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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## No newspaper the week of April 27

The *North Country Catholic* is taking a planned week off. There will be no *NCC* for April 27.

We will resume our normal print schedule on May 4.

## An Indigenous perspective

Dr. Rose-Alma "Dolly" McDonald of the St. Regis Mission Church was recently featured in a *Globe and Mail* sharing her thoughts on the recent visit to the Vatican by Canadian Indigenous leaders.

McDonald said she hopes the visit will create more awareness of Indigenous issues.

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## REASON FOR THE SEASON



On April 13, Michele Bombard's sixth-grade students at Trinity Catholic School in Massena presented the Living Stations of the Cross. Each student participated in some way, either as a biblical figure or as a reader. This was a unique experience because the Passion was told through the eyes of Mary, Jesus' mother, and the anguish she went through witnessing her son being crucified.

## FAMILIAR FACE, NEW ROLE



Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced April 11 that James "Jim" Morrison of Ogdensburg, previously the Risk and Claims Manager of the diocese, will serve as Assistant Fiscal Officer for the diocese effective April 18. It is anticipated that Morrison will become diocesan Fiscal Officer in December upon the retirement of Fiscal Officer Michael Tooley, who has served in that role for 20 years.

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# Pope: Risen Christ brings peace to broken world

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The joy of Jesus' resurrection from the dead gives joy and strength to those who are called to bring peace, reconciliation and justice to the suffering and the downtrodden, Pope Francis said.

"Let us make Jesus, the Living One, rise again from all those tombs in which we have sealed him," the pope said in his homily April 16 during the Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica.

"Let us bring him into our

everyday lives: through gestures of peace in these days marked by the horrors of war, through acts of reconciliation amid broken relationships, acts of compassion toward those in need, acts of justice amid situations of inequality and of truth in the midst of lies. And above all, through works of love and fraternity," he said.

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals, was the main

celebrant at the Mass, and Pope Francis delivered his homily from a chair in front of the altar. The Vatican gave no explanation why Pope Francis did not preside. He has had difficulty walking recently, and he recently told journalists he had a knee problem.

However, Pope Francis baptized and confirmed seven adults who were entering the Catholic Church. The five men and two women included an Ameri-

can man identified as Taylor Pescante.

At the end of his homily, Pope Francis directly addressed Ivan Federov, the elected mayor of the Russian-occupied city of Melitopol, Ukraine. Federov, who was captured and later released by the Russians in a prisoner exchange, was in Rome and met earlier in the day with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state.

Looking at Federov, the

pope said the darkness of night also symbolizes "the darkness of war, of cruelty."

"We are all praying. We are praying for you and with you, we are praying for so much suffering," the pope said in Italian. "We can only give you our accompaniment, our prayer and tell you, 'Courage,' and accompany you. And to also tell you the greatest thing that we celebrate today," he said, switching to Ukrainian: "Christ is risen."

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# 'Chilling' with Jesus

Anyone who knows me knows my mouth sometimes gets ahead of my brain.

It was one of those moments.

A couple colleagues and I were talking about what we were doing after work on Monday.

"I'm going to chill with Jesus and chill with a friend after."

A good friend and I have a tradition of signing up for an hour of Adoration on Mondays during Lent. We've done it for years now. In fact, we used to do Monday and

Friday, but I bailed on the Fridays as part of my efforts to reduce commitments that take me away from my husband and son.

Darcy L.  
Fargo

After Adoration, this friend and I planned to go for a walk together.

"I'm going to chill with Jesus and chill with a friend after."

After I said that sentence, I batted it around in my head for a while.

"That didn't seem very reverent," I thought.

But sitting with what I had said, it was actually pretty

accurate.

To me, "chilling" with my friends means spending time together with nothing to accomplish except enjoying one another's company. When I join my friends for a theater show or sporting event, to tackle a craft project or plan an event, that's not "chilling." "Chilling" is sitting in the living room chatting. "Chilling" is talking over an appetizer buffet at a local eatery. "Chilling" is going walking and talking with no destination. It's just an opportunity to connect with one another and deepen our relationship.

While I have certain prayers I like to say while I'm sitting with our Lord in Adoration, and I'll sometimes journal or pray about a specific intention, I tend to spend the bulk of my time with Jesus just listening to what he has to say to me and enjoying being in his presence.

It's an opportunity for me to connect with our Lord and deepen my relationship with him.

It sounds an awful lot like "chilling" to me.

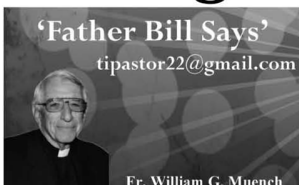
I guess my mouth gets it right once in a while when it gets ahead of my brain.

## Celebrating the resurrection

Today, I want to begin by sharing with you my personal resurrection experience. You see, shortly before Easter – two weeks before, I came down with a positive test for Covid, so I ended up in isolation for a time. Finally, during Holy Week, I improved. Yes, this was like a resurrection. I was able to celebrate the Masses and services of the Triduum, and I celebrated the resurrection of the Lord to new life on Easter Sunday as I celebrated my own resurrection to new life from sickness. Easter was truly a celebration for me.

Here in this parish, the first Easter morning Mass is a sunrise Mass, celebrated at near 6 a.m. I joined with the other priests and the people rejoicing in the Lord's resurrection, and this Mass became my Easter also.

So, I want to pass along my Easter greeting to you all. I offered that Mass for all of you and your intentions. I pray that you all experience the joy of new life through the Lord's resurrection. May you find peace



Fr. William G. Muench

and happiness of this Easter Season.

I find each year the joy and new faith as I read the many resurrection stories of the Lord in the Gospels. These stories bring special support to me and truly strengthen my faith. For me, I truly love the story of the appearance of Jesus to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. You certainly know this story. This story begins on the afternoon of Jesus' crucifixion. Two disciples were walking home from Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus. I remember hearing a Scripture scholar saying that they were probably a married couple – a husband and wife.

As they were walking along, Jesus himself came upon them. However, they did not realize that this was Jesus. Jesus asks why they

were sad. They explain in this story that they had just come from Jerusalem. They were disciples of Jesus of Nazareth. They had hoped that he had come as Messiah and Savior, and they believed that he was to be a great prophet, but now he was crucified by the chief priests and rulers. They were upset and distressed. Then Jesus, who they still do not recognize, speaks to them that the Scriptures teach us that the Messiah would suffer before he enters his glory.

Jesus walks along with them and presents to them a Scripture lesson beginning with Moses and the prophets. He interpreted to them all that referred to him in all the Scriptures. Can you imagine such a Scripture lesson? Wouldn't you have like to have been there on that walk.

As they come to the village, the couple insisted that Jesus stay for a time with them. Then, later as they were at table, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. At that moment, their

eyes were opened, and they recognized that this was Jesus who was walking with them and talking with them. At that moment, Jesus vanished. The Scripture tells us, that they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" They rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others what they had experienced.

I believe that this can be our own experience even now. I believe that more times than we can imagine, the Lord, Jesus, comes along to join with us, to walk with us, to teach us, to open the Scriptures for us. We don't realize that this is truly Our Lord and Savior who comes to give us guidance and support.

However, when we recognize the gift that has been given to us, we will realize that in a very perfect way that truly this was Jesus who was teaching us and leading us.

Thank you, Lord! I pray that you continue to be part of my life and come often to show me the way.



## PALM SUNDAY



The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Colton at the 5 p.m. Mass on April 9. Palms were blessed in the church vestibule and then a procession of the congregation took place immediately after. The Passion of the Lord according to St. Luke was proclaimed by Deacon Richard Burns, with Father Joseph Giroux, pastor of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's (Potsdam), seminarian Lukas Gruber and the congregation participating. (Above) Father Giroux incenses the Altar at the start of Mass. (Below) Altar server Isabelle Vaccaro leads the recession at the conclusion of Mass.



## NEWS BRIEF

**Father Peter M. Berg retires**

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has announced the retirement of Father Peter M. Berg, pastor of St. Therese Church in Newcomb and St. Henry's Church in Long Lake.

To send Father Berg a card, he can be reached at 1126 Graff Road, Attica, NY 14011.

Father Berg has served as pastor in Long Lake and Newcomb since 2003.

He studied for the priesthood at St. John Vianney Seminary at East Aurora, and after working at Kenmore Mercy Hospital in Kenmore, completed his theological preparation at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

He was ordained Dec. 5, 1971 by Bishop Stanislaus Brzana.

# Bishop appoints assistant diocesan fiscal officer

**It is anticipated that Morrison will become diocesan fiscal officer later this year**

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will appoint James E. Morrison as assistant diocesan fiscal officer.

Morrison will step into this new role on April 18, 2022.

It is anticipated that Morrison will become diocesan fiscal officer on December 1, when the current diocesan fiscal officer, Michael J. Tooley, retires after 20 years of service to the diocese.

"I am deeply grateful to Jim Morrison," said Bishop LaValley. "He brings years of experience in finance and administration, coupled with a love for the Church. The diocese has been blessed by competent and professional fiscal officers, and I am delighted that high level of professionalism will be continued."

Morrison is a graduate of Canton College of Technology and Clarkson University. He currently serves as the Risk and Claims Manager of the diocese. Prior to coming to the diocese, he served as Executive Vice President of Finance for United Helpers Organization, Ogdensburg. In that capacity he directed the financial administration, general accounting, business services, and financial reporting for United Helpers.

Morrison brings more than 30 years of financial, administrative and accounting experience to his new position.

"We feel blessed to have

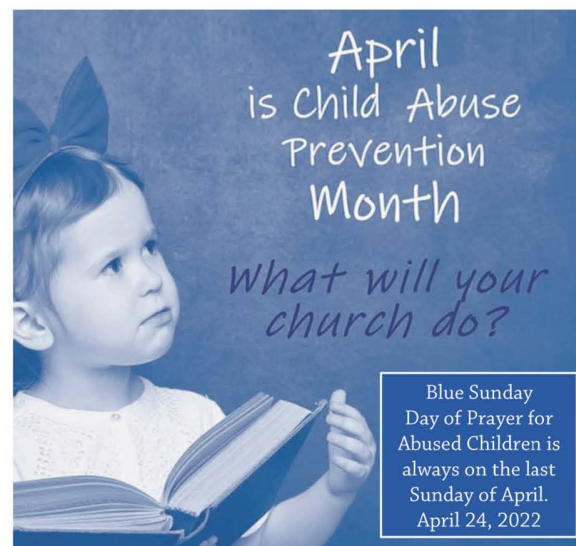


James E. "Jim" Morrison

someone with Jim Morrison's abilities and experience to lead our fiscal office," Bishop LaValley said. "While Mike Tooley will leave big shoes to fill when he begins his well-deserved retirement, it is a comfort to know that

someone as capable as Jim will assume the reins."

"I am extremely honored to have been considered for this position," said Morrison. "During my three years here as Insurance/Risk Manager, I have seen first-hand the great job Mike Tooley and the Fiscal staff do, and I am hoping to keep those processes moving ahead smoothly. My time with the diocese has given me the opportunity to develop organizational knowledge and experience working with both Central Office and Parish staff. A life-long Catholic, it's been a blessing to use the gifts God has given me in the service of His Church, and it's been a great joy to work for Bishop LaValley and the Diocese."



## How to pray for abused children on Blue Sunday

1. Pray they will be rescued.
2. Pray they are placed with caring people.
3. Pray their minds and bodies can heal.
4. Pray they find hope.
5. Pray for those who rescue them.

# Not the St. Bernard most people think

By **Mary Beth Bracy**  
Contributing Writer

**SARANAC LAKE**—Father Martin E. Cline, pastor of St. Bernard of Montjoux Parish in Saranac Lake, noted that their patron is often confused with St. Bernard of Clairvaux. In fact, he said, “we are one of only two St. Bernard of Montjoux parishes in the United States. Depending on which legend you go by, he’d be 1,000 years old this year. His community in the Alps is celebrating.”

“Saranac Lake is part of the Adirondacks. St. Bernard is part of that connection, as he is patron of those who live, travel, and participate in sports of the mountains—skiers, and snowshoers,” shared Father Cline.

“It is very difficult to find images of St. Bernard,” Father Cline commented. “There are no consistent images. Some frescoes, but there seems to be a couple of different images.” One of his parishioners, Ken Wiley, is painting an image of St. Bernard for inside of their Church.

Their door is open, Father Cline reflected, “We’re here, the church is open, especially for travelers. There has been a number of hikers, people coming through the mountains, 46 peaks, looking for a church and seeing us here, seeking as their going. We hope that they see the connection and come to the parish. We have a number of parishioners who are hikers and skiers.”

St. Bernard’s is discussing plans for a celebration. Father Cline explained that, at the celebration before he became pastor, “they brought in skiers and hikers, and blessed poles for parishioners.”

Tony Waickman, who



**St. Bernard Parish in Saranac Lake honors St. Bernard of Montjoux with a statue of the saint and the dog breed named after him.**

helped research about St. Bernard, described that they created a festival which began with a Saturday evening Mass and expanded to a blessing of guides and equipment. “People brought in camping gear, hiking boots, and put them before the altar. We are hoping to have this grow.”

“We worked together with the Left Bank Café,” Waickman continued, “and had a large supper based upon Northern Italy where St. Bernard comes from. We put up maps to make it real and filled the restaurant, priests were there.”

As the local St. Bernard’s opens its doors to travelers, the saint for whom the parish is named is also known for hospitality.

“The other thing that’s really fun is that St. Bernard had two hospices as a refuge (or resting stop),” Waickman said. “He built the great St. Bernard and lesser St. Bernard hospices located on Switzerland’s pilgrimage route to

get to France or Italy. In bad weather it was really dangerous. St. Bernard’s is a gorgeous place high in the alps, with a big lake hotel, Church, and museum.” Augustinian Canons Regular (clerics), the order that continues his work, still live there and speak primarily French.

Waickman related his inspiration for planning celebrations of their patron.

“The Catholic Church is falling on hard times,” he said. I wanted to try to celebrate the faith and culture of the Church. I’ve lived in other places where religion was the fabric of life, we’ve lost that and I am trying to rekindle it in some small way.”

It is remarkable to consider the work and sacrifices that went into building the hospices, elucidated Waickman, since all of the heavy duty building materials, food, and other supplies had to be transported up the

mountain.

“Structures had to be built sturdy enough to withstand the hurricane force winds that frequently blew through these passes and had to be insulated against the frigid cold that prevailed for much of the year,” detailed Tom Kalinowski, who wrote a pamphlet about St. Bernard based on his research and contact with the canons.

Moreover, St. Bernard’s holiness was such that people gravitated toward helping him with these difficult projects. People were inspired “to venture out, despite the harsh alpine conditions, to search for lost individuals who required rescue.”

St. Bernard’s charism lives on and, based on the need, a new breed of dogs was created after him.

“St. Bernard dogs used to find lost skiers and hikers in the Alps,” shared Father Cline.

“Over the centuries, they saved hundreds of lives,” expounded Kalinowski, “One St. Bernard dog in the 1800s named Barry was credited with saving at least 40 lives patrolling that region.”

Kalinowski explained their patron’s legacy. He was “an incredibly benevolent, caring, compassionate individual.” St. Bernard was renowned for miracles.

Kalinowski stated that there are “stories of his generosity. He lived a very simple life in trying to assist other people. We don’t know what kind of profound impact he had. He just spent time out in the wilderness helping people, he spent his entire life (and the vast majority of his 42 years as a priest) making things easier for travelers and never hesitated to explore new

routes to high plateaus and valleys when he heard they were in need of a priest.”

Although little is known about his life, St. Bernard is sometimes called St. Bernard of Menthon or Aosta.

“As a young man, Bernard was reported to have had spiritual ties to the Aosta, Italy region, and was ordained a priest in that Diocese,” said Kalinowski.

Due to his natural and spiritual gifts, St. Bernard was “appointed the Vicar-General, comparable to an auxiliary bishop, of the diocese of Aosta only several years after becoming a priest,” Kalinowski described further. “In this position, he began to travel throughout the Diocese, especially in the northern-most aread of the Alps. Eventually, the lure of hiking across the alpine terrain to new areas, while carrying the message of Jesus and the principles of Christianity to communities where other missionary priests had been unsuccessful, brought St. Bernard to places well outside his Diocese.” He traveled to several dioceses in Italy and Switzerland.

St. Bernard’s feast is June 15.

“Let’s celebrate our patron saint,” enthused Kalinowski. “We decided to raise a little awareness of our own patron saint. Hopefully the portrait of St. Bernard will be done and as part of the celebration we will unveil a rendering of our patron saint who is always present to intercede with God on our behalf.”

“What little we do know about St. Bernard is worth celebrating,” concluded Waickman, “and that he’s our guy.”



# Sharing an Indigenous perspective

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

**AKWESANSE**—As delegations of Indigenous people planned to travel from Canada to Rome to meet with Pope Francis, Dr. Rose-Alma “Dolly” McDonald noticed an email in her inbox.

McDonald is a commissioned lay minister and communications liaison at St. Regis Mission Church.

“The subject said, ‘Globe and Mail interview,’” said McDonald. “I opened it. It was from a reporter from Toronto. He thought the media wasn’t really accurately covering the Indigenous perspective on the delegation going to Rome to meet with the pope. He wanted to interview Indigenous Catholics. I agreed to do the interview.”

While she doesn’t know for sure, McDonald said she assumes the reporter found her name online, since she has been involved in the National Healing and Reconciliation Day as well as a number of committees and organizations on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border meant to promote Indigenous inclusion in the Catholic Church.

“We talked on the phone for a couple of hours,” said McDonald. “A few days later, a photographer emailed me and wanted to get a photo. He couldn’t cross the border to get to St. Regis Mission, so we did the photo shoot in Cornwall. Later, I Googled him. It turns out, he’s a really famous photographer. He was a photographer for the Canadian prime minister, and he’s photographed people all

over the world.”

The article was published in the *Globe and Mail* on March 24.

“The article was very balanced,” McDonald said. “Others had strong remarks about the need for an apology (regarding residential schools) and how important it is.”

McDonald explained that the delegation that traveled to Rome was made up of three separate delegations – Innuits, Metis and First Nations – representing the three types of Indigenous people in Canada.

“Each delegation presented its own issues,” she said. “Watching it, they did a really good job educating the Vatican. For three days, each delegation met with the pope individually. On the fourth day, all the delegations met together with the pope. Pope Francis made his apology on that fourth day.”

“For the deplorable conduct of those members of the Catholic Church,” the pope told Indigenous representatives April 1, “I ask for God’s forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry.”

McDonald noted that she appreciates the apology, but she noted it was a long time coming.

“The pope made his apology in 2022,” she said. “The residential school system started in 1831 and ran until 1996. In the 1980s, there started to be concerns about Indigenous children being abused in residential schools. In the 1990s, there was an inquiry into the schools. The schools finally closed in 1996. It was another 10 years before the class action lawsuit

against the Canadian government related to the schools. The Truth & Reconciliation Commission was established in Canada in 2008, and the federal government apologized then on behalf of the government of Canada. Then it took until 2022 for this apology.

“I’m happy the pope apologized. I’m happy the delegation went there to educate the pope, the Vatican and the universal Church about us.”

McDonald said she feels the Church needs to be more aware of Indigenous people and the issues they face and have historically faced.

“Education and awareness are needed,” she said. “We’ve been talking about residential schools and the abuses that took place for years. With the discovery of the mass graves, there’s proof that this was real. People need to be aware that this happened.”

McDonald also said she looks forward to what’s coming in the future.

“The pope said he’s going to come here, and

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## Catholic Canadians face ‘moment of crisis’ as Indigenous delegation heads to Vatican to seek residential-school apology

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Rose-Alma McDonald at St. Columban Catholic Church, on March 23, in Cornwall, Ont.  
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**Dr. Rose-Alma “Dolly” McDonald, a commissioned lay minister and communications liaison for St. Regis Mission Church, was interviewed by the Globe and Mail regarding the Indigenous delegation’s trip to the Vatican. The article was published March 24.**

he plans to meet with the Indigenous people,” she said. “While we would’ve liked to see this all happen 20 years ago, I’m glad it’s happening.”

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## Environmental Stewardship

## Blessing of seeds

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life during the Easter Season, we in the northern hemisphere also celebrate the "resurrection" and new life of the natural world that surrounds us. It is also time for planting seeds — whether in our gardens, our patio containers or our fields. In the Benedictine Book of Blessings there is a **Blessing of Seeds** (986-1006). In preparation for this Blessings, place your package of seeds, seedlings or plants before you, and pray this Blessings that is an adaption taken from RCL Benziger Easter Resources.

"Today we will ask God's blessing on the seeds (the seedlings) before us, knowing that the plants they will produce will bring beauty to the earth and food to our tables."

We are then invited to listen to God's Word about seeds and growing, Parable of the Mustard Seed, (Matthew 13:31-32) OR The Seed and the Kingdom of God (Mark 4:26-29).

As these seeds will provide life for us, we are called to reflect on what kinds of seeds we planting by our words and action each day? What kinds of fruits are they bearing for our families and the world? We turn then to God in prayer: For the Church that she may continue to plant the seeds of faith and justice in the world today; For the world that the seed of peace take root in every nation and may true peace grow on the face of the earth; for those in need that the seeds of our money, time and love help those in need of food, shelter and clothing; and for the farmers that the seed they plant this spring will grow and produce much food.

Then, placing your hand over the seeds pray:

God our Creator, you have given us many gifts of creation and you have asked us to care for them all. We ask your blessing as we go forth to plant these seeds (seedlings). As we care for them, help us remember to also care for those in need so that your love and goodness may grow in our hearts and in the hearts of all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

## Rest in Peace

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

**April 20** — Rev. James Igo, 2007

**April 21** — Msgr. Michael E. Fogarty, 1936

**April 22** — Rev. Daniel M. Sullivan, 1933

**April 23** — Rev. L. Victor Petit, O.M.I., 1898; Most Rev. Henry Gabriels, 1921

**April 24** — V. Rev. Alfred L. Pelletier, O.M.I., 1978; Rev. Thomas Egan, S.J., 1994

**April 26** — Rev. Charles M. Mestre, O.M.I., 1870; Msgr. David Stinebrickner, 1998

**April 27** — Rev. John J. Fedigan, O.S.A., 1908; Rev. Michael F. Ambrose, 1934

**April 28** — Rev. J. A. Larose, 1967

**April 29** — Rev. Arthur C. Kenny, 1945; Rev. Peter Mullen, M.M., 1999

**April 30** — Rev. Michael W. Holland, 1906; Rev. Louis Grenier, M.S.C., 1958

**May 1** — Rev. Joseph J. Halde, 1891; Rev. Edward P. Burns, 1985

**May 2** — Rev. Jean Marie Royer, O.M.I., 1905; Rev. Joseph M. Blais, 1948; Rev. Leon LaPorte, 1954; Rev. Burchard Murray, O.S.A., 1966

**May 3** — Rev. Cormac Walsh, O.F.M., 1977

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## Bishop's Public Schedule

**April 20** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**April 21** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**April 22** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

4:30 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams with the Queen of Heaven Church in Henderson

**April 23** — 4:30 p.m. — Confirmation at The Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont (at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Rosiere)

**April 24** — 8 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

11 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**April 25** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**April 26** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**April 27** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**April 28** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**April 29** — 7 p.m. — Confirmation at The Roman Catholic Community of Brownville and Dexter with St. Andrew's Church in Sackets Harbor

**April 30** — 4 p.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**May 1** — 8 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**May 2** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

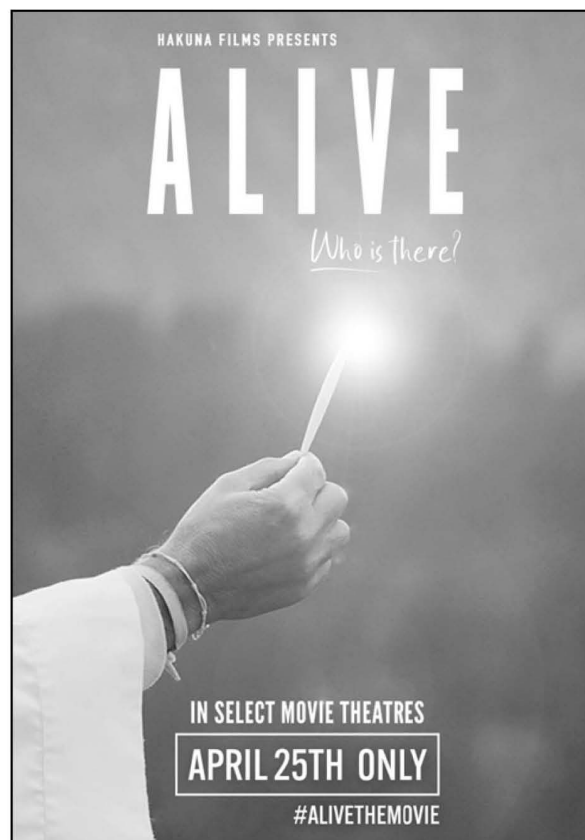
**May 3** — 7 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Stephen's Church in Croghan

with St. Francis Solanus Church in Harrisville, the Catholic Community of St. Peter and St. Mary and St. Hedwig in Lowville and St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls

**May 4** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

## Protecting God's Children

**The Diocese of Ogdensburg** has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required. Participants may preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). For more information or to arrange for training, contact Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or [jgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rcdony.org).



## ALIVE film to play in Plattsburgh and Watertown

The new Bosco Films and Hakuna Films feature documentary film *ALIVE* is set to release in movie theaters nationwide this Easter season via Fathom Events on Monday, April 25, including showings at the Cumberland 12 in Plattsburgh and Regal Cinemas in Watertown.

The one-night-only documentary arrives in the United States after a powerful international release that inspired audiences toward Eucharistic revival.

*ALIVE* is a Spanish produced documentary film that brings forward the compelling testimony of five men and women with four unique stories of how their lives were transformed by the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist: God alive. These true stories are told by real people and propose that audiences consider their testimony and the power of God in the hidden Christ contained in a white host, something many cannot see or discern and have never known.

Tickets for *ALIVE* can be purchased at Fathom Events or participating theater box offices. Fans throughout the U.S. will be able to enjoy the event in select movie theaters; for a complete list of theater locations visit the Fathom Events website (theaters and participants are subject to change).



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Florida's 15-week abortion ban is now law

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (CNS) -- Gov. Ron DeSantis April 14 signed into law a measure that limits most abortions in Florida to the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. The state's Catholic bishops praised DeSantis for his "commitment to defend unborn children and their mothers" and for his leadership in encouraging the Legislature to take up the bill and pass it and for his own support of the measure. About a week earlier, the bishops welcomed a judge's ruling upholding a 2015 state law that gives women 24 hours to reflect on information provided by physicians before proceeding with abortions. Regarding the 15-week abortion ban, the "historic law," as the bishops termed it, takes effect July 1 and includes provisions to improve infant health and to analyze and reduce fetal and infant mortality. It replaces a previous law that allowed abortions until 24 weeks of pregnancy. In a statement released April 14 by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, the prelates also commended the state's legislative leaders, especially Sen. Kelli Stargel and Rep. Erin Grall, both Republicans, who sponsored the bill, known as H.B. 5.

## Ukraine's Way of the Cross: Papal almoner prays at mass grave

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Mass graves and the deceased still lying along the roadside became a kind of "Way of the Cross" where Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, and Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas, apostolic nuncio to Ukraine, stopped and prayed. Pope Francis had sent the cardinal to Ukraine to spend Triduum and Easter with the people there as his special envoy. On the way back to Kyiv from Borodyanka, a town that had been under control of Russian forces, the cardinal and archbishop prayed amid the ruins and bodies of those killed, including by an unmarked mass grave, he told Vatican News April 15. "We found many dead and a grave with at least 80 people, buried without a name," he said. The scenes left them speechless, he said, but "Thank goodness there is faith and that this is Holy Week, Good Friday, when we can unite ourselves with the person of Christ and go up with him onto the cross." "There will be the Sunday of the resurrection," he said, and maybe then God will "explain everything to us with his love and change everything within us too, this bitterness and this suffering that we have been carrying for a few days, but particularly from today."

## Bishop says shooting shook all 'to our core'

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (CNS) -- In his homily at the evening chrisM Mass April 12, Brooklyn Bishop Robert J. Brennan spoke of the subway shooting that occurred early in the day, saying: "We were shaken to our core this morning, right here in the borough of Brooklyn, when violence hit us at home. Tonight, we pray very earnestly for those who were injured, passengers on the train, and the police who went in. We pray for their healing and restoration of their health. We pray for all of those out there every day watching over, protecting us, in so many ways," he said, echoing a statement he issued shortly after reports that a shooting spree took place at the Sunset Park subway station. Reuters, CNN and other news outlets reported that during the morning rush hour, a man wearing a gas mask released a canister of smoke and opened fire into the crowd on a train and on the station platform at a subway stop in the Brooklyn borough of New York. A massive manhunt began immediately for the suspected shooter, identified as Frank R. James, 62. He was arrested April 13 in the early afternoon, according to a tweet posted shortly before 2 p.m. EDT by WNBC-TV reporter Myles Miller. At least 23 people were injured.

# Before washing prisoners' feet, Pope Francis tells them God always forgives

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Before washing the feet of 12 inmates, Pope Francis told them and other prisoners that God never tires of forgiving anyone who asks.

When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, including the feet of Judas, who would betray him, it was a sign that God will wait patiently for everyone and will forgive everything, the pope said in his homily April 14 at a prison in Civitavecchia, northwest of Rome.

"Each of us, perhaps, has something in his heart that he has been carrying for some time," that agitates him, "some little skeleton hidden in the closet," the pope said. "But ask Jesus for forgiveness. He forgives everything."

The pope celebrated the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at the prison and washed the feet of 12 inmates -- men and women of different ages and nationalities, according to the Vatican press office.

The only thing Jesus asks of people is "our trust to ask for forgiveness," the pope said. "You can do it when you are alone, when you are with other companions, when you are with the priest."

Pope Francis encouraged the inmates to pray: "Lord, forgive me. I will try to serve others, but you serve me with your forgiveness."

"There is a Lord who judges," the pope told them, "but it's a strange judgment: The Lord judges and forgives."

The Mass was private, but the Vatican released the pope's homily, some photographs and a video clip.

The photos showed 12 inmates seated on an elevated platform for the foot-washing ritual, which meant that the pope, who has been experiencing severe knee pain and difficulty walking, could wash their feet while standing.

Pope Francis told the inmates he knows that washing someone else's feet can seem to be "a strange thing" today, but it is a reminder of Jesus, who "teaches us this, and it is simple: You have to wash each other's feet, one serving the other, without self-interest."

"How nice it would be if this were possible to do every day and for all people," the pope said, urging the prisoners to serve one another and forgive each other.

"And now, I am going to try to do the same thing that Jesus did: wash feet," he said at the end of the homily. "I do this from the heart because we priests should be the first to serve others, not exploit others. Clericalism sometimes leads us down this road. But we must serve."

Washing feet, he said, "also is a sign of love for these brothers and sisters and for all of you here; a sign that means, 'I do not judge anyone. I try to serve everyone.'"

At the end of Mass, the inmates gave the pope an overflowing box of artichokes, flowers, herbs and other things they grow in the prison garden.

After the liturgy, the Vatican said, Pope Francis went to a nearby conference room and met with about 50 people, including inmates, guards and prison officials.

Father Raffaele Grimaldi, head of the In-

spectorate General of Italian Prison Chaplains, had announced April 13 that the pope would be celebrating the liturgy at the prison, which has about 500 inmates.

The pope, Father Grimaldi said, would wash the feet 12 inmates, "stooping before their poverty and weaknesses, washing the feet of those who have walked the streets of violence, trampling on the rights of the innocent."

"Despite physical fatigue and hidden sufferings, Pope Francis never tires of traveling dusty, muddy, and bumpy roads 'to go in search of what is lost,'" the chaplain said, and he "is not ashamed to get his hands dirty" washing the feet of those "condemned by human justice but saved by God's mercy."

Pope Francis has never celebrated the Holy Thursday evening Mass with the public in St. Peter's Basilica.

The first year of his pontificate, he chose a juvenile detention facility near Rome. In 2014, he washed the feet of people with severe physical handicaps at a rehabilitation center in Rome. The next year, he was at a Rome prison and, in 2016, he celebrated the liturgy and foot-washing ritual at a center for migrants and refugees. From 2017 to 2019, he again chose prisons.

In 2020 -- during Italy's COVID-19 lockdown -- Pope Francis celebrated a scaled-down liturgy in St. Peter's with only about a dozen people in the congregation. There was no foot washing and no procession with the Eucharist at the end.

## ADIRONDACK

## PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP

Lake Placid – Monthly praise and worship to be held.

**Date:** First Friday of the month

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes Church

**Features:** Music led by Joey and MC Izzo. Time for fellowship and snacks afterwards. Will be livestreamed as well on St. Agnes Facebook page.

## EDUCATIONAL FORUM

Paul Smiths – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks will its annual Educational Forum co-hosted by Paul Smith's College on the urgent topic of Unpaid Caregivers—Honoring, Caring For, and Supporting them.

**Date:** May 18

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

**Cost:** \$25 registration fee includes networking lunch.

**Features:** Two expert keynote speakers will present. They are Alexandra Drane, CEO and Co-founder of Archangels and Beth Finkel, Director of AARP New York.

**Contact:** To register for the forum please visit Mercy Care's website at [www.adkmercy.org](http://www.adkmercy.org). For more information, please contact Lexi Bevilacqua, Mercy Care's Education and Volunteer Training Manager at [abevilacqua@adkmercy.org](mailto:abevilacqua@adkmercy.org) or at 518-523-5446.

## CLINTON

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Plattsburgh – Holy Cross Parish to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Date:** April 24

**Place:** St. Peter's Church

**Schedule:** Adoration begins at 12:15 p.m. Singing of the chaplet at 12:45 p.m. followed by Benediction. 1:15 p.m. in the Emmaus Room the movie "The Face of Mercy" to be shown.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: JESUS PRESENT AND HOW TO SHARE IT

Plattsburgh – A Continuation of the Eucharist Initiative sponsored by LEAD.

**Date:** April 30

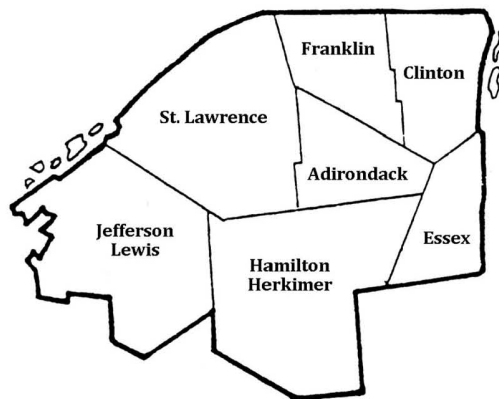
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to noon

**Place:** Emmaus Room, St. Peter's Church

**Presenter:** Father Tojo Chacko, HGN

**Features:** We hope you'll bring a bagged lunch for food and conversation afterwards. Cost is free for anyone to attend.

**Contact:** To register for a location go



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to: [www.rcdony.org/liturgyeucharist](http://www.rcdony.org/liturgyeucharist)

## FRANKLIN

## DEVOTION AND HOLY HOUR

St. Regis Falls – All are invited to the monthly first Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour for Vocations.

**Date:** First Saturday of the Month

**Time:** Following the 4:30 anticipated Mass

**Place:** St. Ann's Church

**Features:** Prayer after Mass, Night Prayer, Prayer for All Souls and the Holy Souls, Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Reparation Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary with private meditation on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the Tabernacle, and Prayers for the Holy Father and his intentions.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Malone – Divine Mercy Sunday events to be held at St. André's Parish.

**Date:** April 24

**Place:** Notre Dame Church

**Schedule:** Following the Mass from noon until 3 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for individual adoration. Confessions will be heard beginning at 1 p.m. and continue up until 2:50 p.m. At 3 p.m. Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday will begin. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed and there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in any or all of the above times of prayer and praise as your schedule permits.

**Contact:** For additional information please call the St. André's Parish Office, 518-483-1300.

## JEFFERSON-LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Watertown – St. Patrick's Church will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

**Date:** April 24

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Patrick's Church, PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR

**Features:** For all Catholics, active and fallen-away. The Divine Mercy Devotion consists of making a Novena by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday, making a good confession & celebrating the Feast of Mercy in church.

**Contact:** Call Judy Boulton at 315-783-7349 or Kim Tyler at 315-486-4542, or by visiting [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Houseville – All are welcome to the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration to be held.

**Date:** April 24

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Schedule:** Reconciliation will be available from 2 p.m. to 3 in the church and a Divine Mercy movie will also be shown in the church hall at the same time. At 3 p.m. the program will feature: Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the blessing of the image, holy cards and petitions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Msgr.

Dennis J. Duprey will be the celebrant.

**Contact:** For more information contact 315-348-6260.

## THE SAINTS: GOD'S GRACE AT WORK, SPACE AND TIME

Watertown – Event for Commissioned Lay Ministers Association of the Jefferson-Lewis Deaneries to be held.

**Date:** April 28

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church

**Cost:** \$15

**Features:** The evening will begin with Mass celebrated by Father Frank Natale, MSC, Pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. Mass will be followed by dinner and the evening will conclude with the presentation "The Saints: God's Grace at Work, Space and Time" with Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ.

## RETURN OF THE GALA

Watertown – IHC to have its Legacy Gala.

**Date:** April 30

**Time:** 6 p.m. to 10

**Place:** Faichney Drive Conference Center (Former Bruce Wright Center)

**Cost:** \$60 per person

**Features:** Silent Auction, Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvres Station, Raffles, and featuring "Hot Kogan Band".

## HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY

Houseville – A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

**Date:** May 1

**Time:** Following 11 a.m. Mass

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Contact:** 315-348-6260

## SPAGHETTI &amp; MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – The Indian River Knights of Columbus to have a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner.

**Date:** May 14

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

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Senior Citizens, \$8;

Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free;

Sauce per quart, \$5

**Contact:** For more information call 315-629-4678

## HEALING MASS

Clayton – St. Mary's Church to host Annual Healing Mass.

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Features:** The Sacrament of the Sick

will be offered, prayer teams will be available for individual prayers following the Mass, and light refreshments will follow.

**Contact:** For more information, contact St. Mary's Parish office at 315-686-3398 or [reception@stmaryscayton.org](mailto:reception@stmaryscayton.org).

## ST. LAWRENCE

## HOLY HOUR

Canton – Holy Hour for Vocations to be held.

**Date:** Every Tuesday

**Time:** 4:10 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Church

**Features:** Holy hour followed by Mass at 5:15 p.m. and confessions at 5:45 p.m.

## PRAYER AND ADORATION

Massena – Commissioned Lay Ministers are invited to gather for Adoration and Rosary.

**Date:** Every third Wednesday of the month (April 20)

**Time:** 6:30 to 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sacred Heart Church

## THE CHOSEN: SEASON 2

Ogdensburg – Come join the fellowship and fun while watching and discussing "The Chosen – Season 2"

**Date:** 8 weeks on Wednesdays starting April 27

**Time:** 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Bishop Brzana Hall at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** Deacon Bill O'Brien will be streaming the second season of "The Chosen." "The Chosen" is an independent film series on the Life of Christ sweeping the world and told through the eyes of his disciples. It is a unique and a refreshing way of telling the story of Jesus and is unlike anything we have ever seen before. There will be discussion after each episode with light refreshments provided.

**Contact:** There will be sign-up sheets at the entrances of both Notre Dame Church and St. Mary's Cathedral entrances. Or you can call or email Deacon Bill at 315-528-0461 or [billob315@gmail.com](mailto:billob315@gmail.com).

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: JESUS PRESENT AND HOW TO SHARE IT

Waddington – A Continuation of the Eucharist Initiative sponsored by LEAD.

**Date:** April 30

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to noon

**Place:** Waddington Parish Center

**Presenter:** Sister Mary Eamon Lyng,

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## AT THE MOVIES

# FATHER STU

**NEW YORK (CNS)** – Positive priest characters are certainly a rarity in contemporary films. So Catholics will welcome the uplifting fact-based biography "Father Stu" (Columbia).

While deeply moving, however, this dramatization of the life of Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) is also hard-edged, particularly in terms of its dialogue.

Yet that's part of the point.

The movie is fundamentally about God's ability to use seemingly unpromising people to do his will, in this case a once-boozey ex-boxer.

With the continuance of his somewhat successful career in the ring rendered too dangerous by a medical condition, Stuart

moves to Los Angeles and tries to reinvent himself as a Hollywood star. Instead, he winds up as a directionless supermarket clerk.

But things begin to turn around for him when he falls at first sight for Carmen (Teresa Ruiz), a devout CCD teacher. Determined to win her over, he goes through the motions of becoming a Catholic, though an awkward confession and other interactions show that he has yet to be won over in reality.

All that changes after a motorcycle accident and a close brush with death during which he experiences the presence of the Virgin Mary. The result is not only a genuine conversion but a prayer-in-

spired realization that God is calling him to the priesthood.

Predictably, the news of this radical change in direction proves crushing to Carmen. It's also a source of consternation to his emotionally abusive father, Bill (Mel Gibson), an implacable atheist, and his caring but equally unbelieving mother, Kathleen (Jacki Weaver).

A tribute to a future cleric who showed dogged determination and grit in the face of a series of apparently insurmountable obstacles, writer-director Rosalind Ross's profile also showcases Stuart's unconventional but effective approach to preaching the Gospel. And Wahlberg

brings his striking, memorable character vividly to life, skillfully portraying Stuart's odd combination of crudity and idealism.

Grown viewers will easily get past the earthy language with which the script is filled to appreciate the picture's faith-inspiring core. But the persistent vulgarity, while justified in context, may prove more problematic for younger movie fans who might otherwise benefit from this portrait of a vocation.

Still, at least some parents may feel that the credibility lent to Stuart's struggles by the saltiness of his starting point outweighs what would normally be objectionable elements of speech and

behavior.

If the outcome of that calculation were either increased zeal or, in particular, openness to journeying down the path Stuart himself followed, his hard-won spiritual triumph might be replicated in real life.

The film contains some physical violence, a bloody accident, off-screen premarital sexual activity, about a half-dozen uses of profanity, several milder oaths and pervasive rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is R – restricted.

Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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**Features:** Bring a bagged lunch for food and conversation afterwards. Cost is free for anyone to attend.

**Contact:** To register for a location go to: [www.rcdony.org/liturgyeucharist](http://www.rcdony.org/liturgyeucharist)

### FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena – Sacred Heart Church to have first Saturday Rosary Devotion.

**Date:** May 8

**Time:** 3:15 p.m.

**Features:** First Saturday Rosary Devotion to OUR Lady of Fatima. Confessions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

### LOVING AUTHENTICALLY

Commissioned Lay Ministers and candidates are invited to this program that is designed to strengthen the participant's conviction about the truth, beauty and importance of church teaching on natural law and sexual morality and to give participants a

basic understanding of the ethical basis of the teaching.

**Schedule:** April 23 at St. Peter's Church, Lowville.

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Presenters:** Deacon John Fehner & Dr. Maura Fehlner, Mr. Steve Tartaglia and other members of the Family Life Department.

**Features:** Cost is free and all are welcome. Must watch an 80-minute video prior to the event. Link to video will be sent after registration. Bring your own lunch.

**Contact:** Register at: <https://www.rcdony.org/lovingauthentically>. If you have questions, contact Family Life Director, Steve Tartaglia at [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org) or call 315-393-2920

### ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD

Ogdensburg – You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy for the Ordination to the Order of the Priesthood of Deacon Leagon James Carlin.

**Date:** May 21

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** A Reception will immediately follow the Ordination downstairs in the Brzana Hall. The Ordination Mass will also be livestreamed at [www.rcdony.org/ordination](http://www.rcdony.org/ordination). The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Ordination.

### LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Retreat to be held for anyone 18 or over whose parents are no longer together either through separation, divorce, or were never married.

**Date:** June 10 – 12

**Place:** Guggenheim Center

**Cost:** \$100 includes lodging, food and retreat materials.



**Features:** Topics will include anxiety, anger, sin, temptation and forgiveness. All presentations are given by trained, expert speakers who are children of divorce.

**Contact:** To register, go to [www.rcdony.org/lifegw](http://www.rcdony.org/lifegw). For more information about the retreat [www.lifegivingwounds.org](http://www.lifegivingwounds.org). If you are in need of financial assistance to attend the retreat, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org)



### NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

#### RETREAT FOR FEMALE SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Paradox – A healing retreat for female survivors of abuse to be held.

**Date:** May 20-22

**Place:** Pyramid Life Center

**Features:** "The Way for Women" is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse.

**Contact:** Registration deadline is May 1. Please contact Brian Evers at [pyramidlifereservations@gmail.com](mailto:pyramidlifereservations@gmail.com) or 518-585-7545 for more information or visit [pyramidlife.org](http://pyramidlife.org).



*Support And Pray  
For Vocations*

# Understanding the warning signs

*Editors Note: April is "Abuse Prevention Month." This month, we will present a series explaining how you can help prevent abuse from happening. This content is provided by Virtus. It is reprinted with permission.*

As caring adults, we can create a safer world when we work together as a community. This includes maintaining an awareness of the behavior of all

adults within our programs and ministries, including our own. Recall step one from the Protecting God's Children® Program, Know the Warning Signs of Adults (or, just Know the Warning Signs depending on which version of the training you completed).

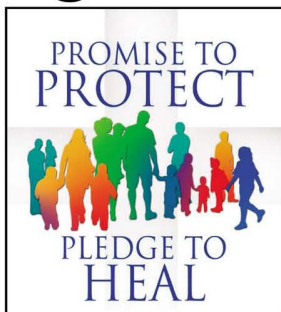
Knowing the warning signs of adults means that we can recognize inappropriate actions and behav-

iors adults exhibit with children. And, we can identify boundary violations and possible grooming, taking action before they can escalate to possible abuse. Boundaries are limits, or lines that separate our personal space, emotions and behaviors from others.

Children, especially, are harmed when their boundaries are violated regardless of whether it is intentional or not.

Keep your eyes open for concerning or inappropriate behavior. Some possible warning signs of adult behavior include when the adult:

- Discourages other adults from participating or monitoring.
- Attempts to be alone with, or isolates, children from others.
- Seems more excited to be with children than adults.



- Gives gifts to children, without permission.
- Goes overboard touching, wrestling, tickling, etc.
- Uses bad language or tells inappropriate or sexual jokes to children.
- Behaves or speaks as if the rules do not apply to them (ignores policy, bends rules).
- Allows young people to engage in activities parents would not allow.
- Tells children to keep secrets from others.
- Takes, posts or shares photos of children without the parent's or the organization's approval.
- Shows young people sexual content or pornography (which is not just a warning sign of inappropriate behavior. It is also illegal, and considered to be abuse in most states).

If an adult is exhibiting a warning sign (or multiple warning signs), it does not automatically make the person an abuser and we shouldn't assume that the person is an abuser. In fact, they could have a poor understanding of the boundaries or the rules. However, the behavior could be grooming and must be addressed. If you see or hear of a warning sign of inappropriate behavior, it is imperative to communicate the information to the program supervisor. These are behaviors that do not create a suspicion that a child is being abused-with the exception of when someone is showing a child or youth pornography or sexual-

ized images. The reason this particular warning sign is still on this list is because it is clearly a warning sign of inappropriate behavior-yet, it's also much more than that and it would need to be reported to child protective services.

While we may not always know someone's intentions, their behavior should speak for itself. Your specific role in protecting children begins with knowing the warning signs of inappropriate behavior. We must also acknowledge that our own behavior might be problematic and may need attention. Safe adults cannot behave in a way that conditions children to tolerate, or accept, inappropriate or boundary-violating behavior from others.

To ensure that adult interactions with youth are healthy and safe, we can use either the "P.A.N." acronym (which means behavior should be Public, Appropriate and Non-Sexual), or the more robust "P.A.C.T." acronym. This means we:

- Prioritize Safety – Safe adults prioritize safety always, even when it might not be easy or convenient.
- Act Appropriately (without the possibility perceived as sexual or romantic) – Acting appropriately means that behavior is healthy and safe, for both the adult and those with whom they interact and that the behavior must be such that it could not be perceived as sexual or romantic from the point of view of a rational person. Even if the behavior is intended to not be sexual or romantic, the perception of their behavior when juxtaposed with the policy and code of conduct will always bear more weight.
- Consistently Follow

the Policies (behaving with transparency) – Consistently follow the policies and behaving with transparency in actions and communication, at all times, means behavior is in line with diocesan requirements.

• Commit to working Together (to follow the five steps) – Meeting this requirement involves following the diocesan Code of Conduct or ethical standards, as well as the policies and procedures of your organization/diocese. Committing to working together is perhaps the most important element of "P.A.C.T.", because when caring adults are following the five steps, they are automatically implementing a "PACT" to protect children and youth.

Recall all of the five steps from the Protecting God's Children Program:

1. Know the Warning Signs
2. Screen and Select Employees and Volunteers
3. Monitor All Environments, including Activities Involving Technology
4. Be Attentive to Children and Youth and,
5. Communicate Your Concerns

By upholding boundaries and following appropriate behavior as safe adults, we are contributing to a safe environment for children, youth and the vulnerable-and for ourselves, too. This is not something that any one of us can implement on our own-it takes every caring adult within our communities to all join together in the mission of keeping children and youth safe. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to a safe environment, here, in the context of our various ministries, and beyond, in our homes and communities. Children are safer because of your commitment.

## REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?**

— PRAYER SUGGESTION —

Eternal Father,  
we lift up to you these  
and all the priests of the world.  
Sanctify them.  
Heal and guide them.  
Mold them into the likeness and  
holiness of your Son, Jesus,  
the Eternal High Priest.  
May their lives be pleasing to  
you. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen  
(With ecclesiastical approval)

Mass  
Rosary  
Fasting  
Day Offering  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Offering of Sufferings  
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Or whatever the Lord  
inspires you to offer Him

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# Updates from the Lenity Project

Sister Cindy Sullivan and the Lenity Project are supported by our diocese through our yearly Mission Cooperative Appeal. They work to help the poor and marginalized in Ecuador. Below are excerpts from their newsletter, the Working Families Gazette, about their ongoing activities.

## From the desk of Madre Miguel:

There is a tradition among us who are creating the new Working Families Foundation. We wait every year for the Easter Bunny to show up with baskets for the kids to reward their Lenten sacrifices.

This year he showed up unexpectedly, so the kids got to interview him. Since he is a well-known



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celebrity, they sat down with him for a little conversation.

Of course, they asked him how the virus had affected the rabbits in the land of Eternal Springtime, where the Easter Bunny lives. He was quick to explain to them that, since the rabbits don't have a lot of the bad habits that humans do, there wasn't even a single case of contamination there.

He said that the Land of Eternal Springtime is

100% environmentally friendly. It is filled with flowers, fruits, trees, grasses, animals, and big white clouds of hope. It rains sometimes, but it is a friendly and necessary rain, making things healthy and happy. All the rabbits there get on with one another and live in peace. Of course, the kids asked if they might go there with him since things are not so good here right now. But the Easter Bunny explained to them that every place can

be a land of springtime and happiness. Such things depend on everyone making an effort to get along with everyone else. Although a few eyes rolled at that suggestion, the general consensus was that it was a good idea.

After the interview, just in case the carrot crop in the land of Eternal Springtime hadn't been as good as usual, the kids gave the Easter Bunny carrots he could carry home to his buddies. Baby Santiago David was generous enough to offer the rabbit what was left of the carrot he had been chewing on during the program.

Dear Friends, Ecuador is the land of Eternal Spring! Here, Spring is in the air. New Hope, new beginnings, new feelings of gratitude to all of you who keep our work surviving through thick and thin. Poverty and crime in Ecuador have increased as people were not able to work. Jobs are still not plentiful. Many struggle to even survive. Our mission is so important to give these families a chance to become the agents change for others. Your help makes this all happen. You should feel that Spring in your step as you realize how much your help is appreciated. Happy Spring!

Madre Cindy

## OBITUARIES

**Black River** – Gerald P. Frank, 86; Mass of Christian Burial April 13, 2022 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Sanford Corners Cemetery.

**Henderson** – Frances J. (Phillips) Brenon, 80; Mass of Christian Burial April 19, 2022 at Queen of Heaven Church; burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

**Keene** – Dorothy Elizabeth (Issett) Huchro, 100; Mass of Christian Burial April 13, 2022 at St. Brendan's Church; burial in Norton Cemetery.

**Madrid** – James Buffham, 87; Mass of Christian Burial April 11, 2022 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Madrid Cemetery.

**Madrid** – Nancy (Burke) Buffham, 83; Mass of Christian Burial April 11, 2022 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Madrid Cemetery.

**Massena** – Rebecca (Fifield) Fiacco, 67; Private services to be held.

**Massena** – Sylvia E. (Steenberg) Quenneville, 87; Mass of Christian Burial

April 19, 2022 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Moers Forks** – Leon Raymond Duprey, 79; Mass of Christian Burial April 19, 2022 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Cecelia L. (Sears) Renadette, 89; Mass of Christian Burial April 13, 2022 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Norfolk** – Lawrence R. Ashley, 86; Mass of Christian Burial April 12, 2022 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

**Norfolk** – Barbara A. (Page) Simons, 84; Mass of Christian Burial April 13, 2022 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Almira E. (Trombley) Fredette, 104; Mass of Christian Burial April 13, 2022 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Gloria R. (Tourville) Manny, 82; Mass of Christian Burial

April 9, 2022 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Sackets Harbor** – Lester C. Daymont, 73; Mass of Christian Burial April 20, 2022 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

**Schroon Lake** – Lucille E. (Milligan) DeZalia, 92; Mass of Christian Burial April 19, 2022 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Ticonderoga** – Dr. William J. Brennan, 86; Mass of Christian Burial April 30, 2022 at St. Mary's Church.

**Watertown** – Charles F. Burdick, 91; Mass of Christian Burial April 18, 2022 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Aurora Yolnada Plaza, 82; Mass of Christian Burial April 11, 2022 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

**Winthrop** – Mary Genevieve (Savage) Shorette, 87; Funeral Services April 15, 2022 at Hammill Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Hogsburg.

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## PARTICIPATING IN PASSOVER



On Holy Thursday, Trinity Catholic School in Massena came together to listen to the story of Passover and partake in a Seder meal, just as Jesus did with The Last Supper. Students sampled grape juice (in place of wine), parsley dipped in salt water, dried fruit (no nuts), hard boiled eggs, and matzah. Per tradition, the oldest (students) read passages, and the youngest students asked questions related to Passover. Father Mark Reilly took part in the Seder Meal with the school.

## CALLED TO SERVE

## Could you not keep watch for one hour?

Parishioners in my parish received both the Body and Blood of Christ beginning at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday this year. I pray the option to receive from the cup is not fleeting.

After that Mass we, like you, had the opportunity to spend some time with Jesus present in the tabernacle of repose. That made me think of a column I wrote exactly two years ago, at the beginning of the restrictions imposed during the pandemic. I chose to reprise those thoughts today.

One of my fondest altar boy memories in Queens was being assigned "watch" during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We were assigned in teams of two, to be present to our Lord in one-hour shifts. We as-

sumed positions opposite each other in the sanctuary; inside the altar rail. The watchers would alternately kneel and sit in tandem. Every move was on cue, a nod, a hand gesture, a wink. Whatever worked. We were in cassock and surplice with collar, bow and gloves and carried lighted candlesticks.

When it was time to end our watch, we exchanged positions with another team in a ceremony not quite on par with the changing of the guard at the Vatican, but it was solemn and, I think, impressive. We did not have exposition all that often but certainly did after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Adorers came in and out of church throughout the night and

early morning hours. We Catholic school kids were required to spend one hour with the Lord at some point during exposition. That presented some interesting challenges for the servers. Schoolmates felt obliged to make the altar servers giggle so there was a constant effort by us to maintain a solemn appearance. God forbid one of the Priests or Sisters saw us giggling while "on the altar".

All these memories came rushing back to me as I sat watch, alone, sans vestments in church Holy Saturday 2020. I sat in a pew. The church was open to visitors who wanted to pray before the cross in

place at the foot of the sanctuary since Good Friday. It proved to be a quiet, peaceful time of simple meditation. It was

a time to let God speak. The cross was an elegant reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for mankind. Two hours went by quickly. One other person came into church in that period. But that's OK. These are very unusual times.

The final weeks of Lent and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery liturgies felt lacking without a congregation. There were few people to pray with us during the beautiful rituals of the Holy Week liturgies. There was no one to receive the Body of Christ.

I feel blessed because my pastor invited me to assist at the liturgies, but most people stayed away for good reason.

Those memories of days long ago were nice, but now I know why they occurred to me. It is called watch for a reason. The disciples slept through their opportunity to pray with Jesus. Many years ago, I learned to be attentive, alert, prayerful in the presence of the Lord. Prayer raised to God in community is wonderful. Prayer offered in the quiet of a single heart is profound. May the risen Lord give us His peace.



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