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Learn more about this crisis, and about an event that will focus on its impact here in the North Country.

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WITH CLASS



Fifteen men from the Diocese of Ogdensburg are now six months into their formation to become deacons. The men meet one weekend each month from September to June at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg. Their courses include Scripture, Liturgy, Spirituality, Social Justice and Public Speaking. In years two and three, the curriculum will include Canon Law, Theology, Pastoral Practice and Homiletics. Ordination for this class will occur in 2021. Class members include, front row, Patrick Jank, St. Patrick's, Watertown; second row, Gerald Bouchard, Immaculate Conception, Brownville, Robert Uttendorfsky, St. Peter's, Lowville, Randy Besio, St. Peter's, Massena; third row, Michael Lieber, St. Mary's, Constableville, Mark Webster, St. Joseph's, West Chazy, Kenneth Racette, St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh, James Carlin, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh, Peter Woolschlager, St. Stephen's, Croghan; fourth row, Noel Voos, St. Mary's, Evans Mills, Kenneth Lushia, St. Joseph's, West Chazy, Brent Davison, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh, Roderic Roca, Notre Dame/St. Mary's Ogdensburg, Lee Trudeau, St. Mary's, Brushton/St. Augustine's, North Bangor, and Daniel LeRoy, St. Theresa of Avila, Theresa.

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See how your parish is progressing toward its goals.

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Pope: Love for God leads to care for others

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – People cannot feel authentic compassion for others if they do not feel true love for Christ, Pope Francis said.

"Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch his flesh in the flesh of those who suffer in body or spirit. Touch in order to let ourselves be touched" by God, he told members of the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God.

Understanding God's mercy and shaping one's life to conform to Christ and his compassion lead to doing what is good in the world and healing all kinds of illnesses and infirmities, he said.

The pope made his remarks Feb. 1 during an audience with members of the order's general chapter, which was taking place Jan. 14-Feb. 6 in Rome.

The order's founder, St. John of God, was passionate about God and compassionate toward the sick and the poor, the pope said. "Passion and compassion" are gifts from the Holy Spirit that give energy and meaning to their mission of caring for the sick, destitute and infirm.

In fact, he said, "there can be no authentic compassion for others if there is no

loving passion for Jesus."

In the midst of so "many signs of death" in today's culture, Pope Francis told the religious brothers to take inspiration from the good Samaritan, who had very few means and very little power, but was attentive and let himself be moved by the suffering that he saw.

This "concern for another's life under threat

brings the best out of his humanity" in his tender, loving care for the man lying half-dead along the road.

"In this gesture of pure altruism and great humanity lies the secret of your identity," he told the brothers, urging them to keep alive the presence of the mercy of Jesus, who always identified with the poor, the sick and those in need.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

An encounter with a famous rodent

It was just after 3 a.m., the temperature was hovering around 17 degrees, and I had my foot on top of a pile of snow banked along an outdoor stage and a camera around my neck. It was Groundhog Day.

I worked for nearly three years for *The Punxsutawney Spirit*, the newspaper based in that western Pennsylvania borough – what we call a village in New York – known for its furry weather prognosticator.

The whole news staff had to work what we lovingly called “hog day.” Some of the staff was tasked with crowd coverage – finding

people from far removed places and interviewing them. Others were there to take photos of the festivities. My job was to stand on that snow bank, secure a good spot, throw elbows with crews from TV stations and media outlets from around the nation, and capture one photo: the handlers hoisting Punxsutawney Phil into the air, or as I liked to say, “the moment they pulled the rat out of the hole.”

When I was pursuing my education, I had no idea it was preparing me to take a picture of a rodent. In fact, if someone went back in

time and told college-aged me about my career trajectory, I would’ve been incredulous, at best. I never would’ve imagined that I’d photograph Groundhog Day, that I’d one day work in a place that required a hard hat, that I’d work in Human Resources, that I’d work in health care or that I’d work for the church. College-aged me would’ve likely told you I’d be a lawyer or teacher by the time I was approaching 40.

While a rodent can (allegedly) predict the weather, I couldn’t predict where my life would take me, despite my best efforts and planning. Whenever I thought I had “my way” mapped out, it seems God had something

else in store. Sometimes, God changed my course with my cooperation, sometimes it was with me kicking, screaming and crying.

Also on Groundhog Day, Feb. 2, we marked World Day for Consecrated Life, when we celebrate and pray for the men and women who were willing to say “yes” to God’s call and His plan for their lives, embracing the unpredictability of a life of service. If you encounter one of our outstanding consecrated men or women, please thank them for their service and pray for them.

And let’s pray Punxsutawney Phil was correct in that “early spring” prediction.



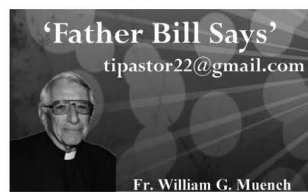
Darcy L.
Fargo

Are we loving as we’re called to love?

Today, I would like to start by describing for you where I am writing this column. I am very comfortable, but this makes me a bit uncomfortable, because I know that you folks back home are being barraged. I must tell you that I often watch the weather channel, so I can keep track of you and your old-fashioned winter.

I am now sitting on the patio outside a gorgeous Italian bakery on a sunny, warm day. I just ordered a cappuccino and a biscotti. They are playing this great music. All of this just for me; no one else is here today.

I am now looking over the Scriptures so that I can prepare a homily for this Sunday, Super Sunday. As you read this you have already celebrated Super Sunday (football reference, but every Sunday is a Super Sunday). So, as I look over the Scriptures for my homily, I will be reminding you of what you have already listened to and prayed



over.

As you remember, the Second Reading at Mass on Sunday was St. Paul’s ode to love, First Corinthians, Chapter 12. I am certain that this is the most favorite Scripture reading of most Catholics. I have noticed recently that many families choose this Scripture for a funeral Mass for a loved one. It has become a tribute to their loved one’s loving spirit.

This continues to be a favorite reading at weddings, of course. I like to consider this wonderful Scripture reading as a challenge for us all. How am I doing as a dedicated Christian loving person? Well, how did I do yesterday? Was I patient? Was I kind? Or did I think only of my own per-

sonal interests? Was I an unselfish person?

St. Paul’s message in this reading could be a perfect way to start the day. Will I be a good person today? Will I rejoice only in the truth? Will I remember that love bears all things? “So, faith, hope, love remain, these three but the greatest of these is love.”

And what about the Gospel reading. It is really a shocker, isn’t it? Here is Jesus in his own home town synagogue. Some people find Jesus most admirable. Others, however, find him too much, the Gospel tells us. Jesus mentions two miracle stories from Elijah and Elisha. However, in both stories it is a Gentile who is benefited. The people seem to think Jesus likes those guys better than us guys. So, they prepare to throw Jesus out of town.

Religious conflicts continue to be part of our world. I remember when the Second Vatican Council encouraged the Ecumenical Movement –

meetings and services with those of various religious groups. We were all encouraged to develop better relationships with other faiths. However, there were many who didn’t like this idea at all. They seemed to miss Jesus’ message. The Lord came to this world for us all, to save us all.

Here is a possible example: doing a jigsaw puzzle. When was the last time you did a jigsaw puzzle, taking a bunch of small pieces and putting them together to form a beautiful picture? It can be a good test of patience, an adventure of finding the right colors that go together, noticing how they fit together, understanding each piece’s place in the whole picture. Could our relationships with others be a bit like a jigsaw puzzle? Do we truly understand those who are different from us? Some days, everyone seems to fit together so well. Other days, we cannot find one match.

FOLLOW ME

Don't let faith be whittled out of public sphere

The following is Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for last Sunday, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

As you know, whittling usually requires a small knife and some type of material that can be cut and reshaped. As we go around the North Country, we see artisans using even chainsaws to do some creative chiseling with impressive results. Wood, ivory and some types of stone have all been the medium for creative artistic expression. People can also whittle with words, using other people as their medium, seeking to "cut them down to size." Checkout counter tabloids often wildly praise a celebrity one month and the next month trash the same person.

In today's Gospel, the people of Nazareth say, in effect, "This Jesus may be all well and good, but we aren't in awe of him because we know his relatives. He's interesting but no big deal. We're not impressed." In the same breath they acknowledge and neutralize Him!

Jesus encountered many people who thought they had Him all figured out, who refused to budge from their judgments. Although Jesus' mission in life is not to upset people, the Good News eventually challenges our assumptions about God, ourselves and other people. In time, the Good News must confront every kind of idolatry, every attempt to cut God down to our size – even if that attempt to play God is made by people who claim that they are proud of their religion. Claiming to be a

Catholic school graduate or even a former altar server doesn't inoculate one from catching the deadly Cafeteria Catholic virus. Our Catholic political leaders need to understand this. The recent death-dealing decision to expand abortions in New York and the arrogant attack on the Catholic Church is a good example.

When we try to live out the Good News we have heard, people sometimes try to whittle us down to size, to neutralize the power of the Gospel. Many people will easily admit to being fanatical about a sports team, a TV show or some food but are absolutely terrified of being called fanatical about their religion. True religious fanaticism, of course, does exist. It can create its own comfort zone. Unconscionable terror and violence are often its rotten fruit.

But sometimes people apply the word "fanaticism" to others who simply allow religion to influence their entire life instead of a well-defined sliver of it. Somehow being religious has become a negative term in the mouths of many, a way of trying to neutralize people who question the status quo, who ask questions that threaten the comfort zone of those who play God. If we try to live a virtuous life or speak about the difference between right and wrong, like defending the life of the unborn, we are labeled as bigots or meddling in someone's right to do what they want.

Martin Luther King, Jr.,

whose national holiday we celebrated a couple of weeks ago, was often accused of "meddling" when he defended civil rights. Many Christians felt their comfort zone threatened by his work. Since the dreadful day in 1973 when the nation's highest court ruled that it was legal to kill unborn babies, Pro-Lifers have prayed, marched, and voted for Life. They challenge the

comfort zones of so many who would prefer to allow abortions to become a given fact of life. Today, tragically too many seem to believe that such "religious fanatics" as Pro-Lifers should be whittled down to size and neutralized.

We come to this Eucharist to be challenged by the Word of God, to be strengthened for a journey during which we may

meet opposition precisely because we seek to follow Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In this sacred space, we grow strong roots, nurtured with God's Word and the Bread from Heaven. We can and will weather any storm as we try to follow our Lord. We cannot, we simply will not go away. Through it all – May God be praised...forever may God be praised!



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

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Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

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Dates/Times/Location

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Massena: Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm Sacred Heart Church
Gouverneur: Thursdays, starting February 21, 6:30-8:30 St. James School Library

Registration

<https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorce-support-group.html>

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A look at modern slavery

Submitted by **Mary Palamar**
St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay

Since biblical times, the world has been plagued by human slavery. Unfortunately, it still exists in the world today, more than any other time in human history. Human trafficking, a form of slavery, has become a worldwide humanitarian crisis.

In many countries in the world, child labor exists, with children working

long hours, deprived of any schooling and often in unsafe conditions, and exposed to hazardous substances. Cobalt mined by children is used in batteries in common devices, such as cell phones and laptops, which are sold here. In other countries, men and young boys are enslaved in cocoa farms. The cocoa they harvest winds up in our chocolate.

In other countries, men

working on fishing ships are deprived of basic necessities. The seafood they catch often winds up on our tables. There are many more examples of products used in the United States that are produced by the forced labor of children, men and women.

In the United States, many are surprised to learn that slavery still exists. There may not be the same types of abuses,

such as children working on cocoa farms, but we do have human trafficking. In 2000, the first set of Federal Laws were passed to address how the country could eliminate human trafficking.

These laws have been updated as more and more work has been done on this issue. The latest version, signed into law Jan. 9, 2019, requires education in our communities about how we inform our members to recognize and prevent trafficking. It encourages faith-based programs to collaborate with other agencies, such as social services, law enforcement, medical personnel and providers of safe housing to rescued victims.

The Catholic Church, recognizing the dignity of the human person, has long been concerned about slavery. Our last three popes have written about the need to eliminate human trafficking.

The local impact

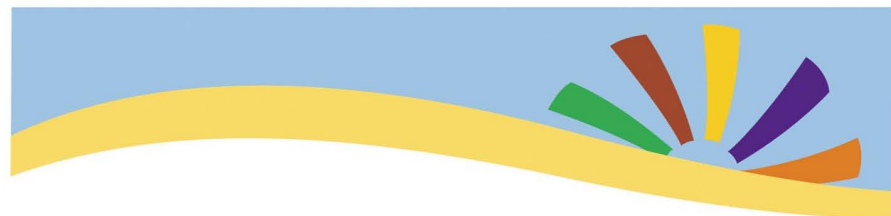
Learn more about human trafficking in the North Country at **"Human Trafficking: Protecting Our Children; What's Happening in Our Own Backyard?"**

The event includes presentations by Salka Valerio, a case worker at Crime Victim Assistance Center in Binghamton and a Survivor of victim of trafficking, as well as Victoria Recor of Watertown, parent of a trafficked survivor.

The presentation, rescheduled from a previous date due to weather, will run on Feb. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Hearthsides Hospitality Center, located at 1425 Washington Street in Watertown.

The event, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph Social Justice Committee, is free and open to the public.

The church has declared Feb. 8 as an International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.



Women's Discernment Group

Come pray and discuss with other women how to know what God has in mind for you.

Who: Any woman seeking to find God's plan, from grade 11 up through adult

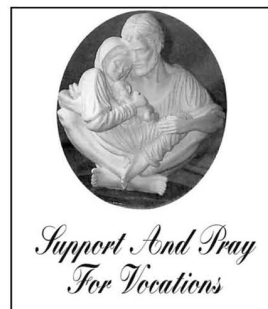


When: Sunday March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7th

Where: Potsdam, St. Mary's Rectory, 5-7 pm
Plattsburgh, Newman Center 1-3 pm
Watertown, Hearthsides Room, 1425 Washington St.
5-7 pm

Dinner will be provided. For more information, contact Cathy Russell, crussell@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920.

Registration is requested by emailing Shayne Lippincott at slippincott@rcdony.org.




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For more information on ACA, go to www.adultchildren.org

Environmental Stewardship

What can you do?

Last week, we reflected on the rising number of environmental refugees fleeing from their homes due to increased floods, droughts, violent storms, erosion of valuable farmland caused by changing climate around the world. During a recent presentation in Plattsburgh, nearly 300 people heard Bill McKibben speak of the urgent need for each of us to do our part in reversing the devastating effects of global warming. McKibben, an author and speaker, has traveled the world advocating for the 350.org Program in more than 188 countries with the goal of reducing the use of fossil fuels and other causes of global warming. Several 350.org groups are present in our own North Country.

The mission of 350.org states: "Climate change is not just an environmental issue, or a social justice issue, or an economic issue — it's all of those at once. It's one of the biggest challenges humanity has ever faced, and we are going to have to work together to solve it."

What does the light of our faith bring to this challenge? In Genesis 2:15, we are called to be good stewards of the earth. Gospel / Justice calls us to care for the poor.

In Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si, On Care for our Common Home*, he sees these two "cries" as interconnected as one. #49 He urgently appeals, "for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." #14

What can I do as a person of faith to respond to this urgent challenge? Some suggestions: (1). *Read Laudato Si: On Caring for our Common Home*, (online from USCCB or free from Dynamic Catholic Publication). (2) Google: www.GlobalCatholicClimateMovement.org and 350.org. In the next weeks, we will be looking at a recent comprehensive plan developed by top scientists around the world on ways that you and I can help reverse global warming. Make a commitment to be part of the solution!

Bishop's Public Schedule

Feb. 7-10 — Meeting with the Deacons of the Josephinum and the Apostolic Nuncio in Washington, DC

Feb. 11 — 7:15 p.m. — Novena followed by Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Feb. 12 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Feb. 13 — 10:50 a.m. — Mass at St. Joseph's Home

Rest in Peace

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

Feb. 6 — Msgr. Gerard Gefell, 2009

Feb. 8 — Msgr. Patrick Bernard Riley, 1981

Feb. 9 — Rev. Claude M. F. Sallaz, O.M.I., 1873; Rev. Joseph Weldon Barry, 1945; Rev. Howard James Kennedy, 1971

Feb. 10 — Rev. Zephirin Peloquin, M.S.C., 1944; Msgr. William J. Argy, 2005

Feb. 11 — Deacon David P. Wells, 2017

Feb. 12 — Rev. Richard O'Donnell, 1949

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terri- anne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 31 Sixth Street, Malone, NY 12953; terriannyanulavich@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

Cardinal Dolan pans Cuomo for criticism of church

NEW YORK (CNS) — New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan in a Sirius XM broadcast Jan. 29 criticized Gov. Andrew Cuomo for his "stinging criticism of the Catholic Church" in singling out Catholics over the crisis surrounding the sexual abuse of minors.

"He really caricatured the church and only the church, singling it out for the sexual abuse of minors and contesting that we were the ones that had blocked the Child Victims Act," Cardinal Dolan told

Father Dave Dwyer, co-host of "Conversation With Cardinal Dolan," which airs every Tuesday afternoon on Sirius XM's The Catholic Channel.

"And then misquoting, taking out of context, Pope Francis, and to flaunt his dissent from established church teaching and to use all that as an applause line," the cardinal said of the governor.

He was referring to Cuomo's State of the State address in which he cited his own Catholic faith and Pope Francis and at the same time emphasized his full backing of a bill — now signed in to law — to radically expand abortion access in the state. Cuomo also criticized the state's Catholic bishops for their earlier opposition to the Child Victims Act, also now a law.

The new law makes it easier for abuse victim-survivors to sue. The bishops did support the final measure because it included both private and public institutions. Earlier versions only targeted the church.

Cuomo also criticized the Catholic bishops in a

news conference and radio interview Jan. 28 claiming that despite the teachings of Christ about "truth and justice," the bishops resisted justice for victims and had worked to protect the church over doing justice.

"I found that very hurtful, I found that very disappointing and most of all I found it terribly inaccurate," Cardinal Dolan told Father Dwyer according to a transcript of the show provided by Sirius XM.

He said he had not watched Cuomo's address live and when he watched a videotape of it, he thought someone was imitating the governor, because he couldn't believe his "stinging criticism."

"Now we know and he knows that if you want to talk about sexual abuse of minors, you're talking about families, foster care programs, public schools," Cardinal Dolan said. "You're talking about organizations, every religion, you're talking about public schools, it is a societal, cultural problem. There is no occupation that is freed from it."

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.

Upcoming sessions:

Feb. 25 — 5 p.m., St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Tupper Lake

Letters to the Editor

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“It’s Our Church, It’s Our Future” Capital Campaign Update

Scott LaLone

Development office Executive Director

The “It’s Our Church, It’s Our Future” Diocesan-wide capital campaign is wrapping up its active phase over the next few weeks, as 96 parishes have participated and nearly \$14 million in gifts and pledges have been promised or received from over 6,500 parishioners thus far. Including a parish that held its own campaign in 2016 and another anticipated parish campaign in 2020, the numbers project to \$15 million.

The \$16.3 million Capital Campaign kicked off late in the spring of 2018 (with the exception of Morristown and Potsdam, which started campaigns late in 2017 because of immediate need).

The campaign was staged in three blocks. Nineteen parishes participated in the active phase in the spring of 2018, 40 parishes conducted their active phase in the summer, and the final 35 parishes began near the end of 2018 and wrapped up in the early months of 2019.

Block Three parishioners will be receiving a follow-up mailing in the coming weeks, while Block One and Two loyal supporters still prayerfully considering a gift will receive a final campaign contribution request.

The 2018 Bishop’s Fund Appeal (BFA), \$1.3 million, was included in the \$16.3 million Capital Campaign. After a parish reaches its 2018 BFA goal, 75 percent of the contributions are dedicated to the parish direct needs as stated in their case statements, while 25 percent is directed toward their indirect needs including priest retirement, education of seminarians, Camp Guggenheim projects and St. Mary’s Cathedral capital improvements.

To date (see Capital Campaign chart below and on page 7), understanding Block three is still completing the active phase, 28 parishes have reached or went beyond their goals (if all pledges are paid), while another 26 parishes are currently at 75 percent or better. The overall campaign is at 84 percent of its goal with nearly a 20 percent participation rate of Diocese of Ogdensburg parishioners.

If you have any questions regarding making a gift or pledge or regarding your current gift or pledge, please feel free to contact the Development Office at 315-393-2920.

The 2019 Bishop’s Fund Appeal will return in late summer supporting the numerous ministries and needs the Annual Appeal continuously assists through the generous contributions from parishioners of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



<u>Parish</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Campaign Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Cash Gifts & Pledge Payments Received</u>	<u>Total of all Pledges paid</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>Participation Rate</u>
St. Agnes Church	Lake Placid	\$250,288.00	\$209,781.00	\$340,741.86	\$475,395.75	190%	106	21%
St. Philip of Jesus Church	Willsboro/Essex	\$99,116.00	\$170,770.00	\$25,395.73	\$180,912.98	183%	46	22%
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Schroon Lake	\$127,061.00	\$192,881.82	\$69,662.04	\$219,366.82	173%	97	55%
St. Brendan's Church	Keene	\$45,318.00	\$49,383.67	\$44,931.42	\$77,437.67	171%	40	38%
St. Mary's Church	Constableville	\$58,710.00	\$93,550.00	\$15,398.33	\$100,290.00	171%	29	28%
St. Mary's Church	Potsdam	\$317,257.00	\$410,851.00	\$321,876.94	\$518,318.72	163%	161	37%
St. Raphael's Church	Heuvelton	\$76,149.00	\$115,150.00	\$37,307.54	\$124,348.00	163%	54	24%
RCC of Morristown, Hammond & Rossie	Morristown	\$190,430.00	\$240,040.00	\$212,149.19	\$301,054.68	158%	121	43%
St. Mary's Church	Brushton	\$96,006.00	\$99,955.00	\$65,653.29	\$141,909.00	148%	51	44%
St. Mary's Church	Ticonderoga	\$335,777.00	\$383,480.00	\$201,995.76	\$464,115.00	138%	127	18%
St. Andrew's Church	Sackets Harbor	\$115,745.00	\$123,400.00	\$55,419.86	\$155,410.00	134%	52	34%
St. Joseph's Church	Olmstedville	\$52,804.00	\$51,316.00	\$29,223.64	\$69,655.06	132%	27	39%
St. Mary's Church	Waddington	\$93,015.00	\$89,410.00	\$57,074.66	\$122,462.00	132%	47	32%
St. Augustine's Church	North Bangor	\$96,493.00	\$112,538.00	\$23,063.75	\$122,548.00	127%	73	39%
St. Mary's Church	Indian Lake	\$76,931.00	\$90,740.00	\$22,953.66	\$97,337.66	127%	44	47%
Queen of Heaven Church	Henderson	\$94,553.00	\$87,820.00	\$55,623.75	\$119,310.00	126%	71	45%
St. Ann's Church	Wells	\$51,930.00	\$42,350.00	\$29,184.00	\$61,740.00	119%	38	20%

Parish	City	Campaign Goal	Pledged	Cash Gifts & Pledge Payments Received	Total of all Pledges paid	% of Goal	# of Donors	Participation Rate
St. James Major Church	Lake Pleasant	\$73,752.00	\$66,960.00	\$34,785.00	\$86,205.00	117%	52	22%
St. Cecilia's Church	Adams	\$153,036.00	\$149,916.00	\$44,112.22	\$172,172.49	113%	70	13%
St. John the Baptist Church	Madrid	\$48,865.00	\$44,550.00	\$20,695.00	\$54,935.00	112%	29	40%
St. Mary's Church	Clayton	\$275,272.00	\$237,386.00	\$127,054.58	\$304,079.25	110%	129	23%
St. Mary's Cathedral	Ogdensburg	\$454,904.00	\$389,904.00	\$186,880.11	\$486,557.13	107%	224	20%
St. Philip Neri Church	Westport	\$48,809.00	\$31,400.00	\$27,954.00	\$51,929.00	106%	30	51%
Catholic Community of Alexandria	Alexandria Bay	\$201,724.00	\$172,500.00	\$86,194.79	\$213,739.12	106%	98	36%
St. Hubert's Church	Star Lake	\$75,311.00	\$62,820.00	\$26,662.66	\$78,658.00	104%	39	17%
Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's	Morrisonville	\$348,871.00	\$322,890.00	\$115,039.50	\$355,750.00	102%	128	13%
St. Augustine's Church	Peru	\$352,427.00	\$323,065.00	\$133,759.85	\$357,993.00	102%	124	21%
St. James Church	Gouverneur	\$213,594.00	\$195,470.00	\$71,705.88	\$213,770.00	100%	66	12%
Our Lady of Victory Church	Plattsburgh	\$195,412.00	\$51,580.00	\$147,821.43	\$192,357.00	98%	42	8%
St. Ann's Church	Moers Forks	\$123,338.00	\$91,972.00	\$43,898.00	\$117,647.00	95%	68	45%
St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake	Inlet/Raquette Lake	\$87,364.00	\$51,750.00	\$52,744.67	\$82,569.67	95%	45	31%
Church of the Holy Name	AuSable Forks	\$129,445.00	\$91,300.00	\$52,602.74	\$122,255.20	94%	88	48%
Catholic Community of Constable	Constable	\$121,721.00	\$100,520.00	\$22,082.25	\$112,487.00	92%	45	20%
St. Andre' Bessette Parish	Malone	\$61,648.00	\$492,598.40	\$128,095.42	\$559,620.88	91%	203	13%
St. Elizabeth Church	Elizabethtown	\$66,229.00	\$41,700.00	\$26,701.65	\$59,860.00	90%	31	26%
St. Martin's Church	Port Leyden	\$57,873.00	\$45,020.00	\$13,390.00	\$52,080.00	90%	29	19%
Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Chaumont, Rosiere	Cape Vincent	\$199,659.00	\$119,930.00	\$76,583.37	\$174,105.00	87%	118	39%
St. Mary's of the Fort Church	Fort Covington	\$96,342.00	\$77,205.00	\$10,346.65	\$82,200.00	85%	39	27%
St. Andrew's Church	Norwood	\$130,026.00	\$89,200.00	\$40,035.14	\$110,665.00	85%	63	22%
St. Stephen's Church	Croghan	\$19,534.00	\$3,665.00	\$15,292.75	\$16,609.00	85%	137	41%
Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Crown Point	\$68,567.00	\$47,488.00	\$18,457.98	\$58,120.10	85%	28	18%
St. Mary's Church	Canton	\$385,324.00	\$271,597.99	\$137,504.98	\$323,705.99	84%	115	17%
St. Paul's Church	Blue Mtn Lake	\$21,220.00	\$17,400.00	\$3,185.42	\$17,550.00	83%	11	50%
Catholic Community of Brownville & Dexter	Brownville/Dexter	\$175,157.00	\$119,660.00	\$45,384.06	\$144,710.00	83%	62	12%
St. Philip and James Church	Lisbon	\$48,445.00	\$38,059.00	\$12,085.50	\$39,054.00	81%	26	21%
St. Edmund's Church	Ellenburg	\$166,602.00	\$109,765.00	\$34,083.34	\$132,225.00	79%	70	20%
St. Margaret's Church	Wilmington	\$33,710.00	\$24,410.00	\$7,339.25	\$26,600.00	79%	22	71%
St. Mary's Church	Evans Mills	\$59,772.00	\$46,560.00	\$6,804.78	\$46,910.00	78%	15	24%
Church of the Holy Family	Watertown	\$554,599.00	\$373,134.00	\$146,029.61	\$431,571.00	78%	188	20%
St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish	Tupper Lake	\$292,293.00	\$199,875.00	\$64,146.86	\$227,053.88	78%	132	11%
Catholic Community of Burke & Chateaugay	Chateaugay	\$196,551.00	\$141,860.36	\$29,842.65	\$152,150.36	77%	61	17%
Catholic Community of Moriah	Port Henry	\$199,364.00	\$133,772.00	\$51,867.50	\$152,927.00	77%	81	20%
Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond	Norfolk	\$148,451.00	\$90,685.00	\$38,468.75	\$111,365.00	75%	42	7%
St. Mary's Church	Glenfield	\$76,224.00	\$46,800.00	\$26,907.50	\$57,120.00	75%	34	26%
St. John's Church	Plattsburgh	\$628,182.00	\$395,705.00	\$145,059.87	\$466,344.00	74%	201	29%
St. Peter's Church	Plattsburgh	\$761,784.00	\$442,904.00	\$183,275.08	\$548,020.00	72%	213	12%
St. John's Church	Lyons Falls	\$40,451.00	\$23,960.00	\$8,460.00	\$28,780.00	71%	19	20%
Sacred Heart Church	Edwards	\$24,108.00	\$15,000.00	\$4,521.00	\$16,695.00	69%	12	19%
Church of the Holy Angels	Altona	\$109,218.00	\$63,580.00	\$20,737.85	\$71,925.00	66%	30	15%
St. John The Evangelist Church	LaFargeville	\$41,708.00	\$22,420.00	\$9,105.54	\$27,465.00	66%	20	17%
St. Peter's Church	Lowville	\$394,837.00	\$210,840.00	\$108,777.25	\$259,099.00	66%	117	36%
St. Patrick's Church	Watertown	\$394,857.00	\$182,680.00	\$122,529.52	\$255,221.00	65%	117	27%
St. Bernard's Church	Saranac Lake	\$484,254.00	\$266,118.19	\$104,264.92	\$312,229.87	64%	136	12%
St. James Church	Cadyville	\$139,482.00	\$64,020.00	\$43,875.31	\$89,560.00	64%	50	22%
St. Mary's Nativity Church	West Leyden	\$37,004.00	\$19,460.00	\$6,426.00	\$23,745.00	64%	19	26%
St. Patrick's Church	Brasher Falls	\$164,025.00	\$86,155.00	\$39,715.73	\$104,317.50	64%	54	13%
St. Paul's Church	Black River	\$97,165.00	\$56,000.00	\$15,131.58	\$59,700.00	61%	25	24%
Notre Dame Church	Ogdensburg	\$316,870.00	\$156,850.00	\$73,027.98	\$189,985.83	60%	158	24%
St. Bartholomew's Church	Old Forge	\$108,308.00	\$42,700.00	\$30,967.61	\$64,418.86	59%	46	27%
Church of the Assumption	Redford	\$113,921.00	\$53,905.00	\$17,521.49	\$66,635.00	58%	41	12%
St. Patrick's Church	Colton	\$155,085.00	\$74,990.00	\$27,991.25	\$90,500.00	58%	79	22%
St. James Minor Church	Carthage	\$120,384.00	\$6,695.00	\$67,155.00	\$70,026.00	58%	154	19%
St. Joseph's Church	Dannemora	\$162,187.00	\$80,214.00	\$23,914.16	\$92,419.00	57%	61	14%
St. Bernard's Church	Lyon Mountain	\$133,713.00	\$64,016.00	\$17,787.89	\$75,286.00	56%	46	27%
St. Patrick's Church	Rouses Point	\$216,043.00	\$108,058.00	\$27,621.92	\$120,618.00	56%	82	18%
Catholic Community of Keeseville	Keeseville	\$225,561.00	\$101,314.00	\$45,485.01	\$124,526.65	55%	105	16%
St. Mary's Church	Champlain	\$162,513.00	\$82,900.00	\$20,851.91	\$89,145.00	55%	61	34%
St. Francis Solanus Church	Harrisville	\$63,777.00	\$33,220.00	\$6,232.50	\$34,895.00	55%	25	17%
St. Peter's Church	Massena	\$1,048,661.00	\$510,690.64	\$159,237.42	\$566,707.55	54%	264	11%
St. Anthony's Church	Watertown	\$371,245.00	\$167,375.00	\$76,014.11	\$197,130.00	53%	108	28%
St. Theresa of Avila's Church	Theresa	\$16,010.00	\$7,550.00	\$1,380.00	\$8,330.00	52%	7	18%
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church	Watertown	\$279,370.00	\$121,140.00	\$45,317.30	\$143,045.00	51%	83	15%
St. Mary's Church	Copenhagen	\$72,862.00	\$32,588.00	\$10,580.66	\$37,129.00	51%	27	16%
St. Joseph's Church	Philadelphia	\$35,803.00	\$13,800.00	\$7,841.00	\$17,920.00	50%	11	26%
St. Therese Church	Newcomb	\$38,700.00	\$15,760.00	\$4,209.56	\$16,707.81	43%	12	29%
St. Hedwig's Church	Houseville	\$47,495.00	\$18,656.00	\$5,730.00	\$20,211.00	43%	19	44%
Sacred Heart Church	Chazy	\$157,858.00	\$40,760.00	\$24,705.00	\$60,055.00	38%	36	9%
St. Joseph's Church	West Chazy	\$176,948.00	\$50,820.00	\$20,916.00	\$65,922.00	37%	51	8%
St. Lawrence Church	North Lawrence	\$47,047.00	\$15,600.00	\$4,970.00	\$17,295.00	37%	11	11%
St. Henry's Church	Long Lake	\$55,365.00	\$15,870.00	\$6,855.00	\$20,240.00	37%	17	26%
Church of the Holy Cross	Hopkinton	\$24,993.00	\$6,980.00	\$1,887.50	\$7,550.00	30%	8	24%
St. Rita's Church	Deferiet	\$28,800.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,451.00	\$8,500.00	30%	7	21%
St. Joseph's Church	Bombay	\$77,451.00	\$17,990.00	\$5,145.00	\$21,210.00	27%	16	21%
St. Joseph's Church	Moers	\$66,297.00	\$10,600.00	\$6,105.00	\$14,665.00	22%	14	17%
St. Ann's Church	St. Regis Falls	\$91,607.00	\$6,340.00	\$3,781.00	\$9,745.00	11%	18	19%
St. Louis of France Church	Sciota	\$30,831.00	\$0.00	\$1,010.00	\$1,010.00	3%	2	3%
Special Deanery	Special		\$18,800.00	\$34,747.00	\$48,879.00		17	4%
Totals		\$16,451,798.00	\$11,207,808.07	\$5,329,520.18	\$13,894,725.50	84%	6567	19%

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

It takes courage to answer God's call

When you ask children what they want to be when they grow up, the answers range all the way from fireman or astronaut or nurse – to president! Wouldn't we be surprised if a child were to tell us that they want to be a "disciple of Jesus?"

In the greatest writing of Pope Francis, his encyclical called "The Joy of the Gospel," our Holy Father tells us that we're all called to be disciples. Until every Catholic Christian is convinced of

this, the church will never be what Jesus wants it to be.

This Sunday's readings are all about the call of both Isaiah and Peter to answer God's call. They both felt unworthy to accept, but finally have the courage to say "yes." Isaiah has a vision of God sitting on his throne, trying to find someone to clean up the disastrous mess left by King Uzziah. After an angel has touched his lips with a burning coal, Isaiah cries out, "Here I



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

February 2

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

READINGS

Isaiah 6: 1-21, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Luke 5: 1-11

am – send me."

In the Gospel, Jesus has been preaching to the crowds from a fishing boat. He finally turns to the frustrated fisherman who has nothing to show for the night's work and says, "put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter reluctantly does as the Master asks, and to his surprise, finds the nets

almost breaking with the weight of hundreds of large fish. He calls for help to the second boat.

Peter falls to his knees and cries out "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus says in reply, "Do not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching men." Peter and his fellow fishermen, James and John, immediately leave the means of their livelihood for a life filled with uncertainty and danger.

What courage and generosity of heart it took for Peter and his companions, as well as for Isaiah in the Old Testament, to answer the

Lord's call. But they transformed the lives of thousands!

The season of Lent begins in another three weeks. It's a perfect time for us to reflect on the urgings of Pope Francis to overcome our fear of being unworthy, as well as our indifference to the crisis of our present times.

In what ways will we accept the level of discipleship to which Christ is personally calling us?

Remember, the Lord knows our talents better than we do. He could choose just the job that would make us really happy. Just ask Him!

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

The welcome outreach of perinatal hospice

During the course of pregnancy, receiving an adverse prenatal diagnosis can be a tremendously jolting experience for parents. In severe cases, physicians may tell them that their unborn child has a condition that is "incompatible with life."

While some children with this diagnosis may still receive helpful treatments and manage to live or even thrive for years, in other cases, no realistic treatment options exist and they may live only a matter of minutes or hours following their birth, particularly when they are born with severely damaged or missing vital organs. Sometimes it can be preferable to refer to the situation as one in which the unborn child is "affected by a lethal condition."

Prior to the development of prenatal screen-

ing technologies and genetic testing, doctors who delivered stillborn or terminally ill babies would often shuttle them away from their mothers to die, leaving the parents and family without a sense of closure or resolution. These losses were basically viewed and treated as "non-events" and the emotions and grief experienced by the family received little attention or notice. In recent years, there has fortunately been a growing awareness of the grief associated with all forms of perinatal loss, whether from miscarriage, stillbirth, newborn death, or direct abortion.

The prenatal diagnosis of a lethal anomaly creates a challenging and unusual situation for many families when they are informed of their baby's terminal condition weeks, or even months before their child's death.

What was once a surprise miscarriage or a surprise loss after birth becomes an anticipated and foreseen event.

In the wake of the diagnosis, medical professionals will sometimes recommend and pressure parents to abort their unborn child.

This unsatisfactory choice often relegates them to never reaching meaningful closure with respect to the difficult pregnancy they have traversed. It also tempts them to act contrary to every protective parental instinct they have, and deny the reality of their newest family member, as if he or she can simply disappear through the termination.

Many hospitals and obstetrics programs, however, are now offering an improved alternative

known as "perinatal hospice." This approach seeks to set up a particular supportive environment within the hospital or another setting in which all the members of the family can receive the child following delivery, hold and name the newborn, and fully acknowledge his or her brief but meaningful life.



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Perinatal hospice support staff will typically inquire as to what the parents and family would like to see happen, and try to tailor the experience accordingly. Families can invite a religious leader into the room. They can make arrangements for baptism. They can take a mold of their infant's footprints in clay. They can take photos of the child in the arms of other

family members. If their baby will be born with a significant physical defect, like a tiny skull from microcephaly, the staff can arrange for a small winter's cap to cover the child's head if the family prefers. They can sing lullabies and pray together. Perinatal hospice staff remain nearby and available to provide emotional support or pain medication for a baby who appears uncomfortable, even as the child may shortly yield the breath of life and pass on.

In some cases, infants will have conditions that are not immediately fatal and they may be able to go home to be with family for a few days or weeks before passing on. Hospice care continues during this time, with ongoing input and support from the neonatal team.

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AT THE MOVIES

MISS BALA

NEW YORK (CNS) — "Miss Bala" (Columbia), director Catherine Hardwicke's remake of a well-received 2011 Spanish-language film, is meant to be the tale of an ordinary woman discovering her inner toughness when placed in extraordinary circumstances.

But those in search of something more than the climactic spectacle of Gina Rodriguez in an evening dress toting a high-powered rifle will come away disappointed.

Rodriguez plays initially mild-mannered, somewhat put-upon Los Angeles makeup artist Gloria. While Gloria is visiting her best friend, Suzu (Cristina Rodlo), in Tijuana, the two go out to a nightclub where they witness the attempted assassination of a local official.

In the chaos that follows, Suzu disappears. But when Gloria turns to the police for help finding Suzu, and offers to identify the culprits in the



CNS PHOTO/SONY PICTURES

Ricardo Abarca, Jorge Millan, Miguel Plata, Erick Delgado, Ismael Cruz and Gina Rodriguez star in a scene from the movie "Miss Bala."

failed rubout, she discovers that the officer to whom she has entrusted herself is in the pay of the powerful drug cartel behind the hit. The leader of this gang, Lino (Ismael Cruz Cordova), promptly arranges for Gloria's abduction.

After Lino blackmails Gloria into playing an unwitting role in the bomb-

ing of a DEA safehouse, she makes a break for it but winds up being kidnapped again, this time by DEA agent Brian (Matt Lauria). Brian threatens to send Gloria off to the penitentiary for decades unless she helps him catch Lino. Clearly, this girl can't get a break.

Improbabilities abound along Gloria's odyssey.

And there's little of note going on during her journey beyond a complex and charismatic performance from Cordova, who manages to make the Gloria's in-spite-of-herself connection with Lino seem somewhat believable.

Gareth Dunnet-Alcocer's script tries to give Lino some humanity and depth. So it's in character when he abandons a plan

to compel Gloria to have sex with him (the two are interrupted at the moment of truth) and instead contents himself with caressing her hand while lying next to her in bed.

Though rampant corruption leads to a muddying of the moral waters — it's hard to tell the good guys from the bad — the mayhem on screen is mostly bloodless, and the sexuality, as typified when hand-holding replaces rape, restrained. That makes "Miss Bala" acceptable for a wide swath of grownups.

The film contains considerable stylized violence, including gunplay and explosions, with only slight gore, a narcotics theme, some sensuality, brief partial nudity, and several crude expressions. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Perinatal hospice

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houn, two pioneers in the field of perinatal hospice, sum up this supportive and consoling form of care this way:

Perinatal hospice differs in emphasis, though not necessarily in kind, from other modes of perinatal health care. It focuses on the persons involved, rather than on the fetal pathology, and places the family in the central arena of care. It provides a continuum of support for the family from the time of diagnosis until death and beyond. It is marked by a cognizance that "dying

involves real people, even unborn fetuses; [and that] significant relationships are disrupted and familiar bonds are severed." Hospice allows time — time for bonding, loving, and losing; time so that the entire course of living and dying is a gradual process that is not jarringly interrupted... We believe that a structured and compassionate approach, such as that embodied in perinatal hospice, can be woven into the mainstream of pregnancy care to best facilitate the challenging, yet rewarding, task of helping these

families cope with the death of their youngest member, in comfort and with dignity.

Perinatal hospice offers an invaluable model of medical and interpersonal outreach, one that hopefully will continue to expand in the context of modern neonatal care.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Lake Placid – Rummage Sale to be held.

Date: March 9

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes School

Features: There is something for everyone. Come shop the treasures and find those items for bargain prices. Donations are now being accepted at the school for the sale.

Contact: Please call Kathleen Murphy at 518-523-3771.

CLINTON

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Peru – Peru Knights of Columbus to have spaghetti dinner to fund the Council's Coats for Kids program.

Date: Feb. 16

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Augustine's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 6-12, \$3; under 5, Free; Take-outs available.

FISHERS CLUB

Plattsburgh – The Lakesides Fishers Club will meet and discuss priesthood discernment.

Date: Feb. 17, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21, May 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church Upper Room

Features: Join for discernment, evening prayer & dinner. High school junior men and older are welcome.

Contact: Father Douglas Lucia, dluca@rcdony.org, or Father Howard Venette, hvenette@gmail.com, or just drop in.

FRANKLIN

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Chasm Falls – Lenten Day of Recollection to be held by the Ogdensburg Curial group.

Date: March 23

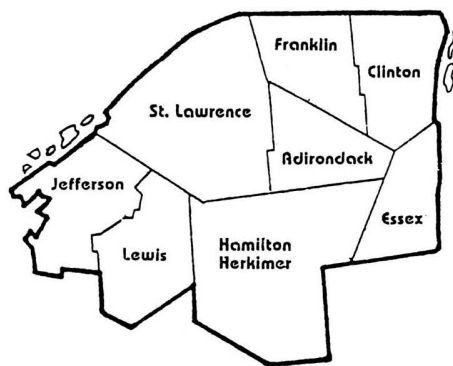
Time: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Helen's Church

Cost: A donation of \$10/adult is suggested upon arrival

Features: Join Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Father Albert Hauser, Father Alan Shnob, Father Jack Downs and Father Andrew Amyot for a day of talks, prayer, personal witness, recollection and opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Contact: Pre-register by mail, email



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.

or phone no later than March 15.

Kathyracette@gmail.com,
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518-578-3056, Ken and Kathy Racette,
679 Cumberland Head Rd, Plattsburgh,
NY 12901

JEFFERSON

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Watertown – Sisters of St. Joseph Social Justice Committee to have program about Human Trafficking happening in our own backyard.

Date: Feb. 9

Time: 1 p.m. to 3

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House Hearthside Hospitality Center

Speakers: Salka Valerio, Case Worker at Crime Victim Assistance Center, Binghamton and a Survivor of Victim of Trafficking; Victoria Recor, Parent of a Trafficked Survivor, Watertown

Features: For all who are concerned with the safety of our youth. Event is free and open to the public.

WINTER GALA

Carthage – 15th Annual winter gala to be held for Augustinian Academy.

Date: Feb. 9

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Elk's Club

Cost: \$40 per person or \$70 per couple

Features: Silent Auction, dinner and dancing.

Contact: Call the school for tickets at 315-493-1301. www.bit.ly/CAAGala

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner to be held to benefit Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: March 2

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

Contact: For more information call 315-629-4678

RETREAT

Watertown – Please join us for "Charisms: Discovering the Gifts We All Have to Share" retreat.

Date: March 23

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House

Features: The cost of the workshop is minimal, free will donation at the door. Facilitator will be Marika Donders. Mass and workshops to be held.

Contact: Please register prior to March 23 by going to It's easy to register, just click on the link below: <http://www.rcdony.org/formation/commissioned-layministers/clm-event-registration.html> or call Jeannie Grizuto at 315-393-2920.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: March 28

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

TI CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Clayton – The Thousand Islands Catholic Men's Group is a group of Catholic men who meet on a regular basis to discuss their experiences as Catholic men in today's society.

Date: Second Saturday of every month

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church Parish Center

Features: Come join us, whether you've been to a meeting before or not.

Contact: For further information contact Scott Beeles at 315-686-1303 or Gene Kleinhans at 315-482-3981.

LEWIS

LEWIS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Lewis Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: Feb. 21

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: To Thank God for & To Honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to one hour of exposition, silent adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet for Souls, and benediction. If inclement weather, service will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

ST. LAWRENCE

GALA

Gouverneur – Save the date for the St. James Gala.

Date: Feb. 9

Features: Join us for a taste of "The Sweet Life" in rich Tuscan style. The Italian themed dinner will be presented by chef Joe Pistolesi and family.

Contact: Tickets will be available Jan. 1 from any Gala Gal or by calling 315-287-0130

STEAK OR HADDOCK DINNER

Ogdensburg – Knights of Columbus Council #258 to have a dinner with the option of BBQ strip steak or haddock file.

Date: Feb. 22

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Adults, \$11; Seniors and Children, \$10

Contact: 315-393-7990 for more in-

formation and to buy tickets

DIOCESAN EVENTS

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce groups to be held for 12 weeks in Gouverneur.

Schedule: Feb. 21 at St. James

Church, Gouverneur

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

Features: The Surviving Divorce Program offers support and healing for people who are separated or divorced.

Contact: Contact Stephen Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org. To register go to:

<https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorce-support-group.html>

WOMEN DISCERNMENT GROUP

Women's discernment groups are forming in three areas of the diocese.

Date: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

Place: Potsdam, St. Mary's Rectory 5 p.m. to 7; Plattsburgh, Newman Center 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Watertown, Hearthside Room at SSJ Mother House 5 p.m. to 7

Features: Come pray and discuss with other women how to know what God has in mind for you. Dinner will be provided.

Contact: Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920. Registration is requested by emailing Shayne Lippincott at slippincott@rcdony.org

YOUTH LENTEN RETREAT

A Lenten retreat for grades 6-12 to be held in Gouverneur and Ticonderoga.

Schedule: March 2 at St. James, Gouverneur from 12 p.m. to 5; March 9 at St. Mary's, Ticonderoga from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Features: Journey begins with the sacrament of Reconciliation. Each retreat will be comprised of a unique blend of activities, DYC led workshops, and closing Mass. Snacks and drinks included. Registration deadline is Feb. 27

Contact: To register visit www.rcdony.org/youth and select "Lenten Retreats". Please contact Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry at tsemeraro@rcdony.org or by calling 315-393-2920 ext. 1415



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Suggested missionary action

The Pontifical Mission Societies offers a free website, Missio.org, for all those wanting to keep up with the day-to-day happenings in the Mission Lands. It's a wonderful place to go and read suggested scriptures, see what projects are being funded and what actions you can take here that will make a difference far away.

This week's suggested missionary action involves making positive efforts: be more active in our church or community. Missio suggest joining a parish organization or participating in special events in the community. Each suggested missionary action also includes a passage of scripture to give credence to the recommended action. St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians is the choice of this week's action. I offer you directly some wisdom from Missio.Org.....

"St. Paul found that the Christians in Corinth had a problem with factions who saw certain qualities as superior to others. He wanted them to appreciate their diversity as individuals and their God-given talents and abilities. But he also wanted them to understand the necessity for unity in the Spirit of God. So he wrote about the Body of Christ and of believers as members of that Body - the Church. "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

Not only must we value the role we play within the Church, but we must also acknowledge our brothers and sisters as equally vital to the life of the community. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one is honored, we all rejoice. Two thousand years later, we still have difficulties with the personal pride, misguided attitudes and lack of charity that cause us to make the same errors. We have to remind ourselves that, "in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." We have to recognize that just as we need our Lord, we also need each other. He designed us that way. We are unique persons joined in one faith with Christ our Savior. That is something to celebrate...."

Celebrate being a missionary. It's worth it. It's hard work but the best work you can do.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

www.rcdony.org/mission

OBITUARIES

Canton – Rosaria "Rina" (LoCerto) Marano, 90; Memorial Mass Jan. 26, 2019 at St. Mary's Church.

Canton – William J. McCluskey, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 4, 2019 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Carthage – Rose M. (Pignone) Barker, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 1, 2019 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Carthage – Donald J. Kamprich, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 30, 2019 at St. James Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Champlain – Catherine M. Gooley, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 28, 2019 at St. Mary's Church.

Hogansburg – Woodrow J. Cook, 59; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 29, 2019 at St. Regis Church.

Hogansburg – Isabel Elizabeth McDonald, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 30, 2019 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Phyllis A. Terrance, 77; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 31, 2019 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Keeseville – Marie Rita Perrotte, 87; Mass of Christian Burial May 6, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Lowville – Gail A. Parry, 68; Mass of

Christian Burial Feb. 1, 2019 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Lowville – William L. Raymond, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 5, 2019 at St. Peter's Church.

Massena – Richard Carlson Berry, 76; Mass of Christian Burial April 27, 2019 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Ellen M. (Romeo) Manganeli, 93; Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 2, 2019 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Jeanne M. (Fayette) Forkey, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 31, 2019 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Rollande "Rye" Marie (French) Billings, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 30, 2019 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – June B. (Crites) Fobare, 78; Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 1, 2019 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Olmstedville – James L. Cummings, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 2,

2019 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Minerva Baptist Cemetery.

Peru – Daniel O. Mitchell, 62; Funeral Services Jan. 31, 2019 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh – Sandra (Jennette) McNeil, 69; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 26, 2019 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Henry – Andrew Richard Breeyear, 31; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 26, 2019 at St. Patrick's Church.

Redford – Bonita A. (Miner) St. John, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 30, 2019 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown – Roukous S. Roukous, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 28, 2019 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Louise D. (VanNess) Snyder, 78; Funeral Services Feb. 1, 2019 at the Hart & Bruce Funeral Home; burial in N. Watertown Cemetery.

Winthrop – Rose M. (Tuper) Baldwin, 75; Funeral Services Jan. 30, 2019 at Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Parishville.



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Funeral held for Deacon John White Feb. 2

A Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon John L. White, age 67 of Ogdensburg was held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 2 at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg officiating. Burial will be in the spring at St. Mary's Cemetery.

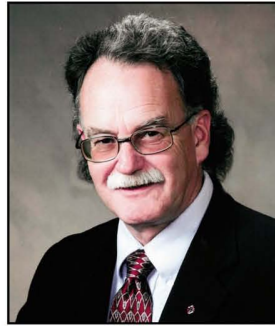
Deacon White passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Arrangements are with the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Surviving is his wife, Mary Lou; a son, Justin White and his wife, Jessica of Heuvelton; a daughter, Jillian White of LaBelle FL;

grandchildren, Ryleigh White, Alan Johnson, Luke Johnson and Niko Newson; two brothers, Louis White of Vernon, NY, and James White and his wife, Patricia, of Sylvan Beach; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas White; two sisters, Irene Burns and Ellen White; and a sister-in-law, Barrie White.

Deacon White was born on October 19, 1951 in Ogdensburg, a son of the late Philip & Catherine (Pilon) White. He graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1969 and continued his education



Deacon John L. White

at Jefferson Community College and SUNY Brockport, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He later married Mary Lou Farrell on September 4, 1982 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

During his career, he worked as a dairy farmer in Lisbon, bartender in Ogdensburg, therapy aide and director of Personnel and Human Resources at Sunmount Developmental Center in Tupper Lake until 2011.

In September of 2009, he was ordained a Deacon at St. Mary's Cathedral. His diocesan appointments included associate director of Deacon Formation; Public Policy Council of the NYS Catholic Conference; director of Deacon Formation; and spiritual director of the Ogdensburg Curia of the Legion of Mary. Deacon White

was also a chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and sat on the ethics board for Claxton Hepburn Medical Center.

John enjoyed golfing, gardening, ministry and spending time with his grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Cathedral 415 Hamilton St; Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or the Martin's Club Fieldhouse "Knights of Columbus" 721 Hasbrouck St; Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Condolences and fond memories can also be shared online at www.foxandmurrayfuneralhome.com.

Archbishop urges 'renewed vigor' to protect life

WASHINGTON (CNS) — New York state's new law allowing abortion essentially "for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy" and similar legislation proposed in Virginia and other states is "evil, pure and simple," said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee Feb. 2.

"Abortion has always been built on a lie. Today, the lie is switching from 'abortion is a choice' to 'abortion is health care,'" said Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"It is sickeningly dishonest to claim that women's lives or health depend on intentionally killing their children," he said. "This is especially true for late-term abortion, which always involves the purposeful destruction of a child which could have been born alive, with much less risk to the mother, had they both re-

ceived real health care."

He called on all Catholics — bishops, priests and laity — "to fight for the unborn with renewed vigor" by educating "family, friends, legislators and fellow citizens about how it is never necessary to intentionally kill unborn children in order to save their mothers."

"Local action is especially important" and "thoughtful Americans of all religions or none at all" need to advocate on this life issue, Archbishop Naumann added.

On Jan. 22, the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion nationwide, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Catholic, signed into law the Reproductive Health Act, which he fully supported. Among other provisions, the new law now permits abortions with very few restrictions at any week of a pregnancy.

The law has been met with an outcry by the state's Catholic bishops

and calls by some that Cuomo be excommunicated.

As the bill made its way through the Legislature, when Cuomo signed it and since it became law, the state's Catholic bishops decried the measure in several statements. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger of Albany, New York, had urged Cuomo not to allow "this Death Star" to be built. New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan has called it "ghoulish."

New York lawmakers stood up and cheered after Cuomo signed the bill. The governor also ordered that the needle atop the One World Trade Center — the tallest building in the United States — be lit pink in celebration the same day.

"It shocks the conscience to see such evil legislation greeted with raucous cheers and standing ovations," Archbishop Naumann said Feb. 2, adding: "Most grieving to our Lord of life is that those who advocate for

abortion put their eternal souls in jeopardy."

Archbishop Naumann also referred to efforts in other states to expand abortion laws, in particular Virginia. A bill to allow an abortion even at delivery — as Democratic Del. Kathy Tran, its sponsor, explained at a hearing — was ultimately tabled by a subcommittee of the House of Delegates.

In a Feb. 1 statement about the Virginia bill, the archbishop said its "senseless disrespect for new human life" was "horrifying."

While Tran's bill is in limbo for now, her explanation of its provisions and remarks in support of the bill by Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, also a Democrat and a former pediatric neurosurgeon, went viral and were met with a storm of protest by pro-life leaders. The Catholic bishops of the state and the Virginia Catholic Conference, which represents them on public policy matters, issued strong statements opposing it

Jan. 31.

Richmond Bishop Barry C. Knestout said the words "horrific, outrageous, vicious" were "in my heart" when hearing about this effort to expand "the brutal practice of abortion." "We should not be legislating in favor of abortion, let alone third-trimester abortions at all," he said. "All our actions and decisions should be life-giving."

Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge said the bill "rightly failed," but added, "I am, along with so many people of goodwill, distraught that this bill was introduced in the first place. It could have paved the way for babies to suffer a violent and gruesome death moments before birth and could have been harmful to women."

He added, "My hope is that this bill failed because the elected officials of the state Legislature recognized that it was an evil and impermissible offense to human life and our collective decency."