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Pope: Honor your roots, but don't 'hide' there

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Catholics must draw inspiration and strength from the roots of their faith and the traditions and experiences of their faith communities, but without trying "to hide there because they are afraid of growth," Pope Francis said.

Meeting May 19 with students, priests and staff from the Pontifical Romanian College, where seminarians and priests from Romania's Eastern-rite Catholic Church live while studying in

Rome, the pope encouraged them to remember always the sacrifices of the priests, bishops, religious and faithful who went before them.

After World War II, "when the Romanian Greek Catholic Church no longer had any active bishops because they had been killed or imprisoned," the pope said, "Bishop loan Ploscaru of Lugoj, who was imprisoned for 15 years, wrote in his diary, 'The priests and bishops of the Greek

Catholic Church considered this period as the most precious of their existence. It is a grace to be able to offer to God one's sufferings and the testimony of one's faith, even at the cost of one's life."

"Those who give their lives for the sake of the Gospel think this way, embrace God's response to the evil in the world: They surrender themselves, they imitate the meek and gratuitous love of the Lord Jesus, who offers himself for those near and far," Pope Francis said.

Roots of that kind allow a tree "to grow strong and bear fruit," the pope said. "You are that fruit."

Without acknowledging, studying and being grateful for that history, he said, the church cannot grow.

Faith is endangered, he said, when "one focuses more and more on oneself, on one's own belonging, losing the dynamism of one's origins."

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Punctuation matters

Having spent the vast majority of my adult life in writing careers, I have a habit of "nerding out," as I say, over discussions about grammar, punctuation and diction.

Most people who have spent time with me know this about me, so it seemed natural when Father Bryan D. Stitt brought up a punctuation-related topic in a conversation after the ordination of Father Leagon Carlin.

"I missed a comma in the program that should've been a pe- = riod," he said.

The sentence he refer-

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of ordination.

The text should've read. "This man is now a priest." It should've had a period at the end of the sentence. Instead, it read, "This man is

now a priest," with a comma at the end.

While acknowledging the error, Father Stitt noted that he liked the accidental comma ending.

"This man is now a priest, but it's not the Father Stitt end," noted.

"It's kind of like that trend of people getting tattoos of semicolons," I said.

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"For a while, it was a trend for people who recovered from severe depression or addiction to get semicolon tattoos," I explained. "A semicolon is a place in a sentence where you could logically have an ending, but by using a semicolon, the author chooses to continue the sentence; the author chooses to keep going. People who overcome depression or addiction know those things didn't end their stories. They kept going.'

Life is full of endings. School ends with graduation. Jobs end with moves or retirement. Relationships end. Those endings can be painful. They often include at least some sadness and

grieving.

Thankfully, God often turns those endings into new beginnings, and He often use endings - even the sad ones – for His glory and to bring us closer to Him.

For Father Leagon, this ordination is an end to his time as a student, deacon and seminarian, but it's the beginning of his new life and ministry. For those with semicolon tattoos, God helped them find new life after carrying heavy crosses and enduring hardships.

Our God is a God of new life, new beginnings and renewal regardless of what punctuation we use when describing it.

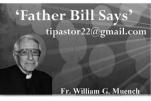
There's no question mark about it.

Disciples of the Lord in world of violence

I was greatly disturbed by the news of the mass shooting at the Tops Market in Buffalo. Many were killed. I often shop at our local Tops Market. I could imagine how shocking that scene must have been in Buffalo. I thought of how peaceful and friendly my shopping excursions here were like.

So, you and I live in a very violent world. We know that Jesus lived in a very violent world. We know that only too well. Each time we enter our church, the very first thing we see is the cross of Jesus over the sanctuary.

Today, as I was preparing my homily for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, I realized that here was Jesus' solution for us to learn. This was his challenge to us as disciples of the Lord in this world of violence. Jesus called his apostles and all of us followers ever since to be people of peace – to live well the Lord's way of peace. Jesus makes this promise to us,



"Peace, I leave you, my peace I give to you." As Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, he taught us that the Holy Spirit would come to show us the way of peace and remind us of all that Iesus told us – to be people of peace.

I found this somewhere: "We, the disciples of the Lord are called to transform the world with the peace of the Lord. How can we attain the peace which the Lord Jesus offers us? Through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. the Lord shows us how to yield our passions of anger and fear to him - so that we can receive his gift of peace."

Jesus gives us the power

us, challenges us to bring the Lord's peace into our divided and violent world. We are called as Christians to become people of peace, to live and love each day in peace. This is our vocation. This is not a naïve mission. We have to do something now ourselves to remove anger and hatred from our own lives and from our world, and to truly makes this world of ours a better place. We do this not just by praying, although that is important, for sure, but also by the way we live our lives.

Peace is a serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of mind, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity. It removes hatred, settles wars, restrains wrath, loves the humble, pacifies the discordant and makes enemies agree.

I truly believe that each day the Lord places into our lives unique opportunities for us to do something that of the Holy Spirit and leads is truly peaceful, something

that bring peace into someone else's life. Such an opportunity may be simple, but often many simple things may be so powerful, more powerful than we can ever imagine - removing from our hearts a temptation to anger, changing a moment of hatred to love and peace, saying and doing the right thing, words of peace and love. In this way, the world is transformed. We make the world a better place.

I know also that some of you may be challenged to do something great, a challenge you could barely imagine, that will be truly bring peace to our world.

Thomas Merton wrote this: "Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business. What we are asked to do is to love and this love will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy, if anything can."

Five priests honored as jubilarians

By Darcy Fargo Editor

OGDENSBURG-Five priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg were honored on May 18 as they celebrate jubilee anniversaries of their ordination to the priesthood.

The Jubilee Mass was held at Wadhams Hall, part of the annual Presbyteral Assembly, held this year as a retreat for priests of the diocese.

Honored for 25 years of service was Father Mark R. Reilly, pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Massena, and Father James V. Teti, currently administrator of St. Henry's in Long Lake and St. Therese in Newcomb and soon to be pastor of those churches and St. Alphonus-Holy Name Parish in Tupper Lake; honored for 50 years of priesthood were Father Gerald A. Cerank, a retired priest of the diocese currently living in Bradenton, Florida, and Father Daniel L. Chapin, currently serving with Maryknoll Fathers in a missionary capacity; and honored for 60 years was Father John P. Kennehan, a retired priest of the diocese who resides in Ogensburg.

At the Jubilee Mass, Bishop Terry R. LaValley thanked the jubilarians and all the priests of the diocese for their service to God and His people here in the North Country.

"What does love look like?" Bishop asked. "Sacrifice for the sake of the good of another... It's reflected in the lives of our jubilarians and in all of your priestly lives as you sacrifice so much for the love of Christ and the good of his Church. This sacrifice – born of the salvation of souls – takes on special meaning for us as this local church looks



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back and counts our blessings for the lat 150 years of priestly love shared with the folks of the Diocese of Ogdensburg."

Bishop LaValley encouraged the priests to continue in their efforts to share that love – the love of Christ – with their parishes and those they encounter.

"I thank God for the gift of your fidelity and perseverance," he said. "And for the joy of the faith that you pass on amid so many challenges today. We know that the priest's task is to teach people love. That's the real task for someone who speaks about God. This is what we need most – to love and to teach them love."

Three of the five jubilarians were in attendance at the Mass. They were also celebrated at a meal after the Mass, as well as with a reception prior sponsored by the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society (DOVS).

25 YEARS Father Mark R. Reilly

Pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Massena and Dean of the St. Lawrence Deanery, Father Reilly, 58, was ordained Aug. 9, 1997, by Bishop Paul S. Loverde.

A Syracuse native, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from high school and entered LeMoyne College. Upon graduation from LeMoyne, he was commissioned as a second lieu-

tenant and was on active duty from 1986 to 1992.

He entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1992

Father Reilly's first as-



Father Mark R. Reilly



Father Gerald A. Cerank

signment was as parochial vicar in Saranac Lake. In 1999, he became spiritual Director at Immaculate Heart Central Jr./Sr. High school in Watertown. In

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Congratulations



Fr. John P. Kennehan

On celebrating your 60th Anniversary

Jubilarians honored

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2006, Father Reilly was named pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills, St. Theresa of Avila Church in Theresa, and St. Joseph Church in Philadelphia. In 2010, Father Reilly was named pastor in Saranac Lake with parishes at Lake Clear and Bloomingdale and mission in Gabriels.

In 2005-06, he was called up for active duty as a navy chaplain to serve with the Marines in Iraq, and again was activated for service from August 2012 to August 2013 in Djibouti, Africa. He retired from the Navy Reserves on June 1, 2014.

Father James V. Teti

New to the diocese, Father Teti is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark in New Jersey. He'll be serving in the Dioceses of Ogensburg for three years.

He was ordained May 24, 1997, in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Prior to arriving in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Father Teti, 51, served as parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ridgefield Park, New Jer-

sey for several months after ordination before relocating to Rome to study at the North American College.

After completing his studies in Rome, Father Teti served as parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Verona. New Jersey; as assistant director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark; in residence at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and as the archbishop's secretary; as parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish and St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit, New Jersey; as director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Newark; as pastor of Annunciation Parish in Paramus, New Jersey; and as administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Mountainside, New Jersey.

50 YEARS Father Gerald A. Cerank

When he enrolled at Plattsburgh State College in the early 1960s to pursue a teaching career, he wasn't even Catholic, but he soon found his way to Christ, his Church and the priesthood.

After 10 years of study, first at Plattsburgh State, then St. Mary's in Kentucky, Wadhams Hall, St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, and finally Fordham University, where he earned a master's degree in Divinity and Religious Education, Father Cerank was ordained to the priesthood May 13, 1972.

After serving in various locations around the diocese, Father Cerank was assigned to St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks, where he served for 20 years until he retired in 2014. Among his accomplishments in Mooers was the construction of a new rectory at the parish, completed shortly after his arrival there.

He is currently retired and living in Bradenton, Florida.

Father Daniel L. Chapin

Father Chapin is currently serving as a priest associate with Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

Born in Malone and raised in North Bangor, Father Chapin, 75, studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester before his ordination May 13, 1972, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Chapin served as an assistant pastor at St.

Mary's in Ogdensburg before beginning 10 years of missionary work with the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate, serving at St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru, from 1976 to 1986. He was pastor from 1981 until returning to the United States.

Upon returning to the U.S., Father Chapin again served as parochial vicar at the cathedral for a short time until taking part in a sabbatical year at the Jesuit Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass. While on sabbatical, he worked as a chaplain intern at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton, Mass., and then at Hotel Dieu and Kingston General Hospitals Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Upon his return to the diocese, he served as parochial vicar at Holy Family in Watertown and priest chaplain at Jefferson Community College in Watertown until being named pastor at St. Mary's in Clayton and St. John the Evangelist in LaFargeville in 1989. In 2000, he was named pastor of St. James in Gouverneur with added responsibilities as pastor in Edwards in 2004.

He became pastor at St. Stephen's in Croghan in 2006 with additional responsibilities as pastor in

Harrisville added in 2013. Father Chapin also served as part-time priest chaplain at Gouverneur Correctional Facility. He retired as pastor after serving in Croghan, beginning his time as a Maryknoll Associate.

60 YEARS

Father John P. Kennehan A native of Brasher Falls, Father Kennehan, 85, studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King (Diocese of Buffalo), before his ordination April 7, 1962 by Bishop James J. Navagh.

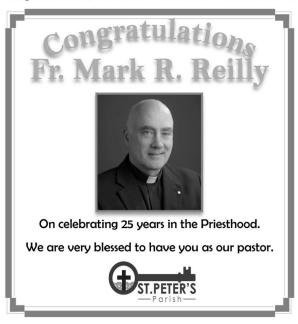
Father Kennehan served as an assistant pastor at St. John's in Plattsburgh and St. Mary's in Clayton before being assigned to the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate in 1967. He served in Mollendo, Peru, until 1974, when he was named pastor of St. Patrick's in Colton.

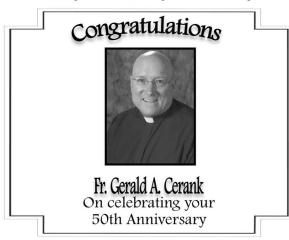
Father Kennehan returned to Peru from 1981 to November, 1982, when he was named pastor of St. James in Gouverneur. One year later he was named pastor in Norfolk, a position he held until 1989. At that time, he went to the University of St. Louis, Mo., for study in pastoral counseling.

Upon his return to the diocese, Father Kennehan was named pastor at Pope John XXIII campus parish in Plattsburgh in 1992; in Potsdam in 1994, and pastor in pastor in Brownville and Dexter in 2002.

Father Kennehan also served the diocese as a pro-synodal judge for the tribunal from 1975 to 1980, vicar for religious from 1978 to 1982 and as a member of the Department of Worship's Art and Architecture Committee.

After retiring in 2003, he lived in Springfield, Missouri for a time. He currently resides in Ogdensburg.





LEAD two-day event focuses on Eucharist

By Darcy Fargo Editor

LAKEPLACID – After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Diocese of Ogdensburg Department of Faith Formation is bringing back its annual LEAD workshop.

"We're excited to be able to bring everyone together in person again," Catherine Russell, Faith Formation Western Regional Center director. "And we're excited to continue focusing on the Eucharist."

The two-day event will be held June 6 and 7 in Lake Placid.

The event will open with "Music as Prayer: It's Role in Celebrating the Eucharist," with presenter Sister Mary Gregory Munger, a Sister of St. Joseph.

"Enjoy an interactive and lively presentation involving singing, praying and sharing," the presentation description states. That portion of the event will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid, followed by a social at High Peaks Resort.

Day two of the event "Eucharist: Remember. Celebrate. Believe," will feature Dr. Timothy O'Malley from Notre Dame University's Center for Liturgy. That portion of the event will be held starting at 9 a.m. at High Peaks Resort and will conclude with Mass at St. Agnes Church.

Dr. O'Malley researches and teaches at Notre Dame in the areas of liturgicalsacramental theology, marriage and family, catechesis, and spirituality. He is the author of a number of books, most recently "Off the Hook: God, Love, Dating, and Marriage in a Hookup World" (Ave Maria Press, 2018) and "Lift Up Your Hearts: Liturgical Formation in the RCIA"

(Liturgical Press, 2019). He living sacrifice to the Fais currently working on a multi-volume work on the history of liturgical formation beginning with St. Augustine.

Dr. O'Malley said he hopes to communicate how the Eucharist can transform.

"Lots of people in the Church right now are talking about the Eucharist," he said. "But how can the Eucharist as a memorial of Christ's sacrifice, the real presence of Love given to us, and a pledge of future transform parishes, schools, families, and neighborhoods? I hope that the presentations start to answer these questions."

Dr. O'Malley said his presentation will include both art and music.

"We want to contemplate a mystery together," he said. "And endless words are bad for us. So, expect music. Expect art. Expect an encounter with the Tradition of the Church."

The visiting professor said he's excited about the topic, as it's close to his heart.

"It's important to me because I love the Eucharist," he said. "The Eucharist makes sense of what it means to be a Catholic, someone called to make a ther through our lives. This is the mystery of the Eucharist as it's lived out. We receive infinite Love, so that we can become this infinite Love, and then we can give this infinite Love away.'

While he addresses some of these themes in his books and writings, Dr. O'Malley said those attending the two-day event need not be familiar with his works.

"I never presume preknowledge in any presentation," he said. "It's a fresh introduction to all the themes that matter in my writing and teaching."

Dr. O'Malley is married and has two children. Originally from Knoxville, Tennessee, Dr. O'Malley said this will be his first visit to the North Country.

"I hope to be able to do some hiking in the area, which I love but can't do often because I live in a place that's rather flat," he noted.

Cost two attend the twoday event is \$30, and High Peaks Resort is offering a room discount for anyone interested in staying onsite. Attendees are responsible for their own room reservations.

To register, visit rcdony.org/lead2dayevent. DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG



A TWO-DAY DIOCESAN LEAD EVENT

Monday, June 6 ~ 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

MUSIC AS PRAYER: ITS ROLE IN CELEBRATING EUCHARIST

Enjoy an interactive and lively presentation involving singing, praying, and sharing

St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid Presenter: Sister Mary Gregory Munger, SSI Followed by a social at High Peaks Resort

Tuesday, June 7 ~ 9:00 AM-3:00 PM



EUCHARIST: REMEMBER. CELEBRATE. BELIEVE.

High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid Presenter: Tim O'Malley, Ph.D. from Notre Dame University Center for Liturgy Mass to follow at St. Agnes Church

More speaker information at mcgrath.nd.edu/about/faculty-staff/timothy-omalley-ph-d/

You are responsible for your own room reservations. High Peaks Resort offers a reduced rate of \$169 per night.

> All are welcome. Cost to attend is \$30 upon registration at www.rcdony.org/lead2dayevent

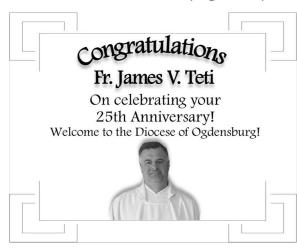
Father Daniel Chapin

The Diocesan Mission Office congratulates you on your 50th Anniversary in the priesthood. We thank you for your missionary service to the diocese and to the missionary needs of the universal Church. God Bless!





Pontifical Mission Societies, Inc. Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Director Alexis Michael, Bookkeeper



Environmental Stewardship

'On the Road...'

Often on the daily news where we view much pain and suffering in the world, we are blessed with an "On the Road" story of one person's small acts of kindness. This small act brightens the lives of those around them, and it gives our hearts with a renewed sense of hope.

To continue last week's focus on activities some faith-filled youth are doing, here are on a few more on the road' stories of ways young people are engaged within their schools and communities to live out the Gospel call to care for the earth and our neighbors.

In observance of Arbor Day and Earth Day this year the third graders at Augustinian Academy in Carthage heard from a DEC forester about the importance of planting trees as a way of being a good steward of the environment. The students then helped to plant two trees on the school/church property. Then, later they were invited to helped plant 200 little trees on their teacher's land. After they planted trees, they made signs with their names by the trees they planted, so they could check on them later.

Recently, several Immaculate Heart Central School students participated in the Watertown Community Tree Planting helping Rotary and Tree Watertown plant 51 trees at Thompson Park. The next weekend, more than 25 students held a CAR WASH 4: UKRAINE. They raised \$1575 to be sent to americares.org to provide medical supplies and assistance.

In the words of Patricia Minter-Powell, coordinator of IHC's Faith Community Service Program, "Mother Teresa said it best: "We can do no great things. Only small things with great love." In fact, I witness this simple yet profound truth each time I work with the young men and women from IHC who give so generously of their time in service to oth-

When you look around in your parish, community, news media, or even in your own family or friends, what 'on the road' stories of small actions of kindness do you witness? Let's celebrate these young people and take the opportunity to affirm their efforts to live the Gospel message of love today.

Bishop's Public Schedule

May 25 – 11:30 a.m. – Christian Formation Presentation in the Brzana Hall at St. Mary's Cathedral May 26 – 7 p.m. – Confirmation at the Church of the Holy Family with St. Anthony's Church, St. Patrick's Church and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown

May 27 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

May 28 – 11 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Mass in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

May 29 – 8 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

May 31 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

3:30 p.m. — NYS Catholic Conference of Bishops Executive Committee Conference Call

7 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church in Colton with The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary in Potsdam

June 1 – 11:30 a.m. – Christian Formation Presentation at St. Andre Bessette Roman Catholic Parish in Malone

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ice at 800-276-1562 or

Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Aelene Reilly

NEWPORT, New York – Aelene Bridget Ann Reilly, 81, formerly of Newport, New York, died on May 16, 2022, at Augusta Health General Hospital in Fishersville, Virginia.

She was born in Little Falls, New York, to Wilfrid Charlotte (Burroughs) O'Hara on August 14, 1940. After graduation from St. Mary's Academy in Little Falls in 1958 she moved to Syracuse, New York, where she met Michael J. Reilly. They were married at St. Mary's Church (now part of Holy Family Parish) in Little Falls on May 14, 1960. While raising their family they lived for a time in Syracuse, North Syracuse, Oswego, Fayetteville, and Newport, New York. It was in Newport

Rest in Peace

This week marks the anniversary

of the deaths of the following

clergymen who have served in the

Diocese of Ogdensburg

May 25 - Rev. J. Hector Migneron,

May 26 - Rev. Thomas J. Kelleher,

1889; Rev. Steven H. Gratto, 2012

May 27 - Rev. J. Rosario Jalbert,

O.M.I., 1938; Msgr. Wilfred Allen

May 29 - Rev. Hervé Racette,

May 30 - Rev. J. Heliodore Valois,

May 31 - Rev. John J. Dean, 1930;

Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993

vaney, 2013

0.M.I., 1948

Nugent, 1991; Rev. Andrew R. Mul-



Aelene Bridget Ann Reilly

that she and Mike were proprietors of the Yankee General, from 1987 to 2001. In 2020, she relocated to Staunton, VA.

A lifelong Catholic, she was an active member and officer with the Court Reardon #841 Catholic Daughters of the Americas, at St. John's in Newport, New York. She was also an active member of the Our Lady of Mount Calvary Community of the Order of Discalced Carmelites Secular (or, "Third Order"), based at St. Joseph's - St. Patrick's

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. For more information or to arrange for training, contact Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or jgrizzuto@rcdony.org.

Parish in Utica, New York. Her deep and abiding faith in God was evident, and she was steadfast in passing this along to her children, grandchildren, and all who met her.

Surviving Aelene are her five sons, Christopher Reilly (Senoia, Georgia), Rev. Mark Reilly (Massena, New York), Michael T. Reilly and his wife, Elaina (Thousand Oaks, California), Kevin Reilly (Cleveland, Ohio), Sean Reilly and his wife, Allison (Delmar, New York); her daughter Erin and husband, Jim Knapik (Bridgewater, Virginia); her sisters Monica Wnuk (San Ramon, California) and Theresa Van Allen (Little Falls, New York): 13 grandchildren; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sister. Maureen Helmers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John's Church, 7512 Main Street (Route 28), Newport, on Monday, May 23 at 10:30am, with the Rev. Mark Reilly as the principal celebrant.

Interment will immediately follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Town of Herkimer.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 475, Newport, New York 13416

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Online tributes can be left at autenrithfuneral.com.

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'I feel like my soul is on fire'

By Suzanne Pietropaoli Staff Writer

FORT COVINGTON – "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart."

These words from the Rite of Baptism have come to life for Chelsea Lavoie, who was baptized, communicated, and confirmed at the Easter Vigil at St. Mary's Church in Fort Covington. Her joy is contagious as she confides: "Everything is different now."

That difference becomes clear as Lavoie explains her journey to the Catholic faith.

"I had always been searching, looking and wondering why I and so many other people were so unhappy," she said. "My parents believed in God, but there was never any practice of religion. Even when I was younger, I noticed that religion plays a big part in people's happiness. Sometimes I went to church with a Methodist friend but did not find what I was looking for."

That began to change when, as a young adult, Lavoie met the man who would become her husband.

"At one point I asked Scott how he would handle a certain situation," she said. "He told me that he never felt alone because he could always talk to God. But I always felt alone. Now I knew that I wanted to have this faith, to never be alone."

Even though Scott was not a regular churchgoer, his parents were excited to learn that Lavoie was so interested in the Catholic faith.

"When I told Scott's parents that I wanted to have

(Above) Father Thomas Kornmeyer pours the waters of baptism on the head of Chelsea LaVoie during the Easter Vigil at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Constable as LaVoie's husband, Scott, and son, Graham, look on. (Right) The Lavoie family, Scott, Chelsea, Graham, Henry and baby Abigail pose for a photo with Deacon Brian Dwyer at Abigail's baptism at St. Mary's Church in Fort Covington.

this faith, and to raise my children this way, they invited me to attend Mass with them. This was real worship at last, real thanksgiving, "Lavoie recalls.

However, more years passed between that discovery and Lavoie's entrance into the Church. Eventually the couple became parents to Henry (6), Graham (5) and Abigail (8 months).

"When I was pregnant with Henry," Lavoie relates, "I knew we had to go to church. I asked Scott questions about it all, but he didn't know the answers. I appreciated the Mass, but I did not understand it. I usually took the boys to church by myself. It was challenging, so attendance became irregular."

Before too long, Lavoie was drawn back to church by a particularly challenging event.

"We were set to take

over the family farm," she remembers. "When it fell through, I was miserable and unhappy. I expected Scott to fill that gap, which was not possible. I was determined to go to Mass. I wanted to take classes. I wanted to be able to answer Henry's questions about God and about what was happening at Mass. We were attending Mass at St. Francis in Constable. But I wanted Henry to start religious ed classes and realized that it might be easier for him in Fort Covington, where he goes to school. That way he would be in classes with kids he already knew."

With Henry in classes at St. Mary's, Lavoie and her other children began attending Mass there as well.

"Jocelyn Kelly and Kathleen Lauzon—who would become my sponsor – made me feel at home right off," LaVoie said. "I



Lavoie said she feels her years of searching are over.

"I have always been searching for happiness and connection," she said. "Now I know it is not about me, but about loving and serving God. In a recent conversation with Scott, we talked about what we are here for. I told him that I now know that we are made in God's image and are here to do his will. And happiness comes out of that! It is one big circle."

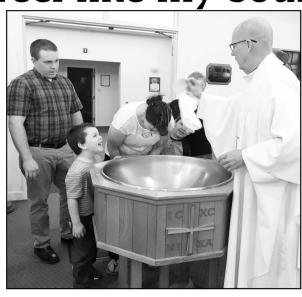
And there are other joys.

"My path toward the

Catholic Church started with Scott," explains Lavoie, "and my journey has been his too. Recently I was in my room praying the rosary. Scott came in with the baby and joined me in prayer. Once Scott joined, the boys (who idolize their dad) wanted to come in, so they also prayed with us. It is never enough for mom to pray; kids need to see that dad prays too! Seeing Scott pray is so good for Henry and Graham's faith."

Lavoie recalls that ahead of receiving baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation at the Easter Vigil, she was "very anxious and nervous."

"Now all my worries have gone into God's hands," she said. "I think about the Eucharist from the minute I wake up in the morning and try to receive as often as I can during the week as well as on Sundays. I just feel like my soul is on fire!"





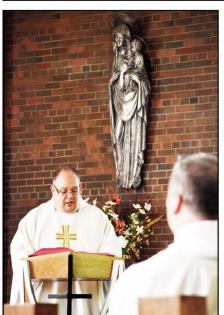
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Priests of Diocese of Ogdensburg attended retreat at Wadhams Hall May 16-19

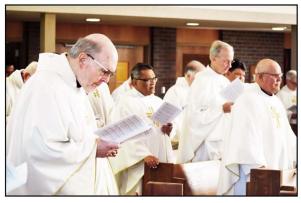






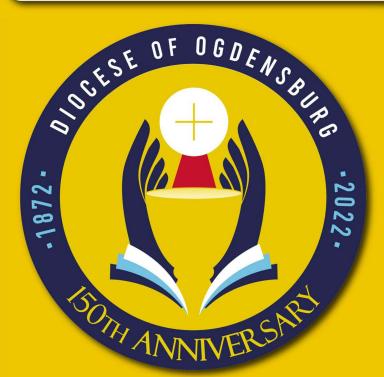








CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



O Lord, the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is an occasion for joy, gratitude and resolution. There is joy knowing that Christ has been brought to His people and lives with them through the constant preaching of His Word and through His sacramental graces. We rejoice in the many generations that have known this salvific presence of the Savior in the North Country. Thanks are given to God and His many servants who have and continue to sow the seed for the Lord's harvest. Strengthen our resolve to urgently continue the work of faith, striving with ever greater intensity to make Christ's presence felt for it is His work we do and

His work we do and
His glory we seek.
Amen.

Prayer taken from Pope
Paul VI's February 10,
1972 letter on the
occasion of the Diocese's

Pope Pius XI established the Diocese on February 16, 1872 Pictures: Whiteface Mt. (from take Placid), Bishop Wadhams, St. Mary's Cathedral & St. Lawrence River (Ogdensburg), Inspire Vocation Conference (Lake Placid, 2015) and McKaralin Popul (Sparses Lake)

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Praying for the sanctification of our priests

World Day for the Sanctification of Priests takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day is celebrated on Friday, June 24, 2022.

This day is all about praying for your priest or priests in your parish and his sanctification, that is, his/their holiness!

Every day, our priests pray for us and our intentions at they preside over Mass, hear confessions, baptize our children, or bury our loved ones. Our priests need our prayers.

The following is a prayer that can be offered on World Day of Sanctification of Priests:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our priest, (PRIEST'S NAME) in the midst of his work at our parish, (PARISH NAME). Comfort him in his afflictions. Give him health of body, assistance in his temporal needs, and your blessing on all that he does. We ask the Holy Spirit to come down and light his heart anew for the priesthood and help him to grow in holiness. Amen.

QUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

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'Celebrating the Body of Christ' as part of 150th

OGDENSBURG – On July 10, the Diocese of Ogdensburg will host a Celebration of the Body of Christ at St. Mary's Cathedral as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the diocese.

Saint Paul reminds us, "Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it" (1Cor 12:27). This celebration is an opportunity for the Church of Ogdensburg to recognize some of the people who have given and continue to give extraordinary service to Christ and his Church. These people were nominated by the parish pastors to Bishop LaValley.

The Celebration of the Body of Christ will begin with an organ recital featuring Donald K. Fellows on the new cathedral organ. Fellows previously served as director of Music for Saint Mary's Cathedral and Wadhams Hall. The event will continue with a Holy Hour including the presenta-



tion of honors and reception. Fellows will also provide music for the Holy Hour.

On February 16, the Diocese of Ogdensburg marked its 150th anniversary.

It was on February 16, 1872, that Pope Pius IX separated what was then

a sprawling Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany into two, and the Diocese of Ogdensburg – encompassing Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties, as well as northern Herkimer County – was created.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Vatican foreign minister visits Ukraine in sign of solidarity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Seeing scenes of a war on television is one thing, "touching this reality is another," Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher, Vatican foreign minister, said in Ukraine. "I want to show support and solidarity, also in the name of the Holy Father," the archbishop told Vatican Media while in Lviv. During his May 18-20 visit to Lviv, Kyiv and surrounding suburbs, Archbishop Gallagher met with bishops from the Latin- and Eastern-rite Catholic churches as well as with local and national government officials. Before meeting May 20 in Kyiv with Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine's foreign minister, he visited Resurrection Cathedral with Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and went to the nearby towns of Vorzel, Irpin and Bucha, where he prayed at the site of a former mass grave. Russian soldiers who occupied the town in March have been accused of committing war crimes there. "Heavenly Father, in your mercy we ask you to grant peace to all those who for some time were buried in this place," he prayed. "We call upon you to change hearts, convert hearts, so that horrors like this may be always avoided and that the hearts of men may turn toward you and turn to each other in a spirit of understanding, a spirit of wishing to consolidate peace in this land of Ukraine and throughout the world."

Bishop praises U.S. stance toward Cuba, reunification efforts

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace praised a May 16 statement announcing the lifting of restrictions against Cuba by the Biden administration, particularly those measures that will help family reunification. The Biden administration said it will increase consular services on the island to help with visa processing "making it possible for more Cubans to join their families in the United States via regular migration channels." The State Department also announced plans to allow more people from the U.S. to engage with Cubans via group travel, allowing U.S. flights beyond Havana, and reinstating a remittance program for families in the U.S. to send up to \$1,000 per guarter to family members on the island. The move reverses restrictions imposed by the Trump administration, which had taken a more punitive stance on Cuba. "We commend the administration's renewed interest in restarting U.S. engagement with Cuba. Recognizing that points of contention remain between our two countries, Cuba's punitive isolation has not produced the economic and social change that the United States has sought to effect," said Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, who chairs the USCCB'S international policy committee.

Catholic New York to publish last issue Nov. 17

NEW YORK (CNS) — Catholic New York, the biweekly newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York, will publish its final issue Nov. 17, as the archdiocese moves toward unveiling a new digital communications program that will begin in late 2022 or early 2023. All 13 employees of the newspaper will lose their jobs. The news was announced publicly May 19 in a memo to archdiocesan employees, including those at the New York Catholic Center in Manhattan, the home base of Catholic New York since it was founded by Cardinal Terence J. Cooke in September 1981. "We know that this is a painful decision for many, beginning with the excellent team who have dedicated themselves to producing an outstanding, award-winning periodical — one of the best, if not the best, Catholic newspapers in the country," said Msgr. Joseph LaMorte, vicar general and moderator of the curia, and John P. Cahill, chancellor of the archdiocese.

Understanding Americans' abortion views not easy

WASHINGTON (CNS) – How to make sense of Americans' attitudes toward abortion? It isn't easy.

In polls, many respondents will give answers that contradict each other.

A Gallup poll in 2019 – Gallup has polled regularly on abortion since 1975 – found that 92% of Americans believed that using birth control was "morally acceptable," but their support for abortion, by contrast, was more mixed. (The Catholic Church teaches that both are morally wrong.)

But the year before, Gallup found that 65% of Americans believed abortion should generally be illegal during the second trimester of pregnancy – but in the same survey, 69% said the Supreme Court should not overturn Roe v. Wade.

FiveThirtyEight, which itself analyzed abortion polls, "found that a large majority of Americans support abortion in the first trimester, but that support tends to drop in the second trimester."

In an ABC News-Washington Post poll conducted in late April, 54% of Americans want the court to uphold Roe, nearly twice as many as the 28% who want to see it struck down. Also, an ABC poll offering only a yes-or-no choice found that 57% of Americans opposed a ban on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, while 58% opposed a ban after six weeks.

If abortion weighs on the mind of pregnant women, talking about it seems to be just as difficult for all Americans.

Hannah Hartig, a research associate on the U.S. politics team for the Pew Research Center, calls it "cross pressure."

Pew has been polling regularly about abortion since 1995. Pew has found that whether certain statements about abortion used in its polling also describe the respondent's views as well, they've been offered the same seeming contradictions

"Thirty-three percent of adults say human life begins at conception, and so a fetus is a person with rights," Hartig told Catholic News Service in a May 16 phone interview, yet they also hold that the decision on whether to have an abortion belongs to the woman.

"So on one hand you can look at them at think they they're contradictory," she said, but it isn't necessarily the case because of this cross pressure.

Results of Pew's latest polling on abortion, issued May 6, show a starker partisan divide than had existed in the past.

Since 2007, Republicans who say abortion should be legal in all or most cases went up from 37% to 39%. Among Democrats, the percentages went up from 63% in 2007 to 80% in 2022. In 2012, the percentages of Americans either for or against abortion came together the closest they'd been, but support for legal abortion has never fallen below 50%.

Younger Republicans, including 47% of those ages 18-29, said abortion should be legal in most or all cases. Among all Americans, though, the older the respondent, the less likely they are to agree with that view – although majorities supporting a right to abortion extends through the oldest age group.

And through it all, Gallup has found that support for legal abortion, after nearly 50 years of polling, has gone up all of 1%, and opposition is down by the same 1%.

Hartig told CNS a "halo effect" can apply to phone polling, as the respondent may offer answers that he or she thinks the pollster wants to hear. "Online polls," she said, "typically show less (of a) social desirability bias," another way of saying halo effect. She said the May Pew poll was conducted online.

Regardless of how the poll is conducted, Hartig said Pew doesn't want to inundate respondents with questions about abortion, "which we know is a very personal, sensitive topic for many Americans. Intimate – yes, that would be a factor."

"Whenever the Pew Research Center is tracking a sort of trend, we always at minimum want to place it in context to a question we've asked before" on the topic, she said. "We also want to keep it away from certain political topics. We want to give people a clean read about it. We also want to avoid questions about the Supreme Court."

Hartig said, "When we're designing these, we want to be very careful about the questions that we ask." Pew gives them a chance to offer additional thoughts on abortion. "I would say about a third of respondents chose to answer these open-ended questions," she added. "It is a fair number who ended up skipping" the opportunity to flesh out their thoughts.

Hartig said Pew does not spin the results. "The motivation for this study is research," she declared. "We always hope the Pew Research Center, in conducting these large studies, is that it's a straightforward contribution to the public dialogue. We want people to look at the data and digest it for themselves. We take great pains to make sure our questions are fair and reasonable."

VIRTUAL EVENTS

BROWNBAG CHATS BEGIN

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat during lunchtime via zoom.

Date: Wednesdays starting June 8 Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Features: We will use videos from The Search Continues on Formed.org. In each session, we will watch one or two short videos together via zoom and then have an informal discussion.

Contact: If you would like to join us this series of lunch-time chat discussions, please sign up online at https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org.

ADIRONDACK

5K RUN, WALK, ROLL OR STROLL

Saranac Lake - St. Bernard's School will host their annual Black Fly 5K Run, Walk, Roll, or Stroll.

Date: June 11 Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Dewey Mountain Recreation Center

Cost: Adult, \$25; Student, \$20; Family Discounts

Features: All proceeds benefit St. Bernard's School Tuition Assistance Program. Whether casual, competitive, serious, or silly, all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Community members can form teams, enter as solo competitors, or even just sponsor a runner. After the event, enjoy some fun and games at the base lodge, a brew or two from Hex and Hop beer tent, and some chow from Freddy B's Grill. Each participant will receive a commemorative performance t-shirt, created by Bear Essentials Apparel of Saranac Lake and a tin of all natural deet-free Bye-Bye Blackfly insect repellent.

Contact: For more information call 518-891-2830

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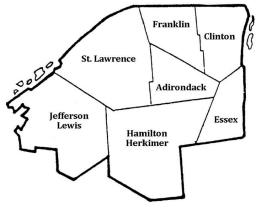
Peru – The 34th Annual Peru Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Charity Golf Tournament will be held.

Date: June 17

Time: Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Place: Adirondack Golf and Country

Features: The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" sponsored by Bailey Ford and other great prizes. All are invited!

Contact: Obtain entry forms and in-



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Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

formation from Greg Lombard at 518-593-2652 or email gnetlombard@charter.net.

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.

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

RUMMAGE AND YARD SALE

Evans Mills - St. Mary's Church to have a Rummage and Yard sale.

Date: June 3 and 4 Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Place: Parish Center

Contact: For more information call parish office at 315-629-4678

SILENT AUCTION AND BAR-B-Q

Watertown - Silent Auction and Chicken Bar-B-O to be held.

Date: June 4 Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of Sacred Heart

Church School Gym

Features: Join us for an evening of fun and surprises.

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: June 5

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass Place: St. Hedwig's Church Contact: 315-348-6260

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@stmarysclayton.org.

ST. LAWRENCE

HOLY HOUR

Canton - Holy Hour for Vocations to be held.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Date: Every Tuesday

Massena - Sacred Heart Church to have

first Saturday Rosary Devotion.

Date: June 4 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.

ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

Ogdensburg - The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary with devotions for First Saturday.

Date: June 4 Time: 8 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church, Ogdens-

Features: Rosary with devotions

CHICKEN BBQ

Canton - St. Mary's Church and the Knights of Columbus to have their Annual Chicken BBQ.

Date: June 12

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's (Drive thru at the corner of Court and Powers Streets)

Cost: Full Meal, \$15; half chicken,

Contact: For more information call (315)386-2543

USA FLAG RAFFLE

The Bishop McEntegart 4th Degree Assembly 707 of Canton, Potsdam, Norwood and Star Lake are holding a patriotic raffle of a USA Flag.

Cost: 1 ticket \$5 OR 3 tickets for \$10. Good news, there are only 500 tickets being sold.

Features: 1 grand prize - 15-21 ft flag pole set (installed); 2nd prize, porch mount heavy metal pole; 3rd prize, porch mount heavy wood pole; 4th prize, porch mount metal pole. Drawing June 14.

Contact: See your local Sir Knight to get yours or call 315-714-2016, text 315-244-4455 or contact Scott Niles on Facebook or see https://www.facebook.com/Knights-of-Columbus-Sarto-Council-1059-11245147358886 3

DIOCESAN EVENTS

GUGGENHEIM 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Saranac Lake - Campers, Staff, Members and Chaplains...Past Present and Future...and anyone who might be interested in seeing what Guggenheim has to offer, are most welcome. This is a terrific opportunity to reconnect with those that share our Guggenheim experience, and others who love camp

just as much as you did!

Date: May 28

Schedule: 9 a.m. to 10 arrival; 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop LaValley; Noon, Lunch; 1 p.m. Tours of Camp and fun; 4 p.m. Departure

Contact: You must register to attend at www.rcdony.org/guggy50. Those under 18 must attend with a parent/guardian.

TWO-DAY EVENT CELEBRATING **EUCHARIST**

Lake Placid - The Department of Faith Formation invited you to a two-day diocesan LEAD event in Lake Placid.

Day 1: June 6, 7 p.m. to 8:30, St. Agnes Church. Theme will be "Music as Prayer: Its Role in Celebrating Eucharist". Speaker will be Sister Mary Gregory Munger, SSJ. Enjoy an interactive and lively presentation involving singing, prayer and sharing. A social at High Peaks Resort to follow.

Day 2: June 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at High Peaks Resort. Theme will be "Eucharist: Remember. Celebrate. Believe." Speaker will be Tim O'Malley, Ph.D. from Notre Dame University Center for Liturgy. Mass will follow at St. Agnes Church.

Cost: To attend it is \$30 upon registration. You are responsible for your own room reservations. High Peaks Resort offers a reduced rate of \$169 per night.

Contact: To register go to www.rcdony.org/lead2dayevent

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 For more information about the retreat 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

AT THE MOVIES

DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA

three long years since Smith's Maggie tarttongued matriarch, Violet Crawley, Dowager Countess of Grantham, got off one of her memorable zingers. So it must be time for "Downton Abbey: A New Era" (Focus).

In fact, what with pestilence and a war having beset the world in the meantime, many will think a return to the lush surroundings of the titular grand manor positively overdue. They'll be grateful to find that screenwriter Julian Fellowes weaves his magic once again with this second film adaptation of his landmark ITV and PBS television series.

In the first movie, the household – both above stairs and below - was set astir by a visit from King George V and Queen Mary. This time out, Downton plays host to the cast and crew of a silent film, led by director Jack Barber (Hugh Dancy). He offers the Crawleys, in return for the use of their house, a sum sufficient to repair Downton's leaky roofs.

Initially, the servants headed by butler Thomas Barrow (Robert James-Collier) - are mostly agog to meet the movie folks. But they're disappointed to find that, although leading man Guy Dexter (Dominic West) is amiable enough, his co-star, glamor girl Myrna Dalgleish (Laura Haddock), albeit beautiful to look at, is a rude Cockney upstart.

Conveniently for Downton's owners, Robert, the Earl (Hugh Bonneville) of Grantham, and his countess, Cora (Elizabeth Mc-Govern), they're offered an opportunity to evade the impending home invasion

NEW YORK (CNS) – It's been when the demise of an old beau of Violet's leaves her in possession of his seaside villa in the South of France. So, the couple with several other family members in tow - decamps for the Riviera.

Thereafter, the story follows parallel lines. While the traveling Crawleys tangle with the resentful widow (Nathalie Baye) of Violet's former flame but befriend her more accommodating son (Jonathan Zaccaï), Robert and Cora's elder daughter, Lady Mary (Michelle Dockery) – a semi-abandoned wife who now supervises the Downton estate - stays behind to oversee the film shoot, during which Jack falls hard for her.

As directed by Simon Curtis, Fellowes' script affirms marital fidelity even in the face of neglect and celebrates the reconciliation of once-antagonistic relatives. It also depicts the affectionate bond that develops between Thomas and the Douglas Fairbanks-like Guy, who eventually invites Thomas to follow him back to Hollywood, with apt discretion and even ambiguity.

Indeed, Fellowes brings a Catholic sensibility to the picture's treatment of same-sex attraction, with an emphasis on companionship over mere appetite, and a sympathetic view of the plight of homosexuals in the 1920s. Yet, the inclusion of this ongoing plot thread makes



"Downton Abbey: A New Era," like its predecessor, best for grown viewers though some parents may deem it acceptable for older teens.

The film contains mature themes, including same-sex attraction and illegitimacy, and a couple of mild oaths. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III - adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is PG - parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Now is the perfect time to volunteer.

With everything that has happened in our community this year, it is more important than ever for volunteers to stand up and support their friends and neighbors. When joining RSVP, not only are you helping your community, but you're joining a family who cares as much as you.



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!



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



Give a Meal

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



Meals On Wheels

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

Not only do you get the benefit of feeling amazing after helping someone, RSVP will help pay some of your mileage (.56 cents/mile) and honor your efforts at a yearly recognition event

Opportunities available in Franklin and Hamilton County Want more info about how to get started?

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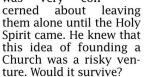


SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Trust in the power and promise of Jesus

Did you ever wonder thoughts went through Jesus' mind as he love for them and for

spent long hours in prayer on a mountain side in the darkness? Being human as well as divine, He must have worried that his followers were so slow to understand who He was and why He had come. Even after His resurrection, we know He was very con-



In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus pour out his

those of us who would come later. He prayed for their strengthening and their courage. He is so concerned that they still do not know His relationship with the Father, how the Persons of the Trinity meld into one God. He so wishes that they could understand

the vibrant, joyful life of heaven. And so, He prays for faith for them and for



Seventh Sunday of Easter

READINGS Act 7:55-60 Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 John 17:20-26

on earth to the Church in heaven.

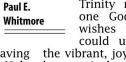
For all of us today who live in a Church under siege - from unbelief, from anger at a sinful, imperfect Church, from fears that the Holy Spirit has abandoned us - we need to read carefully this Gospel and the whole farewell sermon of Jesus that night before his Passion. As the apostles then, and later gathered in

prayer with Mary in the upper room, we need to trust in the power and promise of Jesus to His followers.

As there were martyrs soon after Pentecost like Stephen (in the first reading), so there are thousands since then who have "washed their robes so as to have a right to the tree of life." Our own century has produced more martyrs for the faith than all the preceding centuries of Christianity put together. While none of our readers will ever be stoned to death, many Catholics feel spiritually stoned from parish closings, and from lack of enough priests to live in our midst as consoling ministers of the Word and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We feel under attack from an indifferent, secular society.

In this last Sunday before Pentecost, may we take courage in the vision of Stephen, then the vision of John in the Apocalypse, and finally the great vision of Jesus Himself of a world at peace, living in unity and love.

May we pray today with Jesus' prayer for unity, both in church, in parish meetings, and in the universal church. We beg God for stronger faith and stronger love and stronger courage in our own witnessing.



Monsignor

all who will hear the Word, as well as for that unity that will bind the Church

CALLED TO SERVE

Accompaniment: Connecting faith and life

great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:26-28'

"Deacon" is often defined as "servant" in the Catholic

"Whoever wishes to be Church. Bishops cite the passage from Matthew regularly as they congratulate and charge the men they have just ordained deacons.

Some homilies and texts talk about the deacon as a man "configured to Jesus Christ, the servant."

Bishop Douglas Lucia, Diocese of Syracuse, spoke

of the relationship when he quoted then Cardinal Ratzinger as saying, "This is a central aspect of the mystery of Jesus Christ, the

fact the Lord of us all is deacon: a servant who goes around and serves us and thus reveals to us the mystery of God's love."

Bishop Lucia took the servant notion a step further when he addressed an

to serve but also to accompany individuals groups of all ages and in all stages of their Christian journey.

One author reports six Catholics leave the church for every newly baptized Catholic. That is an unhealthy trend.

Deacon Matthew Halbach, PhD, also wrote the new evangelization is not as much about conversion to Catholicism as it is about helping Catholics "discover new meaning in their reli-

> gion and/or religious community, when the life of faith seems to be on life support."

Pope Francis, Bishop Lucia, Deacon Halbach and others think the answer is in accompaniment.

Accompaniment is the new, old word in evangelization. It

has been around for years under other names. Halbach says accompaniment has been known by names such as "community life." "service," or "pastoral ministry. It is a way of connecting faith and life experience; love of God and love of neighbor." It is about personal relationships. It is about not being afraid to talk about God and what we believe outside the church.

Bishop Lucia gave some examples that might be used in the Diocese of Syracuse soon. Accompaniment for Discipleship instead of Sacramental Preparation; focus on people and their needs, not on programs; provide Encounters with Christ not just activities that are supposed to magically introduce Iesus without ever saying his name,

"The old ways will give ground to the new ways,' Bishop Lucia said. "All our actions as church leaders in Syracuse will have to meet our new thinking about evangelization," he said. "The paradigm shift in thinking has already begun.'

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







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Congratulations, **Jubilarians**

We at the Mission Office would like to congratulate this year's priestly jubilarians:

25 YEARS

Reverend Mark R. Reilly

50 YEARS

Reverend Gerald A. Cerank Reverend Daniel L. Chapin

60 YEARS

Reverend John P. Kennehan

We thank you for all that you do for the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and beyond. It was your answer of "yes" to the call of priesthood so many years ago that has allowed you to touch so many lives in your ministry and we look forward to many more in the future.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Father Leagon Carlin for his ordination to the priesthood this past Saturday.

We are grateful for your "yes" and look forward to working with you and seeing you grow within your vocation for years to come.



St. John's Altar Rosary Society in Madrid sponsored a baby shower as part of the Octave of Service. Items collected will be donated to New Beginnings in Madrid. Pictured are Ann Rabideau, Jean Barclays, seminarian Tyler Fitzgerald and Anne Lindley.

OBITUARIES

Chateaugay - Donald D. Rowe, 69; Mass of Christian Burial May 16, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial Earlville Cemetery.

Colton - Sharon (Bradish) Andrews, 79; Mass of Christian Burial May 20, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church: burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Constable - Janice Marie (Flynn) Hosson, 83: Mass of Christian Burial May 29, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Constableville - Cindy Lou (Cavanaugh) Planck, 63; Mass of Christian Burial May 14, 2022 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Croghan - Paul Bernard Ardison, 83; Mass of Christian Burial May 17, 2022 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery, Belfort.

Croghan – Eleanor L. (Ver Schneider) Terry. 88; Services to be held at a later date.

Keeseville - Linwood F."Woody"Worrell Jr., 68; Funeral Services May 26, 2022 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Massena – Rita P. (Coto) Gagne, 99; Private services to be held; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

North Bangor - Rita L. "Apple Lady" (LaRock) Monica, 99; Mass of Christian Burial May 20, 2022 at St Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Andrew Grady, 30; Funeral Services May 26, 2022 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Port Henry - Joan E. (Donahue) Orr; Mass of Christian Burial May 13, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Evelyn M. (Durkee) Martelle, 85; Graveside Services May 17, 2022 at Harrietstown Cemetery.

Watertown - Antoinette T. "Toni" (De-Longo) Harblin, 92; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church: burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

Funeral Mass celebrated for Bruce Favreau

Bruce Thomas Favreau. 70, left his earthly dwelling on May 18, 2022 at the McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester, Vermont.

Bruce was born in Plattsburgh, February 25, 1952, the son of the late Edward and Eva (Filion) Favreau. He grew up in Champlain and graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1969. He

later graduated from and kind person. He cul-Wadhams Hall Seminary and Christ the King Seminary and was ordained a priest on May 3, 1980. Bruce served the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 20 years. Throughout that time he met and held many friendships. He resided in the Burlington, Vermont, area for the remainder of his years.

Bruce was a genuine

tivated friendships wherever his travels took him. For many, he was more like family than friend.

Left to cherish the memory of Bruce are his sister, Susan Phillips; brothers, Richard Favreau and Lora, James Favreau and Sherry Favro, Jeffrey Favreau, and Mario Guillemette and their respective families; and his

St. Germain.

The family will receive guests on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from 10 to 11 am at St. Mary's Church in Champlain. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11. Committal prayers and burial will follow in the parish ceme-

Donations in his memory may be made to the

long time friend, Michel Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hamilton Funeral Home, 793 Gilbert Road, Mooers, 236-4747.

To make a floral purchase, offer an online condolence, share a symbolic gesture, or share a photo in memory of Bruce Favreau please visit www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com

Sisters of St. Joseph create Laudato Si' plan

Sisters of St. Joseph

WATERTOWN-The Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown give public voice to their commitment to embark on a seven-year journey to promote integral ecology.

Pope Francis in Laudato Si', the Church's first encyclical on care of creand ation environment, calls us to care for the earth as our common home created by God. The call to integral ecology is a call to us to care for all of life by protecting nature and resources for future generations, combatting poverty, and a conversion of lifestyle and choice that protects the poor and suffering while protecting the environment.

Our current Directional Statement for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown challenges us to:

- identify possible ways to use the abundance of our resources and
 - discern which possi-





Students at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown plant trees (left) and clean trash (right) as part of their efforts to improve the environment and provide care for our common home.

bilities will be addressed given local and global needs, resources and available partnerships.

In response to Pope Francis' challenge, given our geography, Northern New York culture, our strengths and challenges and through the charism lens of reconciliation and all inclusive love, we choose as the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown to accept the seven-year challenge of the Laudato Si' Platform and join in universal solidarity to respond to:

- The Cry of the Earth
- The Cry of the Poor
- Ecological Economics
- Adapting a Simple Lifestyle

and nurturing all of these through our spirituality, education and networking with our local communities.

The Sisters of St. Joseph will embark on a plan Ecological Economics

over the next five years as they engage in practices to protect "our comhome" implement their chosen goals of:

Response to the Cry of the Earth

Goals:

- To reduce our use of water and support clean water initiatives
- To support biodiversity locally and globally Response to the Cry of the Poor

Goal: To use our resources to bring about systemic change for the destitute and for victims of violence

- To reduce our use of fossil fuel energy
- To reduce investments in fossil fuels to zero and to invest in renewable energy

Adapt a Simple Lifestyle

Goal: To adopt a simpler lifestyle **Ecological Education**

Goal: To use the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching to promote ecological awareness **Ecological Spirituality**

Goal: To revitalize a vision of God's creation **Community Engagement**

Goal: To network with groups whose purpose is caring for all creation

