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Remembering Msgr. Riani

Msgr. Peter R. Riani died May 16, 2019 at the age of 89. He died just a few days shy of the 64th anniversary of his ordination.

Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant, a close friend of Msgr. Riani, said Msgr. Riani's life reflected his love of the Lord and the peace and happiness that gave him.

"Several years before he died, he chose some words that would be an inscription on his tombstone," Msgr. Poissant said. "The words were 'smile, Jesus is risen.' Whenever anyone asked him why he chose that inscription, he would explain that we have joy in our lives because Jesus is risen from the dead and still with us."

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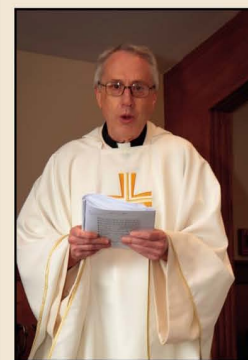
ON RETREAT



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Priests from around the diocese gathered in Lake Placid May 20-23 to participate in the Presbyteral Retreat. Retreat director was Father Gerry Blaszcak, SJ. The event included the Jubilee Mass, held May 22 to honor priests who reached milestone anniversaries of ordination.

CELEBRATING JUBILEES



Eight priests in the diocese were honored at this year's Jubilee Mass, held May 22 in Lake Placid. Father Christopher C. Carrara celebrated 25 years since ordination; Father Vincente F. Jazmines and Father Stephen R. Rocker celebrated 40 years; and Father Philip T. Allen, Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, Father Vincent T. Freeh, Father William G. Muench and Father Joseph N. Sestito celebrated 60 years.

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Pope: Prayer not possible without Holy Spirit

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The Holy Spirit gives Christians the courage and the strength needed to engage in a loving dialogue with God that is like the dialogue of a child with his or her father, Pope Francis said.

"Do not forget this: The protagonist of all Christian prayer is the Holy Spirit. We can never pray without the strength of the Holy Spirit; it is he who moves us to pray well," the pope said May 22 during his weekly general audience.

Greeting an estimated 20,000 pilgrims as he toured St. Peter's Square in the popemobile, Pope Francis occasionally stopped to kiss children's foreheads and drink mate tea offered to him.

Alessandro Gisotti, interim Vatican spokesman, said in a tweet published after the audience that the pope also greeted Denis Mukwege, a Congolese gynecologist who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 for his efforts

to end the use of sexual violence against women in war and armed conflict.

In his main audience talk, the pope concluded his series of talks on the Lord's Prayer, meditating on the theme, "Wherever you are, invoke the Father."

Christian prayer, he said, "is born from the audacity of calling God by the name 'Father.'"

"This is the root of Christian prayer: to call God 'Father.' But this requires courage. It is not so much

a formula as it is a filial intimacy into which we are introduced by grace," he said. "Jesus is the one who reveals the Father and gives us familiarity with him."

The "filial trust" that Jesus' exhibited toward God, especially in times of trial, is a call for Christians to embrace a "spirit of prayer" that "must be insistent and, above all, it must bear the memory of our brothers and sisters, especially when we have diffi-

cult relationships with them."

Recalling Christ's prayer of "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" as he was crucified on the cross, the pope said that even in that moment of abandonment, Jesus still remembered his heavenly Father.

"In that 'my God,' one can find the nucleus of the relationship with the Father, there the nucleus of faith and prayer can be found," Pope Francis said.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Father Bill says...

I met Father William G. Muench at the first event I attended after starting my employment with the diocese. I was seated at a table with Father Bill.

When the first speaker was introduced by the event emcee, Father Bill turned to me, smiled and whispered, "get ready to be here for a while."

I instantly knew I would like this man.

The last time I saw

Father Bill, just a couple of weeks ago at an event in Wa-

tertown, I took the opportunity to joke with him about our shared space on this page.



Darcy L.
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"I know your column is called, 'Father Bill says,'" I noted. "Sometimes, based on how little space you leave me, I think it's short for 'Father Bill says a lot.'"

And Father Bill does say a lot.

In his writing, Father Bill says a lot about the beauty of our faith and the beauty of the Gospels. Father Bill says a lot about our

call to love one another and how we can live that call in our day-to-day lives. Father Bill says a lot about the changes he's seen in the Church, the diocese and in himself.

I've lost count of the number of times I've read his column and thought some sentence, some idea was exactly what I needed to hear in the moment. Father Bill says a lot.

Father Bill was one of the priests honored at the May 22 Jubilee Mass. He has been blessing the diocese with his priestly ministry for 60 years. He's been blessing the

North Country Catholic with his column for nearly seven years. He's been blessing me with his work, his dedication to this newspaper, his kind words and his ever-joyful nature for a year.

Father Bill loves the Lord and the Church, and the joy that results from that love is evident to all who encounter him.

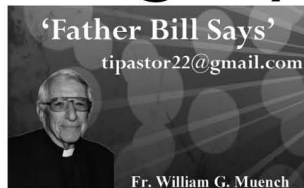
Congratulations on 60 years, Father Bill. Keep saying a lot, because to all of us who are blessed to benefit from your reflections and insights, as well as your priestly ministry, it means a lot.

Remembering my friend, Msgr. Riani

My friend, Father Peter Riani, died recently after an extended illness. Today, I would like to share with you some of my memories of the time I spent with this extraordinary priest.

I had many opportunities to have time to be with Father Peter. There were the quiet days, when we just wanted to get away. There were several memorable trips that I took with him and others to places in parts of this world – places I never would have gone on my own. I also remember the countless hours we spent on the ski slopes. Each were such great and enjoyable times.

I often sought Father Peter's input and advice for things I was doing – a homily or a program or a column. Father Peter was such a brilliant theologian; he had a wonderful ability to put complicated ideas into more understandable language for me. Personally, he was an excellent advisor and teacher. He helped me better understand Sacred Scripture and the message of the



Fr. William G. Muench

Catholic Church – the story of Jesus. Father Peter loved Jesus. His understanding of who Jesus is and why Jesus came among us continues to be truly transformative for me. Father Peter was important to me; he would often read over and comment on my writings.

I continue to remember well on a ski day seeking Father Peter's advice and help about a program or a particular idea as we rode up the ski lift to the top of the hill. Did I remember to tell you that Father Peter was a very good skier? I would learn more about skiing while following him down the ski slope.

On another personal note, Father Peter was a constant source of support for me. He often encouraged me in all of my endeavors. He would offer his praise to things I

wrote. For this I am eternally grateful. I thank God for placing Father Peter into my life.

How else should I characterize Father Peter Riani? He introduced me to the writings and teachings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. He loved movies and loved to discuss them afterwards.

I talked him into learning how to play golf. He loved the camp on Lake Champlain. He loved to swim. He formed friendships quickly and kept them long. He was a good musician, a masterful homilist, a powerful writer, and a great and holy priest.

Father Peter loved to travel. I was so very fortunate to tag along on several of his trips. Father Peter got me to China and Tibet, to Kenya and Tanzania, to Juneau, Alaska and Glacier Bay, to New Zealand and Australia. I remember driving through the Maritimes and traveling up to the Magdalen Islands. We took a riverboat cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam and another in Southern France.

We took a house for a couple of weeks near Lucca, Italy. That gave us an opportunity to drive through most of Tuscany. And there were others.

As I reminisce on those wonderful trips, I think of so many incidents that happened along the way – some wonderfully impressive, like the evening in Juneau when we had supper with Bishop Michael Kenny, and that hot air expedition in Africa that ended with a terrific outdoor breakfast. So, again, I thank God for the presence of Father Peter in my life. All of these wonderful experiences with him have been mine.

I close today with a prayer for my friend, Father Peter Riani:

Lord God, you chose our brother, Peter Riani, to serve your people as a priest and to share the joys and burdens of their lives. Look with mercy on him and give him the reward of his labors, the fullness of life promised to those who preach your holy Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Five celebrate 60 years of priesthood

Five priests in the diocese are celebrating 60 year jubilees, all having been ordained in 1959.

Rev. Philip T. Allen, Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, Father Vincent T. Freeh, Father William G. Muench and Father Joseph N. Sestito were honored for reaching the milestone at the Jubilee Mass, held May 22 in Lake Placid.

Father Philip T. Allen

Although he retired in 2009, Father Philip T. Allen served as temporary administrator in Evans Mills, Theresa and Philadelphia as well as in Port Leyden and Lyons Falls before moving to Indian Lake, where he continues to serve as pastor at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish.

At the time of his retirement, he had been pastor in AuSable Forks and Black Brook since 2001 with additional responsibilities as pastor in Wilmington since 2006.

Father Allen was born Nov. 4, 1933 in Peru. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester before his ordination May 16, 1959, by Bishop James J. Navagh.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathe-

dral in Ogdensburg, St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, St. Peter's in Lowville and Holy Name in AuSable Forks. He was a temporary administrator in Chazy for three months in 1971 before being named pastor in Heuvelton. He was also pastor in Lake Placid, rector at St. Mary's Cathedral, and pastor at Redford, AuSable Forks, Black Brook and Wilmington.

Father Allen has served the diocese in the Marriage Tribunal as secretary, officials and presiding judge. He also directed the Pre-Cana program in the Ogdensburg area.

Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno

Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, born Sept. 21, 1931, grew up in a French speaking family on a farm in West Chazy. He graduated from Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh and began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg. After completing studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, he was ordained a priest in St. Mary's Cathedral on May 16, 1959 by Bishop James J. Navagh.

The priest continued his education, earning a mas-



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley joined the priests celebrating 60 years since ordination at the Jubilee Mass. Pictured are, from left, Father Philip T. Allen, Father Vincent T. Freeh, Bishop LaValley, Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, Father William G. Muench and Father Joseph N. Sestito.

ter's degree from St. Michael's College in Winooski Park, Vermont, and a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. Msgr. Deno was ap-

pointed diocesan superintendent of schools by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana in 1971 after earning a Ph.D. in educational administration. He had

served as assistant superintendent from 1966 through 1971 under Father William LaVallee while also teaching at

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Congratulations
Rev. Vincent Freeh

On your 60th Anniversary
of Ordination.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
Watertown

Congratulations
Fr. Philip Allen
on the occasion of your
60th Anniversary of Ordination.

Thank you for your service to God's people

Tribunal and Office of Canonical Affairs
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Reverend Monsignor Harry K. Snow, JCL
Reverend Garry B. Giroux, JCL
Elaine G. Seymour

Celebrating 60 years of priesthood

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Wadhams Hall.

In his early years as a priest Msgr. Deno served as assistant pastor in Clayton, Morrisonville, Holy Family in Watertown, St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. He began teaching in 1960 at the former Our Lady of Victory Academy, Plattsburgh and then at Holy Ghost Academy, Tupper Lake.

He was named a Prelate of Honor with the title monsignor in 1989.

After serving 25 years as superintendent of schools, Msgr. Deno became the pastor in Hammond in 1996. He served as pastor of St. James in Cadyville from 2000 until the time of his retirement in 2017.

Father Vincent T. Freeh, MSC

Father Vincent T.

Freeh, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, was born in Bucks County, PA, on October 15, 1933. He attended public schools for his primary education, did high school in Geneva, Illinois, and then completed a year of spiritual formation in Youngstown, Ohio. After his profession of temporary religious vows as a member of the United States Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), he studied philosophy and theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Shelby, Ohio, and made his final profession of religious vows in 1956. He was ordained a priest on May 30, 1959, and later did studies in psychology at DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, and in journalism at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Father Freeh was the ed-

itor of a monthly mission and family magazine for four years and then served as a missionary for 10 years in Papua, New Guinea in the South Pacific. While there, he was engaged in pastoral ministry, education, health, village and economic development and leadership training. His main location was home to a central elementary school, a girls' vocational school, a training college for midwives and infant welfare nurses and a ten-unit rural health center which was built under his direction on a \$550,000 grant-in-aid from MISEOR, a development agency headed by the Catholic Bishops of Germany.

Father Freeh also founded a technical training school for young men, using an on-the-job training rationale to make the

school self-reliant and to equip students with the skills in crafts and management to run businesses of their own. The school is still in operation.

While in the United States at various intervals over a period of 15 years, Father Freeh served as religious superior of several communities. He was also engaged in communications, public relations and fundraising for the US Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Throughout this time, he preached parish missions and conducted conference retreats for high school students, clergy, religious and laity. In 1988, he was installed by the Diocese of Ogdensburg as pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Watertown, where he served for nine years until being appointed director of the Sa-

cred Heart Retreat and Renewal Center in the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio.

Father Freeh returned to the North Country in 2008 to renew work on the restoration of family as an essential cultural value. More recently he has been taking measures to establish an interactive website to engage people in the pursuit of a commonly held understanding of what it means to be human. He sees the answer to this question as the key to shaping a culture more favorable to family and society and to shared faith.

In preparing to serve in the missions, Father Freeh became practiced as an auto mechanic, an electrician and a welder, skills not readily available in underdeveloped areas in the world. He also learned

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The Parishioners, families and friends
of St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy,
Congratulate Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno
on the 60th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood!

Celebrating 60 years of priesthood

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how to operate heavy equipment, and he acquired an amateur radio license – the only medium for communication at that time.

The one readiness he found he didn't need was his pilot's license; and the gift that served him best was being able to play a guitar. He found no better way to share friendship and to get inside a culture than to learn the folk songs of a people for its richness and for the role song plays in celebration.

Father Freeh also served as a liaison for nine years for MSC priest in Colombia, Latin America. His background in philosophy, psychology and journalism helped him benefit from this broad exposure to a variety of cultures and made him far more aware of the assets and liabilities in our own culture.

Father William G. Muench

After initially retiring in 2011, Father William G. Muench was named administrator of St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake, St. John of the Wilderness Church in Lake Clear, St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale, and Church of the Assumption Mission in Gabriels for a one-year assignment.

Father Muench retired again in 2013.

He was born Nov. 8, 1933 in Syracuse. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore before he was ordained in St. Mary's Cathedral on May 16, 1959 by Bishop James J. Navagh.

The priest has served as an assistant pastor in Gouverneur, St. Mary's in Massena, Brasher Falls,

Chateaugay, Brownville, St. Patrick's in Watertown and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

He was on the faculty of Holy Family in Massena and at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown from 1962 to 1973 except for one year, when he served as principal of St. Mary's Academy in Ogdensburg.

Father Muench was first appointed a pastor in Sackets Harbor in 1970. He has also been a pastor in Cumberland Head, Chateaugay, Brainardsville, Lowville, Brownville, and at the Newman Center in Plattsburgh.

While in Lowville, he served as dean of Lewis County.

He was chairman of the Committee for the continuing Education of Clergy from 1970 to 1982 and continued as a member of the committee until 1992.

Father Muench became a diocesan missionary that year and served in the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate in Molendo, Peru until 1995. He was then named a member of the faculty at Wadhams Hall Seminary for one year before serving as

pastor at Ticonderoga and Crown Point until his initial retirement.

Father Muench also has been a columnist for the North Country Catholic for several years.

Father Joseph N. Sestito

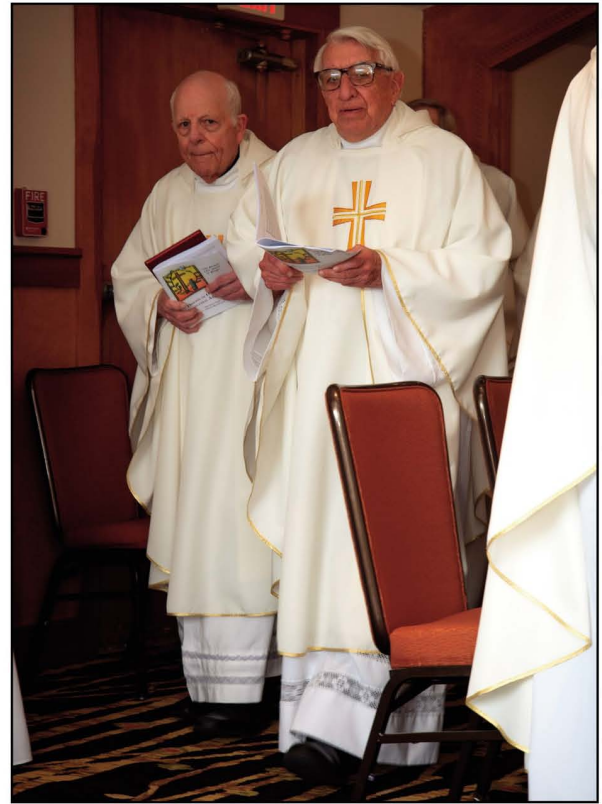
Father Joseph Sestito, a retired chaplain for the U.S. Navy, currently resides in Rome, NY in the Diocese of Syracuse.

A native of Rome, New York, he was born Oct. 20, 1932. He entered St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary in Rochester and completed his theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

He was ordained May 16, 1959 by Bishop James Navagh in St. Mary's Cathedral. Before entering the Navy in 1967, Father Sestito was an assistant pastor at St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's in Watertown as well as in Peru and Lake Placid.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1992 and earned a Bronze Star for his service.

He later served the diocese as a temporary administrator at St. Anthony's in Watertown and in Port Leyden.



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Father Joseph N. Sestito and Father William G. Muench process into the Jubilee Mass, held May 22 in Lake Placid as part of the annual Presbyteral Assembly.

Congratulations



Fr. Joseph Sestito

On celebrating your
60th Anniversary

*Congratulations to
Father William Muench
on the occasion of your
60th Anniversary of your Ordination.*

Thank you for all you do for us!!

*Your parishioners at -
Immaculate Conception Church, Brownville
&
St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor*



Environmental Stewardship

Why is climate change so devastating?

Part 1: Rising temperatures

By Tom Kalinowski

St. Bernard's Parish, Saranac Lake

Regardless of whether or not you believe in man-made climate change, it is a fact that the earth's atmosphere is currently experiencing a dramatic warming trend. Over the past century and a half, global temperatures, on average, have been rising, triggering an array of changing weather patterns, especially when viewed over a long span of time.

Any change in climate is difficult for most people to perceive, as weather patterns from the past century, or more, must be taken into consideration to verify any variation of this scope. Adding to this challenge is that long-term trends in nature never occur along a smooth progression, but rather have numerous ups and downs from one year to the next. It is only when analyzing a large collection of records that it is possible to assess in what direction, if any, temperature is trending.

A few consecutive months of unseasonably cold weather does not make a century-long trend, nor does it scientifically support the notion that the climate is cooling over that region. It must also be emphasized that few occurrences in nature are evenly distributed over the planet, and a warming atmosphere is no exception. As heat builds in the atmosphere, the vast majority of regions around the earth are experiencing higher average temperatures

As vast quantities of carbon dioxide are released to the air, our atmosphere traps more of the sun's heat. This has been shown to elevate the temperature on a global scale and upset long established weather patterns. If we wish to avoid the insidious consequences of this type of pollution, individuals, and society as a whole, must take drastic steps to reduce their carbon footprint. Weather events severely disrupt the lives of many around the world. While warmer temperatures may sound great for residents of the North Country, the unwanted side effects of a warmer environment are often devastating.

Rest in Peace

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

May 29 – Rev. Arthur C. Kenny, 1945; Rev. Hervé Racette, O.M.I., 1948

May 30 – Rev. J. Heliodore Valois, 1952

May 31 – Rev. John J. Dean, 1930; Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993

June 1 – Rev. Tobias M. Glenn, 1907; Rev. Charles B. Cotter, 2001

June 2 – Rev. Antoine Buch, O.F.M., 1927; Msgr. John L. Plunkett, 1950; Deacon Richard T. Larche, 1989

June 3 – Rev. Auriemma Veroneau, O.M.I., 1962; His Holiness, Blessed John XXIII, Pope, 1963; Rev. Franz P. Romuald Reiter, 1971; Rev. Bernard W. Desnoyers, 1987

June 4 – V. Rev. Ferdinand Richard, O.M.I., 1971

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If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 31 Sixth Street, Malone, NY 12953; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: Day: 518-651-2267, Night: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel at 315-393-2920

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the North Country Catholic.

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

- We cannot accept letters which support ideas which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

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

- Join the conversation!

Bishop's Public Schedule

May 29 – 6 p.m. – Confirmation at The Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont (at St. Vincent de Paul in Rosiere)

May 30 – 7 p.m. – Confirmation at St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington with St. Joseph's Church, Bombay and the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville & Trout River, Constable

May 31 – 9:45 a.m. – Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's residence followed by lunch

June 1 – 10:30 a.m. – Council of Deacons Meeting at Wadhams Hall followed by lunch

4:30 p.m. – Confirmation at St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls with the Church of the Holy Cross, Hopkinton

June 2 – 10:30 a.m. – Confirmation at St. John the Baptist in Madrid with St. Mary's Church, Waddington

June 4 – 11am – Pontifical Mission Society Board meeting at Bishops Residence followed by lunch

June 5 – 9:30 a.m. – Diocesan Department Head Meeting at Wadhams Hall followed by lunch

7 p.m. – Confirmation at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church with St. Patrick's Church in Watertown, St. Paul's Church in Black River, St. Mary's Church, Evans Mills, St. Anthony's Church, Watertown, Church of the Holy Family, Watertown



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Elizabeth Coughlin
1931-2019

Elizabeth H. (Betty) Coughlin, age 88, of County Route 25, Malone, NY., passed away at her home on Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2019, while in the care of family members and Hospice of the North Country, Inc.

Born in Potsdam N.Y. May 8, 1931. She was the daughter of Lennon A. and Nina E. Scanlin Horr.

Attending elementary schools in Potsdam, she received early piano and music education from Professors at the Crane School of Music. Moving to Watertown, NY., in 1945, Betty attended Immaculate Heart Academy High School and graduated in 1949. During those years she was school organist and choir director receiving further graduation honors from the Conservatory of Music.

She was married April 22, 1950 to James M. Coughlin in St. Andrews Church, Sackets Harbor, NY. Betty relocated to Potsdam where Jim attended Clarkson. Following graduation, they returned to Watertown where they resided until 1968. She was Organist and Choir Director for St. Anthony's Catholic church. Betty was also involved in the Girl Scout program and Watertown's Little Theatre productions for which she composed many music scores.

The family moved to Malone in 1968, when Jim accepted a corporate position there. During those years Betty became a member of Malone Arts Council and for a time was music director of the Winter Carnival Review.

Between 1980 and 1984 the family moved to Greenwich, CT., where Jim accepted a senior corporate position. While in Greenwich she was a member of the Greenwich arts council and an organist for a time at St. Michael's church.

The family returned to Malone and Pine Crest Farm where they had been residing since 1969.

Upon her return to Malone, Betty was a longtime member and former President of Alice Hyde Hospital Auxiliary, a Board member of Franklin County Home Health Service Agency, and a volunteer with North Country Hospice. She also attended Potsdam State University classes where she majored in the arts.

Betty dedicated her life to the large family she had hoped for, instilling them with character, values and the ambition to seek higher education opportunities. That goal was fully realized.

Betty enjoyed the education of international travel with her husband, along with the Pine Crest Farm flower gardens surrounding their home.

Her entire life was marked by an abiding devotion to her Catholic Faith. She was a lay associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Survivors include her husband Jim of 69 years and 12 children. Barbara Coughlin and John Fallon of Delmar N.Y., Monte and Liz Coughlin of Wilmington N.C., Kevin and Sandra Coughlin of Atlanta GA., John Coughlin and Ann Ramano of Tampa FL., Bill Coughlin of Gig Harbor WA., Richard and Zaya Coughlin of Arlington VA., Bob and Sonia Coughlin of Woodbridge VA., Paul and Laurie Coughlin of Annandale VA., Francis and Anne Mary Coughlin of Ashland VA., Tim Coughlin & Shon Parker of Malone NY., Ted Coughlin of Centerville, VA., Thom and Lora Coughlin of Alpharetta, GA., 21 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Betty was predeceased by her parents, one daughter, Alice Coughlin, one sister, Violet Elliott of Malone and one brother, Darwin Horr of Springfield, MA.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated May 24, 2019 at Notre Dame Church, in Malone, NY., with Rev. Joseph Giroux officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown NY.

The family requests memorial donations in lieu of flowers to the Alice Ballard Fund of Hospice of the North Country, Inc. in Malone, NY.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.brusofuneralservice.com. Arrangements are through the Bruso-Desnoyers Funeral Service, Inc. in Malone.



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Jubilee Mass to honor priests celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordinations. Two priests of the diocese, as well as the director of the Presbyteral Retreat, celebrated 40 years of ordination at the Mass. Pictured are, from left, Father Stephen R. Rocker, Bishop LaValley, retreat director Father Gerry Blaszcak, SJ, and Father Vincente F. Jazmines.

Father Jazmines and Father Rocker mark 40 years

Two diocesan priests, Father Vincente F. Jazmines and Father Stephen R. Rocker celebrate 40 years of ordination this year.

At the Jubilee Mass held May 22, they were joined in their celebration by Father Gerry Blaszcak, a Jesuit who served as director of the Presbyteral Retreat and is also celebrating 40 years.

Father Vincente F. Jazmines

Father Vincente F. Jazmines serves as chaplain for the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center.

Born Feb. 2, 1944 in the Philippines, he was ordained Dec. 8, 1979. Father Jazmines became business administrator at Wadhams Hall Seminary in 1991 and was incardinated into the Diocese of Ogdensburg on May 1, 1992.

Father Jazmines served as administrator at St. Patrick's in Hogansburg, St. Patrick's in Brasher Falls, St. Augustine's in Peru and then as parochial vicar at St. Paul's in Black River. He

then served as administrator in Malone, Owls Head and Titusville before assuming that role at St. James in Gouverneur. He became pastor of that church in 1996, also serving as chaplain at Gouverneur Correctional Facility.

In 1999, Father Vincente was named administrator of St. Augustine's in Peru, becoming pastor of that church in 2000.

He served as pastor at St. Michael's Church in Standish and St. Bernard's in Lyon Mountain in 2005.

Father Stephen R. Rocker

Father Stephen R. Rocker is pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam and St. Patrick's in Colton. He has served in that role since 2016.

Father Rocker, a native of Port Leyden, was born Sept. 12, 1953 in Lowville. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. He was ordained Sept. 1, 1979 at his home parish of St. Martin's in

Port Leyden by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

He first served as assistant pastor at Holy Family in Watertown and in Clayton. In 1982, he was named a full-time faculty member at Wadhams Hall Seminary College, a position he held until the seminary's closing in 2002. He chaired the philosophy department.

Father Rocker also served as an administrator in Hammond and Rossie from 1990-1992 and part time chaplain at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility from 1997 to 2002.

From 2002-03, he served as a missionary with the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate.

In addition, he was an administrator in Newcomb and Long Lake for a short time in 2003 before becoming pastor in Hogansburg, Fort Covington and Bombay. He served those communities until becoming pastor in Gouverneur and Edwards from 2008-2016.

Fr. Vincent Jazmines

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Fr. Stephen Rocker

On celebrating your
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Fr. William Muench

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your priesthood,
your ministry and
your insightful writing
with us all!

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The North Country Catholic

St. Regis Mission Church lauds retiring musician

By Dr. Rose-Alma McDonald
St. Regis Mission Church

About 15 years ago, members of the Mohawk Choir at St. Regis Mission Church decided they needed a change.

Minerva White was an organist, and she was asked if she would play at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

At the same time, the decision was made to move the organ downstairs in the church and to purchase a new organ.

White was asked to be the organist and to lead the congregational singing. One of the hymns that was introduced at the time was the Our Father which was sung in Kanien'keha (Mohawk). White became the chair of the St. Regis Mission Music Ministry, and over the years, she organized a Mohawk Choir that sang hymns both in English and Kanien'keha.

Over the past 15 years



After 15 years behind the organ at St. Regis Mission Church, Minerva White retired April 30. White is pictured at the organ with Father Jerome Pastores, pastor of St. Regis Mission Church.

White has tirelessly donated her time to the choir and liturgical music on behalf of the St. Regis Mission Church. This included funeral services as well.

The St. Regis Mission Church gratefully acknowledges White's hard

work and dedication to the Mission Music Ministry and for nurturing the important role of Kanien'keha in the celebration of Mass.

Congratulations and best wishes to Minerva White on her well-deserved retirement. She will be greatly missed! Best wishes and God Bless Minerva!

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: "You are my son; this day I have begotten you"; just as he says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 5:1-5

**Congratulations
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Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Jubilee Mass to honor priests celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordinations, including Father Christopher C. Carrara, who celebrated 25 years.

Father Carrara: 25 years a priest

Father Christopher C. Carrara celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination on May 14. He was among the jubilarians honored at the Jubilee Mass held May 22 in Lake Placid.

In addition to serving as the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel, Father Carrara is pastor of the Catholic Community of Morristown. He has served in both roles since 2017.

Born in Brooklyn, Oct. 20, 1964, he attended Paul Smith's College and Dowling College before studying for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York.

He was ordained May 14, 1994 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Paul S. Loverde.

After ordination, he served as parochial vicar at Holy Family in Watertown, St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, St. Henry's in Natural Bridge, St. Rita's in Deferiet and St. James Minor in Carthage; and pastor at Holy Name in Tupper Lake, St. John the Evangelist in Lafargeville and St. Mary's in Clayton. He then served as administrator at St. Mary's in Glenfield, St. Peter's in Lowville and St. Hedwig's in Houseville for a year before becoming pastor of those parishes in 2010. He remained in that role until 2017.

Remembering Msgr. Riani

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

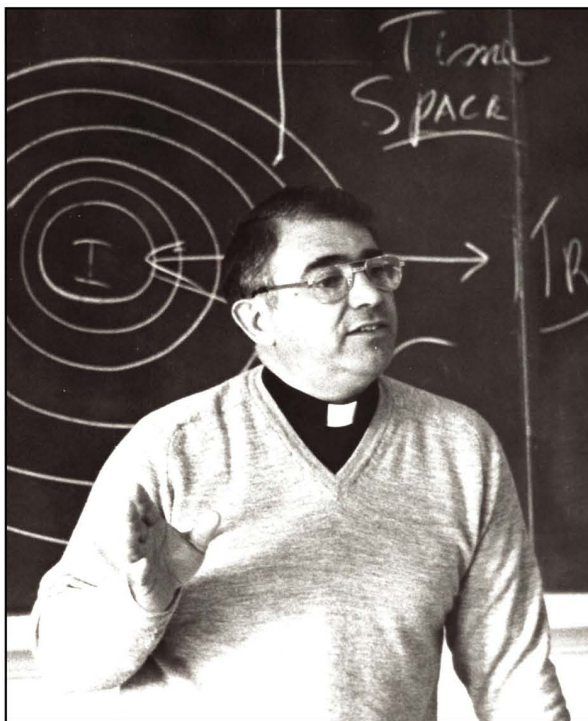
"One of my first recollections of the living faith was learning to read the inscription over the sanctuary of Immaculate Conception (in Keeseville), 'Where Your Treasure Is, There Also Will Your Heart Be. (Lk. 12:34)' and loudly announcing my newfound ability to the congregation. As a result, I was sent across the yard after Mass to apologize to Father John Bent, the Pastor, for talking in church. He received me kindly and said, 'You know, Peter, if you want to talk in church you will have to become a priest.' I was four years old."

Msgr. Peter R. Riani penned those words for the December 19, 2012 edition of the North Country Catholic, describing the earliest suggestion that he would serve the Lord and the Church as his life's vocation and mission.

Msgr. Riani died May 16, 2019 at the age of 89. He died just a few days shy of the 64th anniversary of his ordination.

Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant, a close friend of Msgr. Riani, said Msgr. Riani's life reflected his love of the Lord and the peace and happiness that gave him.

"Several years before he died, he chose some words that would be an inscription on his tombstone," Msgr. Poissant said. "The words were 'smile, Jesus is risen.' Whenever anyone asked him why he chose that inscription, he would explain that we have joy in our lives because Jesus is risen from the dead and still with us. And it gives us hope of our own resur-



Msgr. Peter Riani teaches a class at Wadhams Hall Seminary, where he served for decades as an instructor and later president-rector.

rection when our time comes, and that resurrection in us has already begun with the power of the Holy Spirit working in us. If that isn't enough to make us smile, I don't know what is."

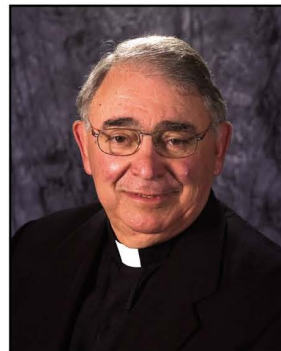
Father Richard S. Sturtz, also a close friend of Msgr. Riani, said Msgr. Riani was a "renaissance man," yet exceedingly humble.

"First thing – he always wanted to be known as 'Father,'" Father Sturtz said. "When he was made a monsignor, it crushed him. He was a humble man. He was also a renaissance man. He loved art, opera, philosophy, astronomy, theology... and he would communicate those loves to his students (at Wadhams Hall Seminary). He would offer seminars in the summer back in the days before Guggenheim opened. I re-

member he did one on classic movies. It was a lot of foreign films."

Despite his varied interests, Father Sturtz said Msgr. Riani was first and foremost "a church man."

"He was deeply, deeply dedicated as a priest," Father Sturtz said. "Early in his priesthood, when he had been a priest for four years, he was sent to Rome to get a doctorate in theology. He already had a licentiate – master's degree. He could see the need for opening up in the church. He was in Rome studying at the Angelicum, before the Council began, and he could sense from the talks the pope was giving that there was movement in the direction of opening the doors and windows to church. After the Council took place, he was back in the States and gave lec-



Msgr. Peter Riani

tures all over the diocese about the Second Vatican Council."

Msgr. Poissant said Msgr. Riani's strong faith helped him through difficult times.

"We all go through the death of our parents, and it's never easy," Msgr. Poissant said. "But his situation was a little unusual. His parents died nine days apart with Christmas in the middle. His mother, Mary, died December 22, 1987. His father, Peter, died December 31, 1987. I was at both funerals, he celebrated them. I'm sure it was a very difficult time. His faith in the resurrection and that Jesus is risen was evident in those Masses, even at such a difficult time."

Both Msgr. Poissant and Father Sturtz noted that a significant portion of Msgr. Riani's priesthood was spent educating future priests at Wadhams Hall Seminary, where he served as an instructor and later the school's president-rector.

"He was a great teacher, not only in classroom but by his life example," said Msgr. Poissant. "He was a teacher for all who knew him, even if they hadn't been in one of his classes."

In addition to teaching many of our diocesan

priests in the classroom, Father Sturtz said Msgr. Riani was instrumental in changing the seminary curriculum to better form seminarians, using a program first implemented at Catholic University.

"It was a complete program – addressing academic and spiritual life in seminary," Father Sturtz said. "He was a leader in that. His love for the priesthood and formation was evident in seminary."

Msgr. Riani was also known for his love of travel, a love he shared with many of his friends.

"I remember being told in seminary, 'if you travel with a priest, and you're friends after you've traveled, that's true friendship,'" Father Sturtz said. "We traveled the world together. We visited all the continents except Antarctica."

Both Msgr. Poissant and Father Sturtz said Msgr. Riani maintained his spirit for ministry through his decline due to Parkinson's Disease.

"He struggled with Parkinson's for years," Msgr. Poissant said. "One time, I visited him when he was in an assisted living facility in Willsboro. He told me had had come to terms with the fact he couldn't do as much for others as he'd like, but he said his new ministry was being loving to the people who were providing care for him."

"When he was diagnosed with Parkinson's, never once did I hear him complain or ask 'why me,'" Father Sturtz added.

Both men also indicated they would miss their friend.

"He was like a brother to me," Father Sturtz said. "I knew him for over 70 years."

GUGGENHEIM 2019

MEET THE STAFF



Lukas Gruber

Hello! My name is Lukas Gruber and I am originally from Queens, NY and have now called the North Country home for six years. My home parish is St. Mary's in Potsdam.

As one of the seminarians for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I currently study at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, where I just completed my studies in philosophy and will begin my theological studies next year.

I'm looking forward to my third summer on Lower Saranac Lake; a summer that promises to be full of faith and fun. Until then, may God continue to bless you and may He grant you His peace.



Kaylee McLean

Hi, my name is Kaylee McLean, and I am a member of St. Bernard's parish in Saranac Lake.

I have lived my whole life just down the road from Camp Guggenheim in the little town of Lake Clear.

I am a rising sophomore at Le Moyne College in Syracuse working toward a dual degree in nursing.

I attended Camp Guggenheim as a camper for the past two summers and I am excited to be on staff for the first time this year!

I can't wait to hike, swim, and praise this summer with everyone!



Kevin McCulloch

Hi, my name is Kevin McCulloch. I am a parishioner of Holy Family Parish in Watertown. I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and I just finished my second year at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

This is my fourth year working on staff at Camp Guggenheim. I continue to return to camp every year since the first time I went in 2009 because camp has always filled a special place in my heart where I can learn and grow in my faith.

I can't wait to begin working with the staff and to meet all the campers for another faith-filled and joyful experience on the shores of lower Saranac Lake!

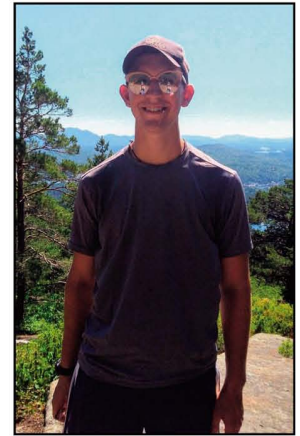


Jessica Sokol

My name is Jessica Sokol and I am 20 years old. I am Music Education major with a French horn concentration at The Crane School of Music.

I am from Tappan, New York (which is 10 minutes away from the boarder of New Jersey), and I attend Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

I am really excited to spend my first summer working at Guggenheim! I've always been called to teach kids about God's love, and I think Guggenheim will be the perfect place to do that.



Carter Pierce

Hi! My name is Carter Pierce and I hail from St. Raphael Parish in Heuvelton. A seminarian for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I am studying philosophy at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

I am pumped to return to camp this summer! I cannot wait to spend the summer living fully alive under the warm rays of the Son's love, in the merciful Father's embrace, and in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. To experience the pure joy of the faith and be God's instrument leading others to Christ.

I expect to see you there!

Registration is still open for the 2019 Camp Guggenheim season!

Visit www.rcdony.org for information and registration. Weekly sessions begin June 30!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Jesus calls for unity in John's Gospel

The days of the "Al-lu-lu-lu" season are drawing to a close. For those who are privileged to attend daily Mass, we have followed the exciting history of the days following the Resurrection. It was a time of sudden appearances of the risen Lord, with Jesus' dramatic lessons to the apostles that He was not a ghost, but a flesh and blood person who had truly risen from the dead. This past Thursday, we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord



**Monsignor
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into heaven. Despite Jesus' careful preparation to his followers that, if He didn't go back to the Father, the Holy Spirit would not come to them, their hearts were heavy as they watched him disappear into the clouds. With almost desperate pleas, they closed themselves into the Upper Room to pray with Mary for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

As we await the explosive events of Pentecost next Sunday, it is good for us to concentrate on

June 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter

READINGS

Act 7:55-60

Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

the Gospel for this Sunday. In this section of the Jesus' farewell address to his apostles the night before His passion and death, he prays for all those who will one day believe in Him through the preaching of courageous witnesses like Stephen, the first martyr (first reading). The last will and testament of Jesus is that "they all may be one!" Even

though Christians today seem so far from peace and unity, we must keep in mind that on the night before he died, his earnest prayer for unity extends far beyond his Resurrection, far into the future, even to Christians today. And his plea to the Father will never cease until unity has been achieved. We need to be aware that astounding progress has been made by both Pope John Paul II and by Pope Benedict and Pope Francis to bring this about. Thanks to their efforts, we are closer today to unity with the Eastern Orthodox churches that at any time since they

separated from Rome.

Spend a little time thinking of the words from the second reading from the Book of Revelation: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." The world cannot end until all nations and all peoples have been drawn by the Spirit into the loving arms of the one God who died for all. At times we think of Christianity as going backwards. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The steady flow of today's martyrs to God's truth is moving us always forwards to that unity for which Christ still prays.

Farewell, dear friend!

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

Memorial Day always nudges us to remember. This year's observance recalls a cold Sunday in February, and the small group gathered outside after Mass. There, all unexpectedly, we were blessed to learn about the amazing grace that filled the final days of our dear friend's life.

Less than 48 hours earlier, Patricia had died following a sudden and shocking terminal diagnosis. Fifty-four years old, 28 years married, a new grandmother, just retired, she and her husband were full of plans for their future. Now he stood at the foot of the church steps, with their children and grandson, generously choosing to share with us the strange beauty of his wife's last days. The stories he shared were not about the pain and devas-

tation inflicted by terminal illness, but instead witnessed to the deep and dynamic faith that was the essence of Patricia's being.

Rich in God's love, Patricia shared his presence as lavishly in the medical center as she had done in every other part of her life. Always concerned for others, she reached out cheerfully to patients and staff alike, offering to pray for their needs and adding their names to her growing list of prayer intentions – convinced that these folks needed prayer far more than she did. When nurses, noticing her happiness, asked for advice about love and marriage, Patricia was happy to share what she had learned from experience and to reassure them that God always wants the best for his sons and daughters.

As the arc of her life drew toward its close, Pa-

tricia remained deeply peaceful. Her husband recounted that she never shed a tear, never complained, never showed any anxiety; rather, she was calm, happy, and very much ready for her transition from this life to the next. Her material affairs were in good order, and she had received the sacraments, including the Anointing of the Sick. She rejoiced in the presence of her family and entrusted them to God's loving care. She had no fear of death, her husband related, because she knew she was going home to God.

Patricia was many things to many people. But first and last she was a disciple of Jesus Christ, whom she sought to love with all her heart and to serve with all her strength. Not long ago, her husband tearfully recalled watching her cantor at Sunday Mass – a

service she offered at St. Andre Bessette Parish for many years. "I could not stop watching her," he explained. "Her eyes would be closed, and I realized that she was not only singing. She was praying, and that brought God very close. Just remembering affects me the same way."

This experience described by her husband brings into focus the powerful effect of Patricia's own discipleship. Her faithful example recalls the words of Wisdom 7:27: "From generation to generation, [Wisdom] enters the souls of holy people and makes them friends of God..." Exactly: because Patricia was a friend of God's, she wanted to introduce him to everyone she knew! In Patricia, natural vivacity and generosity were further enlivened by the Holy Spirit upon whom she depended so much,

creating a joy that drew people to her – and to God. As one parishioner put it: "Patricia was such a special lady, with so much love! She brought so much to all of us."

For what seems too brief a time, many were blessed to call Patricia "friend," for which we will always give God thanks and praise.

We cannot help but rejoice and be glad that she has reached the End she lived for, even as we strive to follow her example. Her faith and love, her life and death show the truth proclaimed in the Catholic funeral liturgy: "Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended."

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CHAMPLAIN VALLEY RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

Plattsburgh – Champlain Valley Right to Life meeting to be held.

Date: June 2

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: Newman Center

Features: Brief business, writing letters to Legislators & Editors, Movie "I Lived on Parker Avenue" Educational materials and snacks will be provided!

FABRIC FUNDRAISER

Ellenburg – The Fabulous Fabric Fundraiser in support of the House of Prayer is back by demand.

Date: June 8

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

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Features: 75% off ALL fabric, notions, craft supplies! Light refreshments and wonderful conversation included! Come and stock up for your fall and holiday craft season!

Contact: Call 518-236-6016 (Carol) or 518-578-6949 (Jeanette) for more information.

BAZAAR & FESTIVAL OF CARS

Mooers Forks – St. Ann's Annual Bazaar and Festival of Cars to be held.

Date: June 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Grounds

Features: Craft Show, Big Ticket Pull Tabs, Bake Sale, Theme Baskets, Free Entertainment. To enter the car show it is \$15 before or \$20 the day of the show. There will be top 40 picks and special awards.

TOWNE MEETING CONCERT

Peru – The popular North Country band, Towne Meeting, will perform its 10th Anniversary Concert to benefit Mission of Hope's projects in Nicaragua.

Date: June 9

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Church

Features: During the past 10 years the band, with generous donations from the people of the North Country, has provided 432 families with safe cooking stoves.

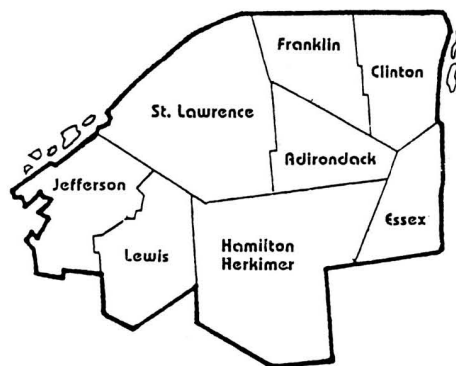
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru – The 33rd Annual Peru Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Golf Tournament to be held.

Date: June 14

Time: Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country



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.

Club

Features: The 4-person scramble for charity is dedicated to its former chairman, the late Bill McBride Jr. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Contact: Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 518-643-5444, 518-593-2652 or email gnetlombard@charter.net.

CASH RAFFLE

Plattsburgh – Seton Catholic to have a \$10,000 Cash Raffle.

Date: Drawing will be June 20

Cost: Tickets are \$100 each with 23 chances to win \$10,000

Features: Each ticket holder is eligible to win ten \$100 prizes, eight \$250 prizes, four \$500 prizes and the grand prize of \$10,000. Added bonus, even if you win a smaller prize your ticket will go back into the drawing so you still have a chance to win a higher amount, including the jackpot.

Contact: Susan FitzPatrick Pellerin at spellerin@setonknights.org or 518-561-4031 ext. 2012 to purchase your tickets today.

FRANKLIN

GARAGE SALE

Malone – Saint Andre's to have garage sale.

Date: June 5 – 15 (Closed June 9)

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

Place: Notre Dame Church parking lot

Features: Saint Andre's Parish in Malone is holding their gigantic annual garage sale. Sale features furniture, household goods, tools, baby items,

toys, books, bedding, and miscellaneous. New items arrive daily.

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: May 30

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

HEALING MASS

Clayton – St. Mary's to have their Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 8

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: Father Arthur LaBaff and Father Ray Diesbourg will be the celebrants and the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament will be offered during Mass. Following the Mass, prayer teams will offer individual prayers and there will be light refreshments and social time.

Contact: For more information contact the Parish Office, 315-686-3398.

OPEN HOUSE

Carthage – Augustinian Academy to have an open house.

Date: June 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Meet the teacher, tour the school, learn about curriculum. All Faiths welcome. Now serving PK (3 &

4) and K-8

Contact: 317 West Street, 315-493-1301, c-augustinian.org

FOSTER PARENT CLASSES

Watertown – Do you have room in your heart and your home? Foster Parent Classes to be held.

Date: June 11

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: The House of the Good Shepherd

Contact: Visit website at watertownfostercare.com or call Jessica today at 315-782-8064 x4031

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Watertown – The 4th Annual Frank Caprara Memorial Golf Tournament to be held.

Date: June 19

Time: Registration start at 8 a.m.; Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Place: Ives Hill Country Club

Cost: Captain and Crew -

\$380/Team; Singles - \$95/player. Includes Golf, cart, skins, mulligans, dinner buffet, prizes, a chance at two hole in one contests and a complimentary hot dog or hamburger at the turn.

Features: All proceeds from the golf tournament aid in supporting the Sacred Heart Foundation mission to raise funds to provide financial assistance for the education of those studying to become future priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Contact: Applications forms available at www.sacredheartfoundation.com/golf. Or you can contact 315-782-3344

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

Watertown – The Sacred Heart Foundation to have a raffle in connection with their golf tournament.

Date: Drawing will be June 19

Cost: Tickets are \$10 each, only 1000 will be sold

Features: 2 Grand prizes. Prize 1: 4 tickets to the Yankees Vs. Red Sox with an overnight stay included. Prize 2: 2019 Honda TRX-250TM Recon

Contact: For any questions or to buy tickets please contact the Sacred Heart Foundation office by phone at (315)782-3344 or by email at mail@sacredheartfoundation.com.

ST. JAMES FAIR

Carthage – St. James to have its 45th annual fair.

Date: June 20, 21 & 22

Time: Thurs. and Fri., 6 p.m. to 10; Sat. 12 p.m. to 10

Place: State Street, Carthage

Features: Games of Chance, Ontario Amusement Rides (wristband day Sat from 12 p.m. to 4); Lots of food options and Entertainment.

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

Date: June 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

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

Contact: 315-344-6260 for more information.

ST. LAWRENCE

CLM ASSOCIATION SLFA SPRING EVENT

Norwood – CLM Association SLFA Spring event to be held.

Date: June 1

Time: Program 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Mass at 4 p.m.

Place: St. Andrew's Parish Hall

Features: Marika Donders, Director for the Office of Evangelization will be presenting an afternoon workshop "Discipleship: Three Scripture Stories in Mark". Free to attend. Snack will be provided.

Contact: early registration is appreciated at <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/commissioned-lay-ministers/clm-event-registration.html> or Contact Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 Ext. 1413 or jgrizzuto@rcdony.org.

TRIP TO SEE YANKEES

The Canton Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a trip to New York City to see the NY Yankees play the Toronto Blue Jays.

Date: July 12 & 13

Cost: \$320 per person, double occupancy you will get Luxury Coach transportation, Ticket to the two ball games, one night hotel stay at the La Quinta Inn and breakfast on Saturday.

Features: As an added bonus the July 12 game is a Mariano Rivera Bobble Head giveaway and the July 13 game is Yankees Camo Hat day.

Contact: For more information or to reserve your spot email cantonkofc@gmail.com or call 315-714-2016.

Cardinal: Promote pastoral approach to human life

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – To fight a throw-away culture that pressures women to view abortion as the only alternative to a difficult pregnancy, the Catholic Church must be ready to assist, accompany and care for expectant mothers and their families, said U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell.

The cardinal, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, opened a Vatican conference on protecting life May 23.

Catholics, Cardinal Farrell said, must have a more "pastoral orientation" to fulfill the Christian obligation to "take care of another in a loving and caring manner in accordance with our view of human life:

that every man and every woman is created in the image and likeness of God."

"One of the greatest challenges to every mother is the thought that the child in the womb may be diagnosed with a grave illness," he said. "It is at such moments that the church and indeed all people of good will must be prepared and ready to assist the mother and her family as a loving mother that the church is always called to be."

The conference sponsored by Cardinal Farrell's office was designed to offer "reflection and formation from a scientific perspective and with pastoral con-

cern" for unborn and newborn children threatened by or suffering from serious illness or disability.

It also aimed to promote "a genuine welcoming culture" for those diagnosed with fetal pathologies.

The two-day conference, titled "Yes to Life: Caring for the Precious Gift of Life in its Frailness," featured experts in the field of prenatal care and medicine as well as religious men and women who offered their perspectives on creating a welcoming and caring environment for expectant mothers and their families.

In his opening address, Cardinal Farrell said that the purpose of the event was "to promote a pastoral

approach" in which the church community goes out "in search of these families and helps them in this moment of disorientation, this moment of disability, illness and the possible loss of children."

"We must ensure that these people never feel alone, never feel abandoned by us," he said.

The cardinal also emphasized the need for greater cooperation between those in the medical and religious profession to defend "the unique experience" of motherhood that "is a mysterious and profound bonding between a mother and her child right from the time of conception."

Around the diocese

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177 PROJECT

Canton – An Evening of Adoration and Music to be held.

Date: Sept. 17

Time: 7 p.m. to 9

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Come join us as we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with worship music provided by Catholic musician, Lee Roessler. This event is free and open to all.

Contact: Amanda at 315-386-2543 or conklina@canton.edu for more information. For additional information visit www.the177project.com

DIOCESAN EVENTS

2019-2021 FORMATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM

The 2019-2021 Formation for Ministry Program begins September 2019. Information sessions to be held.

Schedule: June 4 at St. Cecilia's Church, Adams at 6 p.m.; June 12 at St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy at 6:30 p.m.; June 20 at St. Bartholomew's Church, Old Forge at 6:30 p.m.

Features: If you feel a desire to give more to your parish, we urge you to speak with your pastor about becoming a commissioned lay minister.

Contact: For more information about the program, please contact Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org

SUMMER DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN

Saranac Lake – Summer Discernment weekend retreat weekend for men to be held.

Date: July 5 at 5 p.m. to July 7 at noon

Place: Guggenheim Main Lodge

Features: For a time of prayer, reflection, fellowship, & recreation. Participants should bring Sleeping bag (or bedding), towels, toiletries, casual clothes, swim trunks, & sweatshirt. Overnight retreatants must be age 18 and over.

Contact: Father Doug Lucia at dluca@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 or 315-388-4466

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saranac Lake – In Conjunction with the discernment retreat there will be a Day of Recollection for High School Young Men age 14-17.

Date: July 6

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

Place: Guggenheim Main lodge

Features: Participants may want to bring swim trunks and towel. Parental Consent and Medical forms are required and will be provided when registering.

Contact: Father Doug Lucia at dluca@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 or 315-388-4466

MATER DEI COLLEGE REUNION

Morristown – A reunion will be held for all Mater Dei alumni, professors, staff, former students – anyone with an affiliation with the college.

Date: July 13

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: Ella's on the Bay

Features: includes a cash bar, as well as the option to order from the

restaurant menu. Lester Gates will be performing. All majors and all years of graduation are invited.

Contact: While not required, those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to Marla Kinch at 315-323-2572 or through the Facebook page, "MY COLLEGE DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE? MATER DEI ALUMNI."

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Attention all high school youth, the Steubenville Youth Conference to be held this summer.

Date: July 19-21

Features: The best Catholic speakers, powerful praise and worship, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Celebrate of the Holy Mass, small groups, Adoration and more! All with 2,500 other faithful teens!

Contact: For more information contact Dayna Leader Family Life Associate at dleader@rcdony.org 315-323-0827 and visit Family Life Office at www.rcdony.org <https://www.rcdony.org/family-life-marriage/marriage/steubenville-youth-conference/registration.html>

MARRIAGE BUILDING WORKSHOP

Norfolk – Marriage building workshop to be held.

Date: July 27

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

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Features: All those interested in building/maintaining strong Catholic marriages. The theme will be: Loving

Authentically: Creating Thriving Relationship in Trying Times. The speaker will be Dr. Maura Fehlner.

Contact: For more information/registration contact Stephen Tartaglia, Family Life Director at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1420 or visit rcdony.org/relationships.

MATER DEI COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a Catholic High School Senior who currently resides in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and is planning to attend a Catholic College or University in the Fall? The Mater Dei College Foundation is pleased to offer a Scholarship opportunity to qualifying students going on to study liberal arts and sciences at a degree granting Catholic College or University.

Contact: To request an application form, please email Valerie Mathews, Mater Dei Foundation Scholarship Chair at vmathews@rcdony.org. Application deadline is June 1, 2019.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Massachusetts – If you're serious about God, what does He want you to do next? Listen. Listen and act. Why not try listening and acting in a monastery? Job shadow a monk for a weekend.

Date: May 31-June 2

Place: St. Mary's Monastery in Central MA, 70 miles from Boston
Features: For single Catholic men aged 18 – 40, an opportunity to discover

what a monastic vocation is like by living in the monastery for three days.

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Contact:

www.stmarysmonastery.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysmonastery, Father Gregory at monks@stmarysmonastery.org or 978-724-3350

RELICS OF PADRE PIO

Cornwall, Canada – The Relics of Padre Pio will be at the Diocese of Alexandria.

Date: June 3

Time: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Place: Co-cathédrale de la Nativité (300 Montreal Road, Cornwall, Ontario)

Features: The six relics will be available for public veneration during these hours. At 7 p.m., there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving presided by Bishop Prendergast. Saint Padre Pio is a beloved Italian Capuchin Catholic priest who was canonized by John Paul II in 2002. During his lifetime, he became known for bearing the stigmata (wounds of Christ). Padre Pio also had a great impact on those who came into contact with him. In particular, he advised people to pray and meditate.

Contact: For additional information about this event go to www.alexandria-cornwall.ca.

AT THE MOVIES ALADDIN

NEW YORK (CNS)— Though the magical tale of Aladdin is centuries old, it's probably best known to contemporary audiences through two relatively recent products of pop culture: the 1992 animated film with Robin Williams and the Broadway musical derived from it, which continues a run that began in 2014.

With "Aladdin" (Disney), director and co-writer Guy Ritchie serves up a spirited live-action take on the same material. The result is a thoroughly enjoyable musical fantasy that's suitable for a wide range of age groups.

The perennially appealing story is, of course, a familiar one, at least in its broad outlines. Slightly rakish poor boy Aladdin (Mena Massoud) acquires a lamp with a genie (Will Smith) inside who must

grant him three wishes.

Here the good-hearted jinn also aids his master in the lad's seemingly hopeless pursuit of Jasmine (Naomi Scott), the princess he met while she was exploring Agrabah, the city in which they both live, incognito – and for whom he fell in no time flat. He also helps Aladdin's efforts to thwart the evil schemes of Jafar (Marwan Kenzari), vizier – chief adviser – to Jasmine's father, the Sultan (Navid Negahban).

As Aladdin and his quick-witted, amiable new ally bond, the lad resolves to use his third and final wish to set the genie free. Plot developments, however, eventually test his willingness to follow through on this altruistic plan.

Exuberant and lavish,



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

Mena Massoud and Naomi Scott star in a scene from the movie "Aladdin."

"Aladdin" will have viewers rooting for its underdog hero, savoring the gentle romance in which he engages and appreciat-

ing messages about humility, honesty, self-sacrificing friendship and the equal dignity of women. Only small fry really need be kept away since Aladdin finds himself in several potentially

frightening situations.

Additionally, the opening scenes of his rags-to-royalty adventure find Aladdin surviving by petty theft and pickpocketing, activities which the script, penned with John August, airily excuses. Though mature teens probably won't give this pilfering a second thought, Aladdin's behavior might take some sorting through with younger, more impressionable kids.

Villainous Jafar's use of sorcery to advance his interests also might be somewhat problematic for little ones. As for his demand, at a late stage in the plot, that the genie make him "the most powerful being in the universe," sticklers for theological precision will hasten to point out that that position has long since been filled.

The film contains occult material, a benign view of minor wrongdoing and considerable peril. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II – adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG – parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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



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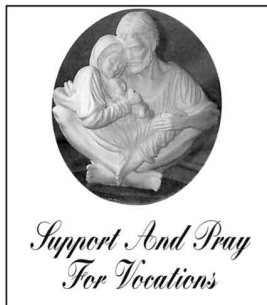
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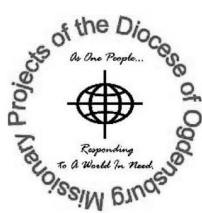
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Champlain – Orville “Bing” J. Gload Jr., 84; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2019 at St. Mary’s Church.

Clayton – Michael J. Geiss, 71; Mass of Christian Burial May 27, 2019 at St. Mary’s Church; burial St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Ellenburg – Hilda Elizabeth (LaClair) Duffina, 89; Mass of Christian Burial May 22, 2019 at St. Edmund’s Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Massena – Amedeo “Hag” Cappione, 89; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at St. Mary’s Church.

Massena – Vera (Chatell) LaBarge, 94; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at St. Joseph’s Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Timothy W. Barnard Sr., 65; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at St. Alexander’s Church; burial in St. Peter’s Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Antoine “Andy” D. Latour, 81; Mass of Christian Burial May 23, 2019 at St. Alexander’s Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Norwood – Oliver J. Mackey, 40; Mass

of Christian Burial May 25, 2019 at St. Andrew’s Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Edmund J. Barr Jr., 83; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Gary H. Madlin, 76; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Pero – James H. Durgan, 86; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at St. Augustine’s Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Pero – Lawrence Johnson Ewald, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 22, 2019 at St. Augustine’s Church; burial in parish Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – John “Poppy” Maher, 86; Mass of Christian Burial June 8, 2019 at St. Peter’s Church.

Raymondville – Michael C. LaShomb, 27; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at St. Raymond’s Church.

Saranac Lake – Kathleen Bristol Bailey, 69; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at St. Bernard’s Church; burial in St. Bernard’s Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Clarie (McCarthy) Cucci, 81; Mass of Christian Burial May 31, 2019 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Watertown – Helen O. Anderson, 85; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at St. Patrick’s Church.

Watertown – Stella E. (Robare) Navarra, 100; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Beverly A. (Price) Typhair, 70; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2019 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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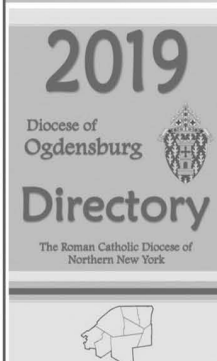
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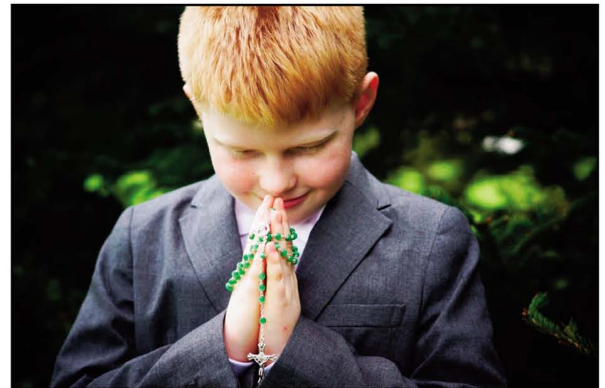
The Crowning of Mary took place at Sunday Mass on May 12, Mother's Day, at St. Patrick's Church in Colton. All the young people above processed at the beginning of Mass to the statue of Our Blessed Mother. Joe Snell carried the pillow with the crown of fresh roses and Lexis Williams placed the crown on the statue. All of the other young people processed with bouquets of roses which were placed in vases at Mary's feet by Shea Charleson and Audrey Snell. Bethany Vaisey and Nathaniel Smith were altar servers for the Mass. Shea Charleson and Lexis Williams were gift bearers at the Offertory. Pictured are, front row, from left, Lexis Williams, Joe Snell, Anna Hurley, Emmitt Murray, Makena McCarthy, Ella Hurley, Mia Snyder, Kyla Williams, Madison Charleson, Audrey Snell, Shea Charleson; back row, Natalie Butterfield and Father Stephen Rocker.



On May 12, Bishop Terry R. LaValley Confirmed 16 young people from Sacred Heart and four from St. Joseph's in West Chazy.



Sister M. Gregory Munger, a Sister of St. Joseph, discusses vocations with students at Holy Family School in Malone.



Nicholas Jones, a student at Augustinian Academy in Carthage, recently made his First Communion.

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