive sessions, where the laity and, yes, the media can be well-informed.

Transparency, action and accountability begins with frank discussion in the public square.

The third opportunity for strong, clear leadership belongs to all of us. During this time of crisis, we should engage in prayer, fasting and penance in reparation for the sins of the church and to grow steadfast in holiness.

In this time of crisis,

where trust and credibility have been hurt in the church, we are the ones who can continue the work of Christ by living out his message of love in the world. We, too, are the ones who are able to hold church leaders accountable and insist that the church implement the structures and systems that ensure such scandal will never happen again.

During times of crisis, good leadership is imperative.

We pray that leaders within the church, on all levels, will be able to move the church past our summer of shame and into a future of transparency, action and accountability.

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AT THE MOVIES

UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION

NEW YORK (CNS) – In 2014, Angelina Jolie helmed the often harrowing but ultimately uplifting fact-based drama "Unbroken." The film was based on Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling 2010 biography of Olympic runner-turned-war-hero Louis "Louie" Zamperini (1917-2014), "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption."

Working from the same text, director Harold Cronk continues Zamperini's story, this time with an emphasis on the woes that beset him after he returned home at the end of the global conflict and his eventual embrace of evangelical Christianity.

More artful than many faith-motivated movies, "Unbroken: Path to Redemption" (Pure Flix) sees likable Samuel Hunt taking over the role of Louie, played in the first movie by Jack O'Connell.

Having survived the downing of his plane over the Pacific, a long period adrift at sea and torturous captivity by the Japanese – events related in Jolie's picture – Louie, an Air Force bombardier, returns



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The Rev. Billy Graham is portrayed by his grandson Will Graham in a scene from the movie "Unbroken: Path to Redemption."

home, goes on the road to sell war bonds and falls for cheerful and devout Florida native Cynthia Applewhite (Merritt Patterson).

But all the while he is suffering from what nowadays would be labeled post-traumatic stress disorder.

Troubled by nightmares and visions in which his chief tormentor, Mut-

suhiko Watanabe (David Sakurai), nicknamed "The Bird," returns to haunt him, Louie, unable to find work, falls prey to alcoholism.

His prospects worsen still further after his bid to race in the 1948 London Olympics is frustrated by a career-ending injury.

Cynthia is patient and Louie's older brother, Pete (Bobby Campo), his first

running coach, tries to be helpful. But it will take no less a personage than the Rev. Billy Graham himself (played by his grandson Will) to straighten things out.

Catholic viewers may have mixed feelings about the protagonist's departure from the church in which he was raised. (Early scenes show Louie's mother saying grace, fol-

lowed by the sign of the cross, and the family is visited by their priest, though Louie, who blames God for his tribulations, receives the clergyman coldly.)

Yet his rejection of Catholicism long preceded his eventual conversion.

Overall, Cronk's sequel, written by Richard Friedenberg and Ken Hixon, is both appealing in its promotion of faith and forgiveness and suitable for a wide audience.

The film contains mature themes, scenes of domestic violence and a vague scatological reference.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-II – adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



ALSO PLAYING

A Simple Favor

Lurid thriller in which a mild-mannered young widow (Anna Kendrick) strikes up an unlikely friendship with the sophisticated, hard-bitten mother (Blake Lively) of one of her son's classmates. But when her new pal mysteriously disappears and she tries to track her down, she discovers just how little she really knew about her.

Director Paul Feig's glossy screen version of Darcey Bell's 2017 novel, which also features Henry Golding as the missing woman's husband, is undeniably ingenious. Yet the dark doings, both past and present, that drive the plot involve repellent behavior that, while not exactly endorsed by Jessica Sharzer's script, is not condemned either. In-

stead, the taboo-breaking is treated as spice to lure jaded viewers.

Gunplay and other violence, drug use, strong sexual content, including a semi-graphic scene of incest and an off-screen aberrant act, brief rear female and partial nudity, profanity, and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O – morally offensive.



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BLESSING OF THE ROSES

Saranac Lake – Blessing of roses to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Bernard's Church

Features: please join members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites for a holy hour including Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, Benediction, and a blessing of roses to be distributed. There will be light refreshments at the conclusion.

CLINTON

FABULOUS FABRIC FUNDRAISER

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of Adirondacks House of Prayer is hosting an all day event featuring fabric and quilting accessories.

Date: Sept. 22

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Features: All items are 50% off.

Whether you are looking for Christmas craft material or bulk stock, this is a great opportunity to support the House of Prayer and replenish sewing and quilting supplies as we head into the fall and winter seasons.

Contact: Carol Alexander at 518-236-6016 or the House of Prayer at 518-594-3253 for more information.

FISHERS CLUB

Plattsburgh – The Lakesiders Fishers Club to have their fall discernment meeting.

Date: Sept. 23; Oct. 7 & 21; Nov. 4 & 18; Dec. 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Upper Room

Features: Discernment, Evening Prayer and Dinner for high school juniors and older.

Contact: Father Venette (hvenette@gmail.com) or Father Lucia (dlucia@rcdony.org)

HARVEST DINNER

West Chazy – St. Joseph's Church to have their 45th Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

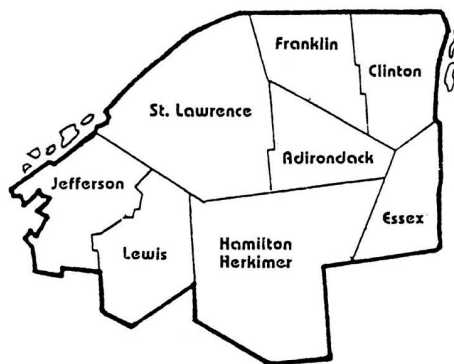
Place: St. Joseph's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children -12, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Turkey Dinner, Country Store and much more. Take-outs available
Contact: St. Joseph's Parish Office at 518-493-4521

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Keeseville – Immaculate Conception



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.

Church to honor our Queen of the Rosary.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Features: Bishop LaValley will celebrate Mass and the Most Holy Rosary with blessing of candles during Mass. Immediately following Mass, we will pray the living Rosary. After the Rosary, everyone is invited to join us for a free luncheon at the Elk's Club.

TURKEY DINNER

Dannemora – St. Joseph's to have their Annual Roast Turkey Dinner.

Date: Oct. 14

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children, \$7; under 5, Free

Features: Dinner, Music, Chinese Auction and Country Store.

WELCOME TO THE FEAST

Plattsburgh – Six week Continuing Formation event to be held for All Commissioned Lay Ministers.

Date: Oct. 4 – Nov. 15

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Cost: Dinner only, \$10; Scripture only, \$17; Both Dinner event and Scripture Study, \$27

Features: This is opportunity to deepen our understanding and learn how to lead a scripture study. Bishop

LaValley will be the guest speaker.

HARVEST DINNER

Elizabethtown – St. Elizabeth's Church to have a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Roast Beef with all the trimmings. Take-outs available at 1:30 p.m.

FRANKLIN

HARVEST DINNER

Chateaugay – CC of Burke and Chateaugay to have a Yankee Pot Roast Dinner.

Date: Sept. 23

Time: 12 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Patrick's Church

Cost: Adults, \$12; Children 5-11, \$5; under 5, Free

177 PROJECT

Malone – A nationwide tour of Eucharistic Adoration featuring some of the most talented Catholic musicians in the country.

Date: Oct. 5

Schedule: Rosary at 6:45 p.m.; Eucharistic Adoration from 7 p.m. to 8; Concert at 8:15 p.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church

Cost: No Charge and you can get tickets at www.iTickets.com

Features: This fall, the 177 Project is partnering with 22 different artists to bring an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and music to every single diocese in the US! Tickets to the evening are completely free and you can get yours by visiting the177project.com.

Contact: Andrew Duso at 518-483-1300

HARVEST DINNER

St. Regis Falls – St. Ann's Society will be holding a Harvest Dinner with turkey and all the trimmings.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 12 p.m. to 3

Place: St. Ann's Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$5
Features: Take-outs will be available by calling 518-522-4633. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

TURKEY DINNER

North Bangor – St. Mary's to have their Turkey Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: North Bangor Fire Hall

Cost: Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$9; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free

Contact: Take-outs available by calling 518-483-2780 starting at 11 a.m.

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – St. Anthony's Church Altar Rosary Society to have a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Sept. 20

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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

IHC FALL FESTIVAL AND 5K

Watertown – IHC to have Fall Festival.

Date: Sept. 21 – 23

Place: Immaculate Heart Central High School

Features: Fun for the whole weekend. Family Fun Day (Free) Chicken BBQ/Pig Roast, Varsity Soccer Game. 5k AND Fun Run starts at 9 a.m. on Sept. 22. Pre-Register before Sept. 10. Cost is \$20 per runner. 1.5 MI/Run: 6 & under, Free; Students, \$8, Family, \$18. Includes T-Shirt for pre-registration only.

Contact: Lance Bombard at 315-778-7165 or lancelombard@gmail.com. For Complete Schedule of Events: <https://www.ihschool.org/about-ihc/social-events>

CIDER DAYS

Sackets Harbor – Cider Days to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Andrew's Church

Features: There will be music, food, games, 50/50 raffle and new this year a Chinese Raffle. Celebrate a fall family

fun-filled event.

FALL ECO-FEST

Watertown – Annual Fall ECO-Fest Presentation to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Hearthside Hospitality Center

Speaker: Aileen O'Donoghue, St. Lawrence University Associate Professor of Physics, author & contributor to the monthly magazine, Living Faith
Theme: "The Science Behind Pope Francis' Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home"
Features: As a scientist and a person of faith, Aileen will reflect on Pope Francis' encouragement of people to examine the pressure humanity has been putting on our world and actively take steps to reduce and mitigate that pressure. sponsored by: Watertown Faith and Ecology of Upstate New York. Event is free and open to the Public. Fall snacks will include Burville cider and donuts.

Contact: call 315-212-6592 or email: srbethssj@gmail.com

CRAFT FAIR

Carthage – Augustinian Academy to have a Craft Fair.

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: School Gym

Features: Handmade Crafts, gifts, themed basket raffle, food and bake sale.

Contact: For vendor applications contact the school at 315-493-1301

BLOOD DRIVE

Watertown – St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's Parish Nurse Ministry to have a blood drive.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Anthony's Old School Gym
Contact: 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Visit redcrossblood.org or download the Blood Donor App to schedule your appointment.

ROSARY CRUSADE

Watertown – Annual Citywide Family Rosary Crusade to be held.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Place: St. Patrick's Church

Features: The Crusade will begin with celebrating a Mass followed by all Four Mysteries of the Rosary. The theme is "Mary's Immaculate Heart Will Conquer." Sponsored by the Watertown



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St. Peter Apostle Appeal



Thank you for your generosity to the St. Peter Apostle Appeal in support of seminarians in formation in mission countries. Your gifts are great blessing as these young men prepare for a lifetime of offering help and hope to the poor and suffering in the Missions as priests among their own people.

Our own faith journeys seem like an ongoing cycle of growth: seeds of faith planted by our parents, nurtured by family and friends, strengthened by the seasons of our lives, especially times of trial when we cling close to the Lord's love and hope. In Uganda, St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary has been nurturing the faith of young men called to the priesthood for more than a century. Father Joachim, ordained after studies at this seminary, attributes his vocation to the witness of the priests he encountered as a youth, and his family's prayer life.

"Priesthood was an inclination deep in my heart," Father Joachim says, "and I am grateful to all who helped it grow."

Today, this seminary's almost 300 students are formed to be leaders in the faith – and in the field, as they learn agriculture practices on the seminary's farm, knowledge they'll take back to their parishes to help combat hunger. These future priests will feed body and soul. Each year the Society for the Propagation of the Faith/Society of St. Peter Apostle sends support for some 30,000 young men preparing for the priesthood in mission seminaries by providing textbooks, technology, housing, food and medical care for the students.

Be assured that seminarians throughout the Missions are most grateful for your prayers and financial assistance. Throughout the Missions, many young men are responding to our Lord's call to the priesthood, and young men and women are in formation to become Sisters or Brothers. Your support enables them to prepare for a lifetime of service among the poor and the suffering, as they bring to those in need the hope-filled "Good News" of Jesus. Again, heart-felt thanks to all involved with making another St. Peter Apostle appeal a great success. The Spirit of the Mission lives on in these works. God Bless you all!

OBITUARIES

Altona – Michael Bell, 28; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 15, 2018 at Holy Angels Church.

Carthage – Agnes (Leddy) Jeannette Haver, 94; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2018 at Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in Hillside Cemetery.

Harrisville – Ethel M. (Fayette) Fraser, 96; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 13, 2018 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Harrisville – Barbara Ann (Foster) Luther, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2018 at Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in Harrisville Community Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Dolsie Thompson Hall, 62; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 12,

2018 St. Regis Mission.

Malone – Patricia Anne Merrick Griffith, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2018 at Spaulding Funeral Home; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

Moers Forks – Robert H. Scriver, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 10, 2018 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

North Bangor – Dana W. McCaffrey, 64; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 13, 2018 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Stevens Cemetery, Brandon.

Ogdensburg – Sheila Wells Ashley, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 13, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Ruth J. (Pinkerton) Bushey, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2018 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – William J. "Bill" MacKay, 61; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2018 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Heuvelton.

Port Henry – Kenneth A. Gadway, 71; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 10, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Moriah.

Watertown – Anita Ruth Rancourt; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 13, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church.

Deacon Drollette accepts role in diaconate formation

Bishop Terry R. LaValley recently announced that Deacon John Drollette of Plattsburgh has been appointed associate director of deacon formation.

In that role, Deacon Drollette will work with Deacon John White, director of deacon formation, to aid those in formation

in their academic, spiritual and pastoral growth.

In addition, his duties will include assisting in the preparation of program participants for the rites of Candidacy, Lector, and Acolyte, and planning the related rites.

Deacon Drollette will also be charged with as-

sisting and monitoring diaconate program participants as they complete on-line classes required by the program and assisting in making recommendations to the Bishop.

The appointment became effective Aug. 17.



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CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Adams – Confirmation Retreat with NET Ministries to be held.

Date: Nov. 20

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: St. Cecilia's Church

Cost: \$25 (Meal will be included)

Features: NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. These are a first come, first served basis registration.

Contact: Pre-Registration is required. Register by Nov. 9 by emailing slippincott@rcdony.org or call the Regional Office at 315-782-3620

OPERATION MIRIAM LUNCH

Watertown – Operation Miriam Lunch to be held for all women and middle school age and up.

Date: Dec. 9

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: SSJ Motherhouse

Contact: Shayne e-mail: slippincott@rcdony.org or call 315-782-3620

LEWIS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: Sept. 20

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: To Thank God for & To Honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, you are invited to an hour of Exposition, Silent Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

TURKEY DINNER

Copenhagen – St. Mary's to have their Annual Turkey Dinner.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Copenhagen Fire Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$4.50; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$8

Features: Bazaar & Bake Sale, Raffle items (\$500 and more), 50/50.

Contact: St. Mary Ellen Brett at 315-688-2683 or email srectory2@twcny.rr.com

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Recitation of the Rosary, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

Contact: 315-348-6260.

POLISH FESTIVAL

Houseville – St. Hedwig's to have their Polish Festival.

Date: Oct. 14

Time: Noon, following the 11 a.m. Mass

Features: The festivities include: The Serving of a Tasty Polish Platter \$10, Bake Sale Items, Polish hot Dogs \$1, Ice Cream Sundaes \$1, Theme Basket Raffles and a 50/50 Raffle. Take outs are available. Proceeds to benefit church programs, repairs and restoration.

Contact: 315-348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

Brasher – A Gun and Knife Show to be held.

Date: Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Cost: \$3; under 12 free

Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds sporting items. Concession stand open all day, breakfast served 8 a.m. to 11. All guns must be checked in at door. Plenty of parking.

Contact: Phil Davis at 315-389-4627 or Mike Hoag at 315-389-4318

DESTINATION CONFIRMATION

Norfolk – Destination Confirmation to be held with Bishop LaValley.

Date: Oct. 21

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Parish of the Visitation

Features: After Mass, Bishop LaValley will talk about the role of parents as the first teachers of faith for their children and how they can assist in the preparation for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop will also share with the students how Confirmation is not a graduation. It's a new beginning.

Contact: slippincott@rcdony.org or call the Regional Office at 315-782-3620 by Oct. 12

CRAFT/ARTISAN SHOW

Brasher Falls – The Altar Rosary Society

of St. Patrick's will host an Annual Craft/Artisan Show.

Schedule: Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Features: We are looking for vendors to display their work. If you wish to do this or know someone that does; please call Val Cline at 315-389-4182 for a registration packet. Tables are rented for \$18 each.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Norfolk – Confirmation Retreat with NET Ministries to be held.

Date: Nov. 18

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Fr. Amyot Center

Cost: \$25 (Meal will be included)

Features: NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. These are a first come, first served basis registration.

Contact: Pre-Registration is required. Register by Nov. 9 by emailing slippincott@rcdony.org or call the Regional Office at 315-782-3620

DIOCESAN EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOCATIONS RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Middle School Vocations retreat to be held.

Date: Sept. 21

Time: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Features: Realize and understand the path God has set before you. This is a free event, open to all grades 6 to 8 and includes activities and lunch! Public school students are also welcome to attend this weekday event. Public schools provide provisions in their attendance policies to take a day off for religious worship.

Contact: Cathy Russell in Vocations (crussell@rcdony.org) - (315)393-2920 ext 1450 or Tom Semeraro in Youth (tsemeraro@rcdony.org) - (315)393-2920 ext 1415

MARRIAGE AND CONSECRATED LIFE JUBILEE

Ogdensburg – The Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee to be combined this year.

Date: Sept. 23

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: The Mass is to honor the Re-

ligious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church and all married couples celebrating their anniversaries (from one year and up). Family and friends of the honorees are welcome to attend. Bishop LaValley will host a light reception immediately following the Mass in the Brzana Hall at the Cathedral.

Contact: Married couples wishing to attend will receive a certificate from Bishop LaValley and have their names included in the program must register with their parish or register themselves at <https://www.rcdony.org/marriagejubilée> on or before Sept. 14

YOUTH LEAD

Saranac Lake – The 2018 youth leadership weekend to be held.

Date: Sept. 28-30

Cost: \$70, Workshops, meals, and accommodations, included

Features: Open to students in grades 9-12.

Contact: For schedule information see <https://www.rcdony.org/youth/leadership.htm> or contact Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry at 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Faith Formation Dept. to have leadership program.

Schedule: Western Region, Sept. 29 at the Lobster House in Norwood; Eastern Region, Oct. 13 at St. Alexander's Church

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: \$18

Theme: Heart of Leadership and Tools that help you lead

Features: All ministries are welcome to attend.

Contact: Western Region: contact Shayne by Sept. 21 – phone: 315-782-3620 or slippincott@rcdony.org; Eastern Region: contact Andi by Oct. 5 – phone 518-310-3669 or apage@rcdony.org

BLUE MASS

Plattsburgh – Diocesan Blue Mass to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: Offer thanks to God for the dedication and sacrifices made by the women and men in Law Enforcement/Corrections and to pray for their safety, as well as for their families and communities. In addition to members and their

families, community members and supporters are invited to attend.

Contact: To Father Christopher Carrara, Blue Mass Committee Chair at ccarrara@rcdony.org, or by phone at 315-605-1039

HARVEST YOUTH RALLY

Carthage – Youth Rally to be held.

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 3 p.m. to 6

Place: Augustinian Academy

Features: An evening of faith, friends, food and fun. Mass will be held at St. James Church at 5 p.m. Dinner will be provided by the Ava Marie Circle and Catholic apparel will be available for purchase.

Contact: Please RSVP by September 30 by calling the St. James Rectory at 315-493-3224.

LIFECHAIN

Stand up for life at this year's LIFECHAIN offered in five locations in our diocese.

Date: Oct. 7

Schedule: Massena - Main Street at Route 37, 3 p.m. to 4 - Charles Shearer 315-769-0898; Plattsburgh - Smithfield Blvd at Route 3, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 - Jack Lukasiewicz 518-562-1175; Potsdam - Market Street at Main Street, 2 p.m. to 3 - Tylor Starkey 315-265-9680; Saranac Lake - Bandshell Park at River St., 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 - The Miners 518-524-0774; Schroon Lake - Route 9 and Main at Fairfield Ave., 2 p.m. to 3 - Dorothy Bean 518-834-7958

Features: A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Signs are provided. We stand for life rain or shine.

For more info: www.lifechain.net

THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

Ogdensburg – Enjoy a one day family event for men, women & teens.

Date: Oct. 13

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Our keynote speaker will be Johnette Benkovic Williams, who, together with Thomas Sullivan and Sue Brinkman will present strategies for living our faith out loud so that we may be beacons of hope in a noisy and confused world.

Includes Morning Prayer, presentations, Mass with Bishop LaValley, evening presentations for teens, and will conclude with a Healing Rosary service.

Contact: For more information: see www.rcdony.org/familyevent