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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



St. Agnes School in Lake Placid was able to adapt all of their traditional Catholic Schools Week activities to make them Covid friendly. Ice cream Sundaes and spirit day on Monday, virtual bingo, paint and sip and parents socials family events, pajamas and movies, breakfast for lunch, sledding and a winter circus were all enjoyed by the students, but they seemed to take the most enjoyment out of getting to wrap each other up like gifts to symbolize that they are all gifts from God! See stories on pages 3-6.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE



Sister Gabriel Marie Meyers holds a baby at at baptism in Port Leyden in 1999. As we prepare to celebrate World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, the *North Country Catholic* looks at ways the men and women living in consecrated life serve and minister within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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Pope: Scripture not meant to be stuck on paper

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Praying with Scripture is not meant to be a mindless repetition of biblical quotes but instead is a gift that is meant to be accepted in people's hearts, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience Jan. 27, the pope said the words contained in Scripture were "not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus,

parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart."

He also said Christians must not exploit the Bible or use it for "ulterior motives" like justifying "his or her own philosophical and moral view."

"It irritates me a little when I hear Christians who recite verses from the

Bible like parrots: 'Oh, yes, the Lord says (this), he wants this,'" the pope said, departing from his prepared remarks.

"But did you encounter the Lord with that verse? It is not a question only of memory; it is a question of the memory of the heart, that which opens you to the encounter with the Lord. And that word, that verse, leads you to

the encounter with the Lord," he said.

Livestreaming his audience from the library of the Apostolic Palace, the pope continued his series of talks on prayer by looking at how Christians pray with Scripture.

"The Bible was not written for a generic humanity, but for us, for me, for you, for men and women in flesh and blood, men

and women who have a name and a surname, like me, like you," he said.

The Christian tradition of "Lectio Divina," reflecting on and praying with the biblical readings, allows Christians to enter "into dialogue with the Scripture," he said. And recognizing oneself in a particular passage, biblical character or situation "is a grace."

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I'm in the cat season

My family has three oversized cats, but my husband and I are really dog people.

While we had a cat or two growing up, my family was a dog family. We were loyal to a particular breed: the Saint Bernard. We had several of them growing up. Despite their size, their drool and their shedding, I maintain that Saint Bernards are the best dogs on the planet (I'm prepared to argue that point).

So, I had more than a little puppy envy when my twin

sister, Deanna, posted pictures of the puppy that will soon be hers: a beautiful, chubby female Saint Bernard puppy.

Darcy L.
Fargo

It seems like the logical question is, "why would a dog person who has serious puppy envy have three oversized cats instead?"

I'm not in a season of life during which it would be appropriate for me to have a dog. I'm not home enough to walk a dog/let it out

a handful of times every day. We like to travel. It's easy to

leave cats home when we go on long weekend trips or vacations. If we're gone longer than a couple days, we have a neighbor who stops in once a day to provide care for the cats. Dogs are not that easy. Jake doesn't love dogs and is afraid of some dogs.

So, we're in a cat season of life.

My puppy envy had me reflecting on the fact that God gives us different seasons in our lives in a lot of ways. Often, we're in seasons that aren't what we would consider the ideal – seasons we wouldn't choose for ourselves.

But there are gifts and blessings in every season, even the ones that aren't what we would choose for ourselves. I've come to love this cat season and these cats. They're cuddly, they're fun/funny, and two of the three are rodent killing machines.

Adam and I hope to someday get a dog. Adam thinks we'll get something like a dachshund (he's a smart man, but he can't be right all the time). I hope we'll have a Saint Bernard season.

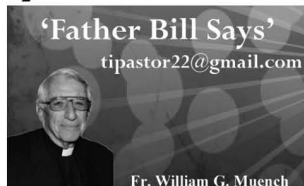
For now, though, we're trying to enjoy the seasons as God gives them to us.

'And my life as a priest changed'

Recently, my nephew, Paul, mentioned to me a class activity that he used in his AP American History Class. He asked his students to consider an important historical event in their lifetime that influenced their life and the challenges in life.

Paul said to me that he knew exactly what I would choose. Actually, I hesitated. I really wasn't certain what he thought I would choose, so I simply asked him what he was so certain I would choose. He said the Second Vatican Council. He was obviously correct.

Let me share with you how the Second Vatican Council influenced my priesthood and the profound effect it had on who I was as a Catholic priest. I studied for several years in a Catholic seminary preparing to be a Catholic priest before the Council took place. I was ordained a priest and exercised my priesthood for several years before the Council. Then, during the 1960s, the Vatican Council convened, all the bishops of the world met



Fr. William G. Muench

with our Holy Father, Pope John XXIII at that time, and truly my goals and my life as a priest changed.

As a priest, the celebration of the Church's sacraments, and especially the Mass, is central to our ministry and personal spirituality. The Council changed the way in which we, priests, celebrate Mass. The Council opened for us the opportunity to celebrate Mass in the vernacular – for us in English. This truly influenced me and my understanding of exactly who I was and what I was doing as I said the words of the Mass at the altar – the words of the Lord – as I stood at the altar. The words of the Mass were more meaningful.

The Council encouraged us, priests, to celebrate Mass facing the congregation. This also had a profound effect on

my personal spirituality. I recognized my relationship not only with God as I offered Mass but also with all those that were praying with me.

The Second Vatican Council urged a new development of the ritual of the services of Holy Week, allowing all Catholics to become more involved in the events that we celebrate, allowing all Catholics to walk with the Savior in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord as we prayed and called to mind all that Jesus suffered and did during his Passion. I believe that the Holy Week Services now bring the community of a parish into a deeper understanding of the Paschal Mystery.

The Second Vatican Council challenged me and all priests to a deeper understanding and study of Sacred Scripture – reading and meditating on the Bible. In fact, the Council urged priests to use a homily when they preach at Mass – that is using the message in the Scriptures read at the Mass as the basis

of their message. In addition, the Council urged the study of Sacred Scripture in parish study groups.

There is so much more that the Second Vatican Council accomplished. Personally, the Council presented new and challenging goals for me to recognize in my ministry as a priest. As I look back, I really do recognize how powerfully my life changed because of the Second Vatican Council. I believe that God touched my life, and my priesthood found new life in the Lord. The Lord showed me what I needed to do and what I needed to accomplish.

It was a good time to be alive and to be Catholic. The Council's successes were numerous. It also led to a new relationship with other Christian churches and with other religions, a recognition that salvation was possible outside the Catholic Church, as well as a new emphasis on scripture. The Roman Catholic Church now believes, sincerely, in human rights, in democracy, in freedom of religion.

Counting blessings: Catholic Schools Week

When I thought about this year's Catholic Schools Week celebration, the lyrics to the song Count Your Blessings came to mind. When I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep and I fall asleep counting my blessings!

Join me in counting the blessings of our Catholic Schools. My list of blessings, by no means complete, includes principals, teachers, pastors, family support coordinators, and families.

In this challenging and demanding time, I thank God for our principals. They provided painstaking, steadfast leadership in their schools beginning with the school closures in March and extending through the summer months as they developed and implemented school reopening plans that met the standards of the NYS Departments of Education and Health. Since September, when our schools were able to open for five days of in-school instruction, principals have carried on as academic leaders, substitute teachers (when substitutes are unavailable) and safety protocol monitors. They are witnesses to faith and hope, pillars of encouragement and support for teachers, staff, students and families and steady, well-informed leaders in ever changing circumstances.

We are blessed with women and men committed to the total well-being

of their students. Our teachers and staff are indispensable to the school community. While this has always been the case, in these times we acknowledge that without them, students would not experience the "safe haven" that the school provides, well planned instruction (both in-person and virtual) and attention to their social and emotional needs.

Schools look different and operate differently. Yet, teachers and staff labor diligently to provide a stable, safe, and healthy environment where students can flourish academically and spiritually.

Family support coordinators are on my list of blessings. They strengthen the relationships between the schools and their families – so needed at this time. Particularly during the pandemic, they organize and implement outreach to families, support principals and teachers, assist with daily safety protocols and plan activities and events for students and families while maintaining safety requirements.

We count families among our blessings. They share with us what is most precious to them, their children. What a privilege to accompany parents in their responsibility to form and educate their children as citizens

of this world and one day citizens of heaven.

Pastors are surely among our blessings. We thank them for their continued support of their parish or regional schools, as parish financial resources have been and continue to be impacted by the pandemic.

When I was checking the lyrics to the familiar Count Your Blessings, I discovered another song with the same title. The first verse seems appropriate for our time.

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,

When you are discouraged thinking all is lost, Count your blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in our schools this year but differently. Some schools will celebrate the last week of January, the week set aside by the National Catholic Education Association; some will celebrate in February and others in March. In every instance, principals, teachers, and staff will be creative in the planning of events and activities that

are appropriate and safe for our times.

During Catholic Schools Week, let's count our blessings and be grateful for the ways in which God is working in our schools, our homes, and our lives. Be open to the surprises "that the Lord has done." Quoting Pope Francis, "Anyone who is a man or woman of hope – the great hope which faith gives us – knows that even in the midst of difficulties God acts and he surprises us. . . He is the Lord of surprises" inviting us to be surprised by the ways he is working in our lives (Cf homilies 7/24/13; 5/5/19).



Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ

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Celebration goes on at Massena's Trinity Catholic

MASSENA – This year Trinity Catholic School in Massena will be celebrating Catholic Schools' Week a little differently than previous years.

To kick off Catholic Schools' Week, Trinity's spaghetti dinner was held as a drive-up and take-out event.

During the week, the school celebrates community day. Typically, Trinity would have representatives from the community come in and talk to students about what their job entails and how they help the community. However, this year, due to the pandemic, the school can not have visitors. Instead, these community members have set aside some time to still speak to our students via zoom. The students will tune in and see a new side of where these businesses are and how they work.

As in the past, each day will begin with prayer focusing on the theme for the day.

In keeping things light, students will be dressing creatively for a crazy hat day and mismatched clothing day on student day. Also, the annual school-wide dance will be virtual. Each classroom will tune in virtually. There will be a schedule for each classroom to have a turn with some outdoor fun followed by hot chocolate delivered to their classrooms.

In gratitude to all the armed forces who protect our great nation, Trinity will have students pray for them and make thank you notes, cards or letters for them during Nation day. Dressing in the colors red, white and blue will put them in the spirit of the day.

In the past, the school has attended noon Mass every Friday. This year, the school is grateful to Father Mark Reilly for providing Friday noon Mass live streamed, so our students may attend virtually in their own classrooms.

Family day will help Trinity Catholic focus on the school's families. Homemade crests will allow creativity of each family to be celebrated. Students will come to school dressed as a member of their family, challenging their classmates to guess who they are representing.

Teacher appreciation day will allow teachers and staff to be given the kudos they deserve. Trinity teachers and staff share their love of God through carefully planned lessons to those present and remote. A special luncheon catered and eaten with their students will be the highlight of the day. They will miss the camaraderie of sharing a meal together with parent volunteers "holding down the fort." Maybe their students will have a special thank you for them.

Regardless of the restriction that Trinity is following, we celebrate who we are! Trinity Catholic School exists to provide a Christ-centered academic environment that nurtures education, excellence and the spiritual growth of all our students.

St. Bernard's celebrates

St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake kicked off Catholic Schools Week on Jan. 31 at the parish's 10 a.m. Mass.

Throughout the week, students are encouraged to participate in two competitive charity events: a "SOUPer Bowl" and "Penny Wars."

In the "SOUPer Bowl," whichever class brings in the most cans of soup to donate to the local food pantry wins a dress-down day. In Penny Wars, students bring in spare change for charity. The class with the highest value at the end of the week will earn a dress-down day, and the school's students will vote on which charity will receive the funds.

Also throughout the week, mystery guest readers will read to the school's students throughout the week.

Each day of Catholic Schools Week, St. Bernard's will celebrate a different theme.

Monday, the school will "Celebrate Your Commu-

nity." Each class will add art to a mural that depicts corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Fifth grade students will present persuasive writing pieces during a full school meet, and classes will vote on which charity receives the funds raised in Penny Wars.

Monday will also be crazy hat and mismatch day.

Tuesday is a day for St. Bernard's to "Celebrate Your Students."

In addition to being pajama day, teachers will serve a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and juice in their classrooms, and students will watch a movie and eat popcorn in the afternoon.

Wednesday is a day to "Celebrate your Nation," and students will be allowed to dress as hikers or tourists.

The day will include virtual field trips to national parks, monuments or places of interest in the United States. Students are encouraged to make trail mix as a snack, and they'll read cards from other

Catholic school students and find the other schools on the map.

"Celebrate Vocations" is the theme for Thursday, and students can dress down for the occasion. There will be a Saints Parade. Students will also make and deliver cards to the priests and consecrated religious serving in their community. Families will deliver meals and treats to the rectory.

On Friday, the school will "Celebrate faculty, staff and volunteers," which also includes school or team spirit day.

Fourth grade students will cook lunch for the St. Bernard's staff, and fifth grade students will cook dessert. All classes will play games throughout the day, and the week will end with a full school meet and BINGO!

Principal Andrea Kilbourne-Hill said the school had to eliminate interclass activities and a breakfast with families from the typical Catholic Schools Week celebration due to the pandemic.

What is a Foster Grandparent?

Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. They are placed in a classroom setting with a child or children who are in need of emotional support, development of basic learning skills, friendship, companionship, encouragement, individual attention, and unhurried help. The program currently has 40 volunteers and serves more than 100 kids per year.

The Foster Grandparent Program is hosted by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and supported by AmeriCorps Seniors, a federally funded agency responsible for building volunteer based programs for over 50 years and counting.



Sometimes when you get to be my age, you wake up and say what good am I and along came the Foster Grandparent Program that keeps me going! "

Roy Foote
age 83
Foster
Grandparent



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Augustinian plans festivities for Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week has traditionally been a time for Augustinian Academy in Carthage to celebrate our school and to spend time together. Providing opportunities for the students and staff to work together as a school family is a big part of Augustinian Academy. While COVID-19 has certainly brought its challenges, it doesn't keep us from trying new things.

This year, Augustinian's seventh and eighth graders are taking the lead on organizing the week. There is a daily theme and activity:

- We will kick off Catholic Schools' Week at our first Friday Mass on Feb. 5. It is an opportunity when the whole school can gather and pray together.

- On Saturday and Sunday, we will recognize and thank our parishioners for all they do to support Augustinian Academy at the weekend Masses.

- Monday is **School Spirit Day**. The students will show their spirit by wearing blue and gold. There will be a Mystery Saint activity, and the eighth graders will play their annual volleyball game against their teachers. The volleyball game is generally a whole school event, but due to gathering restrictions, it will be a closed event this year.

- Tuesday is **Pajama Day**, which is one of our more popular days. The seventh and eighth graders will host a virtual read-aloud and craft with the younger students. They will prepare individual craft kits for each student.

- Wednesday is **Blast**

from the Past Day. Students may dress up as their favorite person from history. The seventh and eighth graders will compete in a virtual lip-sync battle, and the younger students will vote for their favorite.

- Thursday brings **Disney Day**, and the students may dress up as their favorite Disney character. There will be a Disney Scavenger Hunt and themed snacks for a class movie.

- Friday will be **Winter Carnival Day**. Each class will have an opportunity to dress warmly and go outside to play a couple winter carnival games, followed by hot cocoa and snowman popcorn cups.

- One of the class projects will be a STEM activity to create a Catch-a-Cupid Trap. The traps will be set up Thursday afternoon in hopes of catching Cupid.

- Typically, Augustinian's Catholic Schools Week celebration includes a gala and auction that brings together the parish, school families, alumni, and local businesses. Unfortunately, that can't happen in the traditional way this year, but our parent organization has been working very hard to put together a Gala-To-Go Basket that contains everything for a lovely Gala dinner at home and an on-line auction which will be hosted at <https://augustinian-academy.betterworld.org/>

Augustinian Academy will celebrate Catholic Schools Week February 7 to 12. As we celebrate, the school will continue to follow all the health and

safety guidelines. We continually strive to live our mission and help our students grow in their faith, academics, and community service. We celebrate Catholic Schools Week and Augustinian Academy.



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The RSVP Program is hosted by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and supported by AmeriCorps Seniors, a federally funded agency responsible for building volunteer based programs for over 50 years and counting.

Upcoming opportunities

There are so many ways you can help your community out that you might not even know about! Here are some examples of what you can do!



Be a Friend

Check on friends, share a meal, help around the house, go for a walk or just stop by to catch up.



Give a Ride

Drive your neighbors to their appointments, to pick up prescriptions or to the store.



Help at School

Volunteer at local elementary schools, tutor students, or be a mentor to those in need.



Give a Meal

Support the local food pantry by shopping, organizing, cooking, or anything else.



Meals On Wheels

Donate your time to your local Meals on Wheels program and prepare or deliver meals.

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Environmental Stewardship

Want to save the world?

Although we know that we can't "save the world," and in fact we don't have to do that since Jesus already did. But who of us wants to make SOME difference in the world? For anyone who answers "I do" to this question, Mother Teresa gives some good advice: "We must do small things for one another with great love." St. Joseph seemed to model this message. He worked in his carpenter shop day in and day out providing for his family and his customers. Both Mother Teresa and St. Joseph were faithful to the tasks before them. And it made all the difference in the world!

The challenge given to all of us in January's Respect Life theme is to cultivate a "culture of love." The opportunities to do that most often happen in our simple daily choices. So let's look at some simple acts that I can do that will benefit the quality of life for all my sisters and brothers as a responsible steward of God's creation.

To begin with, make a list of all the simple good stewardship things that you are ALREADY DOING; i.e. recycling, turning off water while brushing teeth, using reusable shopping bags, etc. Then, consider what else you are concerned about regarding the condition of the planet you want to pass on to next generation of children.

One concern the Mercy Sisters have is the amount of single use plastics that are polluting our "home." They have developed an action plan called Plastics Beyond Convenience. It challenges us to look at our daily use of plastics. "It is literally everywhere. It is a major component of just about everything we encounter in daily life including computers, cell phones, home appliances, household items and packaging of food, personal care products and much more." This program offers helpful daily tips and inspiration for reducing your use of plastics and also explores several aspects of the plastics problem. More next week!

For now: An Irish Blessing for Winter, "May you have a warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night and a smooth road all the way to your door."

IHC plans Catholic Schools Week events

WATERTOWN – Immaculate Heart Central will celebrate Catholic Schools Week February 1-5 with a series of events.

Monday will kick off the 'Soup'er Bowl and the week-long class can drive competition. Students are also allowed to wear

sports jerseys over their uniforms.

On Tuesdays, seniors can wear their class shirts. The school will also celebrate the Mass for the Presentation of the Lord.

On Wednesday, the school celebrates "classy colors," and each grade is allowed to wear different color. Faculty will wear white. Seniors and faculty will also compete in Family Feud.

On Thursday, students can wear IHC spirit shirts, and thank you cards will be sent to families.

On Friday, the students will have a dress down day, and there will be a badminton tournament.

Rest in Peace

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

Feb. 3 – Rev. John McDonald, 1879

Feb. 4 – Rev. Joseph Redington, 1892; Rev. Edmund Walsh, 1925; Msgr. Michael R. Burns, 1932; Rev. Henry McArdle, O.S.A., 1969; Rev. Francis Maurus Kearns, 1990

Feb. 5 – Msgr. Thomas E. Walsh, 1901; Msgr. F. Gordon Coseo, 1997; Rev. John J. Fallon, 2005

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

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Bishop's Public Schedule

Feb. 3 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Feb. 4 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Feb. 5 – 10 a.m. – Mass and Election of the Major Superior at the Precious Blood Monastery in Watertown

7 p.m. – Deacon Candidates Class at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Feb. 6 – 4 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Feb. 7 – 8 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Feb. 9 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Feb. 10 – 9:45 a.m. – Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg uses the training, Protecting God's Children for Adults. There are no live trainings scheduled. If you need to complete VIRTUS training, contact Jean Grizzuto, jgrizzuto@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 x 1413, who will coordinate online training.

WRAPPED WITH LOVE



As part of their Catholic Schools Week activities, students at St. Agnes School in Lake Placid wrapped each other like gifts to symbolize that they are all gifts from God!

DEVOTION TO THE SEVEN SORROWS AND SEVEN JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Devotion to the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph is observed on the seven Sundays preceding the March 19 feast of St. Joseph (starting Jan. 31).

Seven Sorrows

1. The doubt of St. Joseph. (Matt. 1:19)
2. The poverty of Jesus' birth. (Luke 2:7)
3. The Circumcision. (Luke 2:21)
4. The prophecy of Simeon. (Luke 2:34)
5. The flight into Egypt. (Matt. 2:14)
6. The return from Egypt. (Matt. 2:22)
7. The loss of the Child Jesus. (Luke 2:45)

Seven Joys

1. The message of the Angel. (Matt. 1:20)
2. The birth of the Savior. (Luke 2:10-11)
3. The Holy Name of Jesus. (Matt. 1:25)
4. The effects of the Redemption. (Luke 2:38)
5. The overthrow of the idols of Egypt. (Is. 19:1)
6. Life with Jesus and Mary at Nazareth. (Luke 2:39)
7. The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. (Luke 2:46)

Feb. 7, 2021

St. Joseph experienced great sorrow at seeing the Child Jesus born in

such poverty. For those who do not have the means to provide for themselves and their families, that through God's grace, their needs may be met, we pray...

St. Joseph's joy was great when angels announced Jesus' birth. That we may welcome Jesus into our hearts and share His joy and peace with all the people we meet each day, we pray...

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be..., Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, we your faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, consecrate ourselves to your honor and give ourselves to you, that you may always be our father, our protector, and our guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for each one of us a greater purity of heart and fervent love of neighbor. After your example, may we do all our actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for this Church of the North Country. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for our families that we may all grow in faith, hope and love so that we may faithfully serve Jesus, Christ our Lord, all the days of our lives. AMEN



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

(Left) Sister Gabriel Marie Meyers is photographed during an adoption she helped facilitate when she worked at Catholic Charities. (Right) Sister Mary Annette McGettigan served with Sister Mary Stella Klopff as speech and hearing clinicians at the House of Good Samaritan in Watertown.

Celebrating consecrated life

By Jessica Hargrave
Contributing Writer

This weekend we pray for the men and women who made commitments to consecrated life and those who have yet to answer their call to vocations. World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes February 6 and 7.

Religious orders in the Diocese of Ogdensburg have ministered to North Country residents in forms of education, healthcare, and social ministries for two centuries.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart arrived in Watertown from France in 1876 and are still there today. The Catholic order of priests and brothers live by one charism, wanting everyone to experience God's love through the compassion of Jesus.

Their ministry began with formation, training young men to become priests and eventually es-

tablishing a high school seminary in Watertown until it closed in 1976.

Father Frank Natale, MSC, pastor at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown and a member of the order, said the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have evolved since the order's beginning while the devotion to serve the people of the parish has not changed.

"It eventually grew into more outreach in the area," Father Natale said. "We try to meet the needs of the community along with passing on the message of God's love for them. We've been called to parish ministry, prison ministry, hospital chapel, and teaching."

Father Natale added, "It's important to celebrate those in consecrated life who have sacrificed the warmth and comforts of home to help others. These brothers and sisters let go of the home they know to go out and serve God."

It was the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart who brought the Sisters of St. Joseph to Watertown in 1880 to start Catholic education in the area. Front and center of a small wooden schoolhouse were sisters and missionaries who gave poor and immigrant children a chance at opportunity and to grow their faith.

Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer, a Sister of St. Joseph, served as a teacher in nearly every corner of the diocese, embodying the Sisters of St. Joseph charism of love God and love our neighbor. She wore many hats, volunteering at Hospice and a Women's Crisis Center and Respite Center, working in Catholic Charities as a social worker. She became the group mother and administrator at St. Patrick's Children's Home, which gave orphaned children discipline and structure.

Two Sisters of St. Joseph served as speech and

hearing clinicians at the House of the Good Samaritan in the 1960s and 1970s, Sister Mary Stella Klopff and Sister Annette McGettigan. Today, Sister Rosie Soosairaj, A Sister of the Cross of Chavanod, carries on the legacy of sisters in healthcare. Sister Rosie is a nurse practitioner at Samaritan Hospital in Watertown and feels blessed to be practicing the healing powers of God.

"There is something different in me that most of my patients can see, can feel," she said. "I like to think it is the presence of prayer, the power of honesty, and caring for God's charisma. The warmth and trust they give me far outweighs anything that I could expect to give them."

Sister Rosie says while

it's frightening to work during the COVID-19 pandemic, she feels great solace educating her patients about the facts and misconceptions of the virus. She says those in consecrated life could use the extra prayers this weekend, because human strength alone is not enough.

"We need prayer support from each other, lift us through our difficult days to focus on God who is the source and master of all for whom we have dedicated our life," she said.

We thank all the special people called to consecrated life. May they continue to respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. We also pray more men and women will answer the call to consecrated life.



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Archbishop: Pro-life witness is rooted in the Eucharist

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The witness of the pro-life movement is rooted in the Eucharist, said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

"The Eucharist unites and strengthens us in our efforts to secure justice for the unborn, and to create a culture wherein every human life is cherished, nurtured and protected from the moment of conception until natural death," said Archbishop Lori, chairman-elect of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"All these extraordinary efforts, in the midst of this pandemic, testify to the importance of anchoring our pro-life mission in the Eucharist," Archbishop Lori said in his homily at the Jan. 29 closing Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

"Eucharistic adoration followed by the celebration of Holy Mass is like a school that forms and equips us to place our humanity at the service of the least of these, the tiniest of human beings and the most vulnerable of all," the archbishop said.

In his homily, Archbishop Lori brought the words of St. Paul to "have no anxiety" into topical focus.

"We might be tempted to say, 'St. Paul, are you kidding? Have you seen the executive order rescinding the Mexico City policy? Do you know that the cancel culture portrays pro-life advocacy as hate speech?'" he said.

"Friends, I'd suggest that we give St. Paul more credit than that," Archbishop Lori added. "His encouragement should be ringing in our ears as we march for life – if only virtually."

Anxiety, he said, "betokens a lack of trust in the Lord and his providential love. It suggests that we are in charge, more like independent contractors than disciples. Anxiety frays our relationships with others, including our pro-life partners, and corrodes that unity so necessary if the pro-life cause is to succeed.

"Anxiety incites us to engage in behaviors counterproductive to the cause of life, and, worst of all, it hinders us from discerning the Lord's will amid the challenges we face."

God has not abandoned anyone, Archbishop Lori said, but "remains with us, most especially in the Eucharist, and he continues to exercise the power of his love in our midst to this very day. That very fact should not only console us but also embolden us to pray and work for the cause of life perhaps as never before."

The Roman Empire of Paul's time was "right in the midst of a culture filled with idols and decadent living" but contained "signs and indicators of God's own truth and love," Archbishop Lori said. "Similar signs and indicators of God's truth and love exist in our culture."

He added, "Our culture gives a lot of credibility to science. Well, science attests to the humanity of

the unborn child, psychology attests to the interior pain often associated with procured abortions, while almost everyone has a soft spot in their hearts for a newborn child."

Reflecting on the Gospel passage from John 14, Archbishop Lori said, "Make no mistake: We do not manufacture the peace of Christ. ... The peace of Christ is not a mere good feeling, but is rather the amazing experience of a love that is stronger than sin and death."

"Our mission," he said, "is not to preach to ourselves but to connect with and speak persuasively to those who have not yet understood the truth, justice, and love of our cause," he continued. "Our mission is to reach those who are searching, because at some level, they understand the stunningly beautiful truth about the inviolable dignity of each human being."

The streaming numbers on the basilica's YouTube channel, compared to the crowds that would pack the basilica in normal years, with no pandemic, were even more meager than those for the opening Mass of the vigil the night before.

There were just 108 viewers when the bells rang signaling the start of Mass, although the number climbed to 369 by the time Archbishop Lori gave the final blessing. The latter number, though, was less than half that viewing the start of the vigil's opening Mass.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Bishops, pro-life leaders decry Biden ending 'Mexico City policy'

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The chairman of the U.S. bishops' pro-life and international policy committees said President Joe Biden's memo rescinding the so-called "Mexico City policy" Jan. 28 is a "grievous" action that "actively promotes the destruction of human lives in developing nations." "(It) is antithetical to reason, violates human dignity, and is incompatible with Catholic teaching. We and our brother bishops strongly oppose this action. We urge the president to use his office for good, prioritizing the most vulnerable, including unborn children," said Archbishop Joseph E. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace. The policy, first announced by President Ronald Reagan during an international conference on population in Mexico City in 1984, blocked U.S. funding for nongovernmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a form of family planning in other nations. Republican presidents since then have upheld the policy and Democratic presidents have overturned it. Opponents of the policy call it a "gag order."

Cardinal says pope will meet top Shiite leader in Iraq

ROME (CNS) – Cardinal Louis Sako, the Baghdad-based patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church, told reporters Jan. 28 that Pope Francis' March trip to Iraq is still on and that the pope plans to meet personally with Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, leader of the country's Shiite Muslim majority. The cardinal spoke to reporters Jan. 28 during an online news conference sponsored by L'Oeuvre d'Orient, the French Catholic charity that supports Eastern Christians, and by the French bishops' conference. The Vatican has said Pope Francis plans to visit Iraq March 5-8 but has not released details about the pope's schedule. The information provided by Cardinal Sako is considered provisional until confirmed by the Vatican. Adel Bakawan, an Iraq expert at the French Institute of International Relations, told reporters that the 90-year-old al-Sistani is an "indisputable reference for all Iraqi Shiites" and that his "fatwas" or judgments are followed to the letter, the French Catholic newspaper La Croix reported. Dignitaries visiting Iraq always request a meeting with the Shiite leader, but rarely are granted an appointment, Bakawan said.

Archbishop welcomes federal actions on housing, hunger

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The chairman of the U.S. bishops' domestic policy committee welcomed the extension of the federal eviction moratorium and an increase in nutrition assistance to families struggling through the coronavirus pandemic. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, who chairs the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, said Jan. 27 that the steps by the incoming President Joe Biden administration were necessary for anyone experiencing hardship as the pandemic continues. The Centers for Disease Control announced Jan. 20 that it was extending its order temporarily halting residential evictions until at least March 31. On Jan. 22, the Department of Agriculture announced a 15% increase in food stamp benefits at least through June under the coronavirus aid package passed by Congress in late December. About 29 million people, including as many as 12 million children, live in households struggling to afford food, the department said.

NOW STREAMING THE DIG

NEW YORK (CNS)—The discovery of an ancient burial ground in southeastern England in 1939 was one of the archaeological events of the century, rivaling in historical significance the opening of the tomb of King Tutankhamun in Egypt.

A fictionalized version of this intriguing story is told in the aptly titled film "The Dig" (Netflix).

Inspired by the 2007 novel by John Preston, "The Dig" focuses on Basil Brown (Ralph Fiennes), a local excavator and amateur archaeologist who oversaw the project. He was scorned by museum experts for his lack of formal education, lowly social status and unorthodox methods. His contribution to the discovery was hidden from the public eye for decades.

Basil's champion is Edith Pretty (Carey Mulligan), a wealthy widow who hires him to investi-



CNS PHOTO/NETFLIX

This is the movie poster for "The Dig" streaming on Netflix and starring Carey Mulligan and Ralph Fiennes. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

gate the mysterious earthen mounds on her vast estate, Sutton Hoo. The project captures the imagination of her young son, Robert (Archie Barnes), who comes to regard Basil as a surrogate father.

A considerable volume

of earth is moved, revealing the outline of a ship and a suspected royal tomb. That attracts bigwigs at the British Museum, and a snobbish director of that institution, Charles Phillips (Ken Stott), takes charge, bringing along a gaggle of

assistants. They include a husband-and-wife team, Peggy (Lily James) and Stuart (Ben Chaplin) Pigott.

Director Simon Stone proceeds at a leisurely pace and a family-friendly period drama unfolds. Unfortunately, the plot diverts to explore Peggy and Stuart's unhappy marriage. Stuart has a roving eye for his male peers, and a same-sex affair is implied. Meanwhile, frustrated Peggy is attracted to Edith's dashing cousin, Rory (Johnny Flynn), who arrives to assist with the excavation.

It's a shame that this extraneous material has been needlessly thrown into the mix, because viewers of all ages could otherwise have enjoyed a fascinating history lesson. In a flash, as we're shown, the wealth of artifacts from Sutton Hoo changed the prevailing view that the Anglo-Sax-

ons of the sixth and seventh centuries were crude aggressors.

"These people were not savage warriors," Charles proclaims. "They were sophisticated people with remarkable artistry. The Dark Ages are no longer dark."

As war is declared, the outlook is bleak and Edith's health begins to fail, Basil sees Sutton Hoo as a symbol of hope. "From the first human handprints on a cave wall we're a part of something continuous," he tells Edith, "so we don't really die."

The film contains adulterous sexual activity, brief nudity and an implied homosexual affair. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults.

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LENLEN PARISH MISSION

Ticonderoga – St. Mary's Church is offering a special Lenten Parish Mission podcast hosted by Father J. Roger McGuinness!

Date: Starting Feb. 16th and new episodes added each week.

Features: Father J. Roger McGuinness has been a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for over 50 years. He has been a pastor, seminary and university professor, retreat master, college chaplain and vocation director. Now retired from active ministry he continues to write and give spiritual direction. Father Roger will be leading us in a Lenten mission featuring weekly reflections on the Sunday gospel readings. He will also offer a special reflection on the life of St. Joseph on

March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. The podcast can be found on the parish website route74catholics.org/father-roger It can also be found at Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Spotify.

Contact: For more information or questions contact Father Chris Looby at fatherlooby@gmail.com.

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TAKE-OUT ROAST PORK DINNER

Brushton – A roast pork take-out dinner will be held.

Date: Feb. 6; pre-order on Feb. 5.

Time: 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center, 769 County Route 7 (Gale Road), Brushton.

Features: Menu of roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, squash, applesauce, roll and dessert.

Cost: \$10 per dinner

Contact: Pre-order by calling 518-

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529-6580 between 8 a.m. and noon on Feb. 5 or from 9 a.m. until all meals are sold on Feb. 6. Pre-ordering is preferred, but not required.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

VIRTUAL VOCATION RETREAT

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist invite you to join them on their 2nd Virtual Vocational Retreat!

Date: Feb. 13-14

Features: This online retreat will include talks given by the Sisters and Father David Meconi, S.J. on prayer, Dominican spirituality, the spirituality of DSMME, Eucharistic and Marian Devotion, and much more.

Contact: Register now at www.sistersofmary.org/news-events/events/

LEAD: LIGHT THE FIRE, SPREAD THE FLAME

A live zoom event to be held about the sacrament of Confirmation, its symbolism, its sense of mission, and ideas for implementing an effective program.

Date: March 13

Time: 9:45 a.m. to Noon

Speakers: Deb Mullin from Catholic Community of St. Peter, St. Mary, St. Hedwig in Lowville & Peter Wooschlager from St. Stephen's Church in Croghan.

Contact: Adults only are welcome to register. The Zoom link will be sent

as the event date approaches. To register go to:

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FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Readings focus on suffering

The Book of Job is one of the most popular stories in all of world literature. It deals with the mystery of human suffering. Why does God allow suffering? It's a good lesson for our troubled times.

The whole book contains 42 chapters. Today's first reading gives us only three verses from chapter 7, a passage in which Job, in the midst of intense, undeserved suffering, speaks as any modern person might speak when in near-despair. To really understand why this work has satisfied the questions



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of millions of readers through the centuries, I strongly urge you to take up your Bible and read at least chapters one and two for background. In chapter four and following, the "preaching" of his three friends – Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, as well as the young Elihu – can be tedious (they are trying to convince Job that he must have sinned terribly in his past). But when God eventually comes on the scene in chapter 38, He says, "Who is this obscuring my designs with his empty-headed words?... Brace

February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

yourself like a fighter. Now it is my turn to ask questions! Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Tell me, since you are so well-informed!" Then Job, thoroughly humbled, says to God, "My words have been frivolous: what can I reply? I had better lay my finger on my lips. I have spoken once...I will not speak again...I will add nothing!"

Job learns in this story that our sufferings are not

the result of our sins. Rather, we suffer so that the works of God may be shown forth in us. Suffering is still a mystery, but our trust in God's goodness and obedient acceptance of God's designs will bring us joyful salvation in God's heaven.

The second reading from Corinthians gives us the example of St. Paul who endured daily trials because he felt the compulsion of love, urging him to preach the Gospel until his last breath. His mission involved great suffering.

In the Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, enjoys her cooking, then works far into the night healing all in the village who came in crowds.

His love for the Father then sends him into many more towns and villages. Such mission must have involved great physical exhaustion for Jesus, as well as the deep suffering he experienced from rejection by the religious leaders.

In these very dangerous days of Covid-19, we can feel that we are being treated unfairly by God, or the government, or by people who think only of their own pleasure. Our patience has worn thin. Like Job, we can complain that we don't deserve all this. It seems that Satan is having a victory. Let's pray that after this test, God will bring prosperity and joy back to us. He is still in charge.

CALLED TO SERVE

Word of God Sunday – maybe next year

Where do you keep your remembrance prayer cards? Many people pick-up a card at the funeral home or at church on the day of a funeral and file the remembrance of a loved one in the family bible, or a personal bible. I put mine in my Liturgy of the Hours book. Priests and deacons engage in prayer from the Hours in the morning, evening, and other times during the day.

January 27, I opened my Hours to the date, the Feast of St. Angela Merici, and found my grandmother's prayer card, May God bless you, Helen. There was also one for Deacon Adam Crowe.

Adam was a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Ogdensburg when he died on that date in 2009. The Heuvelton native would

have been ordained a priest for our diocese later that year. He was 26. He died of natural causes at the seminary he was attending in Pennsylvania. The picture the Crowe family chose for Adam's prayer card shows him carrying the Book of the Gospels. What a beautiful and appropriate remembrance.

It is the deacon who proclaims the Gospel at Mass. Pope Francis has written that Gospel proclamation "requires deacons to have a sincere and faithful love of the Word." Notice "Word" is capitalized. That means Francis is talking about Jesus, the Word.

Pope Francis believes we all, not just clerics, need to

develop a greater love for the Word. He issued an Apostolic letter in late

2019 declaring the third Sunday of Ordinary Time as "The Sunday of the Word of God." Word of God Sunday is meant to focus our attention on the scriptures. Word of God Sunday hopes to promote a regular conversation with God through reading, listening, talking about, and practicing the lessons we find in the texts.

I would not say Word of God Sunday has caught on yet as a liturgical opportunity. We need to work on that for next year. Meanwhile, it occurs to me deacons might be the logical group to promote scrip-



Deacon
Kevin Mastellon



ture study in our parishes and homes as a way of opening the Word to more people. Rev. Mr. Crowe's picture reminds deacons we carry the Book of the Gospels in procession at Mass because we deacons are charged at Ordination to "Believe what you read. Teach what you believe. Practice what you teach."

The logo of Word of God Sunday shows The Word travelling with Cleopas and his wife on the Road to Emmaus. They would

recall, "were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" The feet of all three in the icon are depicted as being in motion, meaning the proclamation of the Risen Christ cannot be accomplished by "tired or lazy disciples" but only by those who are "dynamic" and ready to find new ways to speak so that sacred Scripture may become the living guide of the life of the church and its people.

May God bless you, Adam Crowe. Perhaps Deacon Adam can inspire us deacons to promote Word of God Sunday in 2022!

Deacon Kevin Mastellon ministers in Watertown. He is the Director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Kids helping kids: Missionary Childhood Association

We pray that 2021 will be a kinder, gentler year for us all. We look forward to our continued partnership in mission education as we develop missionary spirit in our youth. Due to the events of this past year, The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is unable to host the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) program for schools and religious education programs as it has in the past. This, however, does not mean that the needs of the children supported by MCA in Asia, Africa, Pacific Islands, Europe and the Americas have disappeared. We ask that you consider praying with your students whenever the opportunity presents itself for those in developing countries. Creative projects from your students to raise money



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for MCA will be gratefully received by those lacking the essentials of life in these pandemic times.

Information in addition to that shown below can be found on the MCA Mission Society webpage: <http://www.propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission//mca.aspx>

How does MCA differ from other organizations helping children in the Developing World?

MCA is unique to other organizations that assist children in the developing

world in that its primary aim is to encourage children to share their faith with children in the Developing World through their prayers, personal sacrifices and financial offerings.

Does MCA help only Catholic children? MCA cares for children regardless of their religious affiliation.

Why doesn't MCA participate in sponsoring individual children or families? Contributions to MCA are allocated to mission dioc-

eses throughout the world according to need. This system of allocating funds helps ensure that aid is distributed fairly and that those who are most desperately in need receive enough support. MCA funds are distributed to help children in 110 countries throughout the world.

Who participates in MCA programs in the United States? Annually, more than one million young people, kindergarten through eighth grade, participate in MCA-sponsored programs in the United States through Catholic schools and parish religious education programs.

Why should my child participate in MCA? All young Catholics have a baptismal responsibility to make Jesus Christ and His love known to others. MCA helps young people under-

stand the universal nature of the Catholic Church and recognize that they are missionaries today, in prayer and sacrifice, reaching out to children in the missions.

On behalf of the million of children in developing countries who have been blessed by your generosity, I thank you. While you may never meet those you have helped, rest assured they are praying for you in gratitude. God bless.

What else can children do to help the Missions? Children can offer their prayers in support of missionaries and the work of the Church in the missions. Should you have more interest in the MCA program or wish to forward contributions, please contact Alexis Michael in the Mission Office at 315-393-2920.

OBITUARIES

Alexandria Bay – Teresa (Burtch) Bresnahan, 94; Mass of Christian burial to be held in the summer at St. Cyril's Church.

Canton – Earle Gerald "Jerry" Amaral, 80; Private Mass to be held.

Canton – Neil (Robert) Sheridan, Sr., 90; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 29, 2021 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Colton – Reuben J. James, 88; Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Church in the Spring; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

DeKalb Junction – Freda J. (Enslow) Spadaccini, 88; Private Services to be held; burial in St. Henry's Cemetery.

Lowville – Thomas Earl Shultz, 88; Mass of Christian Burial to be held at St. Peter's Church to be held at a later date; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Lowville – Pauline A. Smith, 77; Services to be held at a later date.

Malone – Rita C. (Sullivan) Paro, 103;

Private Services to be held.

Malone – Everett J. Pecore, 78; Funeral Services Jan. 29, 2021 at the Brusco-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in Morningside Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Betty F. (Lamar) Brett, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 27, 2021 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Terry Ann (Spaman) Coughler, 71; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 28, 2021 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg – Robert John Dominie, 87; Funeral Services Jan. 25, 2021 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Kathleen F. (Conroy) Beauvais, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 25, 2021 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Marion E. Mousseau, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 26, 2021 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum.

Plattsburgh – Ronald H. "Ronnie" Prenoveau, 85; Services to be held in the Spring.

Port Henry – Natalie Mary (DePaoli) Finnesey, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 27, 2021 at St. Patrick's Church.

Rouses Point – Donna Lois Racine, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 29, 2021 at St. Patrick's Church.

Saranac Lake – Barbara Ann (Clookey) Burl, 86; Memorial Services to be held in the spring.

Saranac Lake – Mae Elizabeth (Baker) Lashway, 96; Mass of Christian Burial to be held in the spring at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Barry Scott Morgan McDonough, 50; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 27, 2021 at St. Bernard's Church;

burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Watertown – John A. "Jack" Gould, 78; Private Mass to be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Wilmington – Louis Joseph Macario, 61; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 30, 2021 at St. Margaret's Church.

Willsboro – John Tinnelly Manning, Esq., 85; Private Services to be held.



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Funeral for Sr. Jane Frances Cutting to be private

A private funeral service will be held for Sister Jane Frances Cutting, a Sister of St. Joseph.

Sister Jane Frances died January 29, 2021 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse at the age of 93.

She was born in Port Henry, NY, the daughter of Ralph Cutting and Evelyn Gonyo Cutting, on July 17, 1927.

A graduate of Port Henry High School, Port Henry, Sister Jane Frances en-

tered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 8, 1945, Watertown. She received the habit on May 5, 1946 and made Final Profession on August 27, 1951. She received her bachelor's degree from the College of St. Rose, Albany and her master's degree from the New York State University of Potsdam. She taught at Sacred Heart School, Watertown, Holy Name School, AuSable Forks, St. Patrick's School,

Watertown, St. John's School, Morristown, Augustinian Academy, Carthage, St. Mary's School, Fort Covington, Holy Family School, Watertown, St. Andrew's School, Norwood, St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga and St. James School, Gouverneur and was involved in parish ministry in Adams and Gouverneur. She retired to the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in 2008.

Sister Jane Frances' favorite hobbies were crafts, making cards, gardening and reading.

Sister Jane Frances is survived by her nephew, David Mayer, and niece, Bernice Mayer, of Port Henry, NY. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her brother Robert, and sisters Bernice Mayer and Dorothy Cutting.

Funeral arrangements are with Cummings Fu-

neral Service, Inc. Due to the Coronavirus, there will be no waking hours at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. The funeral liturgy will be held privately at the Motherhouse Chapel.

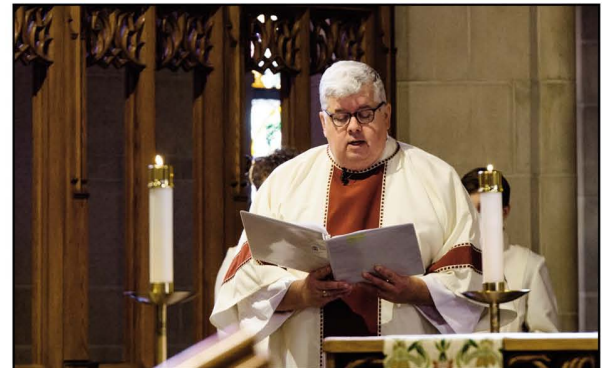
Contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Online condolences to her family may be posted at www.cummingsfuneral.com.

At the Mass for Life



JESSE SOVIE/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

On January 24, Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated a Mass for Life at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Due to the pandemic, the annual March for Life in Washington, DC was a virtual event this year.



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