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## Praying Stations of the Cross for life

Champlain Valley Right to Life recently hosted a praying of the Stations of the Cross for victims of abortion outside of Planned Parenthood in Plattsburgh.

Champlain Valley Right to Life is also gearing up for the 2022 county fair season and looking for volunteers to help distribute information about life at the Clinton, Essex and Franklin County fairs.

"It will only take one or two committed people to stop in once a day during the fair to ensure our display table is replenished with life-giving information," said Nancy Belzile, prganizaton president.

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## CELEBRATING TOGETHER



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**Father Leagon J. Carlin, the youngest priest of the diocese, talks with Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin, the oldest priest of the diocese, after Father Carlin celebrated his first Mass at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh. Father Carlin was ordained by Bishop Terry R. LaValley on May 21. See the complete story on Page 3, and see photos fro the ordination on Page 6.**

## GUGGENHEIM STAFF



Gabe Gratto will serve as assistant director during the Camp Guggenheim 2022 season. Learn more about Gratto and other Guggenheim staffers in the first installment of the NCC's introduction to this year's camp staff. The 2022 Camp Guggenheim season opens in July, and registrations are still being accepted. Register at [rcdony.org/youth/camp](http://rcdony.org/youth/camp).

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## Synodality means communion, not 'populism'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Synodality is not a reorganization of church structures but rather a path of ecclesial communion that seeks to open minds and hearts to the will of the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis said.

In a video message to members of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America May 26, the pope said synodality does not imply "a more or less democratic, much less a 'pop-

ulist' way, of being a church. These are deviations."

"Synodality is the dynamic dimension, the historical dimension of ecclesial communion founded on the Trinitarian communion, which, appreciating simultaneously the 'sensus fidei' of all God's holy faithful people, apostolic collegiality and unity with the Successor of Peter, must animate the

conversion and reform of the church at every level."

The commission members were meeting in Rome May 24-27 to discuss the theme of synodality, which is also the theme of the next Synod of Bishops.

The pope said he believes the pastoral reality in Latin America is one in which "synodality took root a long time ago."

Recalling the rise of lib-

eration theology in Latin America, "which played a lot with Marxist analysis," the pope noted that early published works emphasized its Latin American roots but "almost 80% of the notes were written in German."

"They did not have the slightest idea. It was an ideological interpretation of what is a grounded Latin American path. And I say 'grounded' because

Latin American spirituality is tied to the earth and cannot be separated from it."

But to face the pastoral and social problems today, he added, the church must "relearn to walk together" and in doing so, "it is always important to maintain an incomplete way of thinking."

"I am allergic to thoughts that are already complete and closed," the pope said.

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# Making the ordinary extraordinary

It seemed slightly absurd. I recently dragged my husband and son along for a 50-plus mile drive to Champlain to pick up a stranger's trash – one of those heavy, old, wooden console televisions – for a project I'm planning. When we packed into my Jeep for the drive, I expected a rather boring day of driving and running errands.

God had other ideas.

The woman giving me the television was having a yard sale. We ended up chatting with her and buying a few other items. Then, we moved on to one of my husband and son's favorite

stores, where we had an awesome time visiting with the owner and shopping for additions to Adam and Jake's collections. After that, we stopped at a local restaurant for lunch and headed toward home. On the way home, we noticed an antique store we've always wanted to visit was open, so we stopped to check it out. After chatting with the owner, he pulled out a collection of autographed sports memorabilia he had

for sale, and my son found a couple autographed Pittsburgh Steelers items that he purchased at a great price. Making our way even closer

to home, we decided to stop at one of our favorite antique stores. There, I found another television that was even cooler than the first one. Now, I have two projects.

All day, my men and I were joking with each other about all the weird hobbies we enjoy, about a few finds we purchased for restoration and resale, and about life in general. We had an awesome day! We met kind and interesting people who share our hobbies. We found projects that will entertain and occupy us in the coming weeks. We enjoyed our time together.

God turned "running errands" into the best family day we've had in months.

Our God is like that, isn't He? He constantly gives us

surprises and gifts, and He turns the ordinary into the extraordinary.

I've been thinking about that idea – God's ability to transform the mundane into the amazing – a lot lately. It seems especially relevant as I consider last week's ordination. In that Mass, God turned an ordinary man into something extraordinary – someone who will stand in the person of Christ and bring His sacraments and love to His people.

I never cease to be amazed and inspired by God's goodness and gifts, His ability to make something out of nothing, good out of bad, extraordinary out of ordinary.

There's nothing absurd about that.

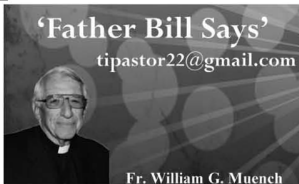


Darcy L.  
Fargo

## The power of the Holy Spirit

The Liturgy of our Catholic Church teaches us and guides us the way in which God touches his people. As you remember, Holy Week follows liturgically the culmination of the Lord's life on this earth. There is the Last Supper of Jesus on Holy Thursday, the Passion and crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday, and then our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus to new life on Easter Sunday.

The Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus liturgically for seven weeks during the Easter Season. This Easter Season ends with the remembrance and celebration of the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus chose to return to the Father and not remain here in this world. During the Masses of the Easter Season, the Gospel readings record Jesus' promise to his apostles that he would send the Holy Spirit to support his apostles – the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. This coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated on the Feast of the Pentecost.



Fr. William G. Muench

The scene of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles is described in the Acts of the Apostles. The apostles were together in the Upper Room, uncertain and anxious. Then comes the Holy Spirit in power, in wind and fire. The apostles find a new energy and readiness. They boldly go into the streets to preach and teach the message of Jesus to all who would listen. Thus, begins the ministry of the Church extended throughout the world, the Universal Catholic Church.

The Church calls upon the power of the Holy Spirit, though the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. These sacraments call upon the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to lead a good life – to live in the spirit of Our Savior, Jesus – that we may

lead others to the Lord and bring the message of Jesus of love and peace to others.

I believe that the Holy Spirit brings love and courage and wisdom to all of us, calling us to a vocation in life. As people of faith, we should believe that the Holy Spirit blesses us and calls us to this vocation, preparing us to find our way of life. Some are called to be ordained priests, some as a consecrated religious, others are called to the married state in life, others to be dedicated to the single life.

Here I want to add to this that I believe that the Holy Spirit also calls each of us – each day – to each day's vocation for us. I believe that the Holy Spirit guides and calls us for this very day, leading us to live a courageous, good and powerful day so that we can bring the Lord and his message to others. The opportunities that the Lord gives us are many.

The Holy Spirit animates and sanctifies our Catholic Church. The Holy Spirit prepares us to bring others to

Christ. The Holy Spirit opens our minds to understand Christ's death and Resurrection. The Holy Spirit makes present for us the mystery of Christ, especially in the Eucharist, and brings us to communion with God that we may be successful disciples of the Lord.

The Spirit that we have been given is not a spirit of temerity, but the Spirit of power. Wind and fire are symbols of this power. Wind has the power to move and uproot. Fire has the power to refine and transform. This is the power of God. The coming of the Spirit provided the apostles with the energy, the courage and the love to get on with the task Christ has given them.

Just as the apostles changed, so are we. We must realize that the apostles were wounded people. They were wounded by doubt and grief. Jesus gave them a chance to shine. He handed his entire work over to them. He knew they needed help. That is why he sent them the Spirit.



# Father Leagon Carlin ordained to priesthood

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

OGDENSBURG – “We priests are called again and again as God wills to accompany people for a stretch on the dusty roads of this world,” Bishop Terry R. LaValley told Father Leagon J. Carlin during his ordination to the priesthood. “We remember them, we include them in the intentions we place before God so that their way and ours becomes a way of God, a way to God. The deepest act of our relationship with our people is to bring all of them, all their cares, their pains and their sufferings, all their hopes and their joys into the presence of the living God in our prayers.”

The Ordination Mass was held May 21 at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

In his homily, Bishop LaValley encouraged Father Carlin to share his personal love of Christ with the people of God.

“Your love for God will give you the power, the grace, because you have been chosen by the Lord,” Bishop LaValley said. “St. John Paul II wrote at the end of the millennium that our parishes should be schools for prayer. From the richness of your own personal relationship with Jesus, help your people to pray. No one, no one should be content with a shallow prayer. Through the priest as the leader of prayer and administrator of the sacraments, Jesus enters again and again into the world of our senses in order to touch us where we live and to lead us farther into eternity. You are the bridge.”

Bishop LaValley told Father Carlin to bring the teachings of Jesus and His Church to God’s people.



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**Father Leagon J. Carlin presents his mother, Beth Carlin, with the Manutergium – the linen cloth used to wipe the Chrism off his hands after anointing – used in his ordination during his first Mass May 22 in Plattsburgh.**

“Lay people expect priests to tell them – clearly, firmly and with paternal concern – not our opinions but God’s teachings. A priest cannot, must not take advantage of his authority over the people of God to set forth his personal ideas, be it the way he celebrates the Eucharist, the lessons he teaches or the homily he preaches. The mission of a priest is a challenging one: To make all Christians disciples who are willing to die for Christ and his gospel.”

At the ordination Mass, Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, a Sister of St. Joseph and diocesan Vocations coordinator, proclaimed the first reading. Father Carlin’s Godmother, Paula Hayden, proclaimed the second reading, and Deacon Liam O’Shea-Creal proclaimed the Gospel.

Deacon Mark Bennett, Father Carlin’s uncle, presented the candidate, then Deacon Carlin, for the priesthood, and Father Christopher C. Carrara, Vicar for Clergy and director of Vocations and Seminars, answered inquiries during the election of the candidate for the priesthood.

“Relying on the help of

the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose our brother for the Order of the Priesthood,” Bishop LaValley said, eliciting applause from those gathered.

In “The Promise of the Elect,” the soon-to-be priest stands before the bishop and expresses his resolve to carry out his office in accord with the mind of Christ and the Church. The candidate then prostrates himself as a sign of humility as those gathered pleas for God’s grace for the candidate in the “Litany of Supplication.”

It was then that Bishop LaValley laid hands on Father Carlin’s head and prayed the words of ordination.

Father Carlin was then vested by Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan director of Worship and former Vocations director. Bishop LaValley then anointed Father Carlin’s hands and presented him a chalice and paten.

Offertory gifts were presented by Father Carlin’s siblings, Sarah Favro and John Carlin. Bishop LaValley and priests of the diocese then offer a kiss of peace to the newly ordained as a welcome to

the Order of Priests before moving into the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Father Carlin said the Ordination Mass was “powerful.”

“The whole thing is a powerhouse of emotions and symbolism,” he said. “There were moments throughout the entirety of it when I found myself very overcome with thanksgiving to God for this gift and acknowledging my inadequacy of it. From beginning to end – between the laying of hands starting with bishop and all the priests of the diocese who were able to be there. The anointing of hands was also very powerful. There are a lot of elements of the Ordination Mass that are the similar to ordination for the diaconate. Anointing the hands is particular to the priestly ordination. That was powerful. The kiss of peace – with bishop and all the brother priests – was a beautiful moment. Concelebrating Mass, surreal is the only word that comes to mind. I was in a crowd of priests almost all of whom I’ve known for a very long time. Being the voice for the fourth concelebrant part was powerful.”

Father Carlin celebrated his first Mass May 22 at St. Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh. At that Mass, he presented his mother with the Manutergium – the linen cloth used to wipe the Chrism off his hands after anointing – used in his ordination and his father with the stole he wore celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

“It’s an older tradition,” Father Carlin explained. “The mother receives the Manutergium and is buried with it when she dies. There’s a lot of sym-

bolism in the oil of anointing. It’s about the gift of self and loving service. Traditionally, the mother is a model of that. The priest learns as a child how to love, serve and give of himself from mom. There’s a pious legend that the mother is pulled by the Manutergium to heaven... It’s not as old of a tradition, but it’s also traditional to give the father the first stole used in the first confession. A father teaches forgiveness, humility and mercy through his fatherhood, and those are necessary to be a good confessor.”

Both Father Carlin’s father, Deacon James Carlin, and his uncle, Deacon Mark Burnett, served with him during his first Mass.

Since that Mass, Father Carlin has been spending time with his family and traveling to classmates’ ordinations.

“I have a little time before I start my first assignment,” he said. “It’s a beautiful buffer. I’ve been traveling to see friends ordained, and there will be a couple weeks when I have time to work on getting some affairs in order and meeting with Father (Scott R.) Seymour and figuring out the move. We’ve already discussed the parish and the great things going on there. Until that time, I’m spending time with family and friends and sharing with them this new joy that I’ve found in conforming to Jesus.”

Father Carlin will begin his first assignment, parochial vicar for The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexanders and St. Joseph in Morrisonville, St. Augustine’s Church in Peru and St. James in Cadyville, on June 29.



# Pro-life work continues with stations, fairs

By Mary Beth Bracy  
Contributing Writer

PLATTSBURGH - Dozens of faithful gathered on April 15 to pray the Stations of the Cross with the special intention of praying for victims of abortion. They took turns raising up Crosses to signify each station.

"Good Friday turned out to be a very good day for participants in Plattsburgh," shared Nancy Belzile, Champlain Valley Right to Life (CVRTL) president. "Deacon Ken Lushia led us in prayer. Brenda Smith provided an outstanding and appropriate painting of the Infant Jesus held by Blessed Mary adorned by four angels holding the instruments of his crucifixion. It was a mild sunny spring day. We all were blessed being together to share in Christ's Way of the Cross."

Rose Blaise, Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center (PPC) office manager, noted Smith's painting "was donated with several other pieces of art to be auctioned off to fund the Pregnancy Center."

Smith explained, "The



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**Deacon Kenneth Lushia blesses a painting of the Infant Jesus held by Blessed Mary as part of a Good Friday prayer service that included the Stations of the Cross for the intention of victims of abortion.**

morning of the Stations of the Cross, I brought my friend Edna Turetsky to the PPC to show her the artwork. I happened to pull out this picture of the Blessed Mother."

It seemed like a Providen-

tial image for Good Friday, she reflected.

"It was an added grace from Heaven that it fit so well with remembering His Passion," said Blaise.

CVRTL thanked those who participated in the

event.

"Many thanks to all who came to our Good Friday Stations, and a very special thanks to our CVRTL president, Nancy Belzile, for her unending leadership," said Deacon Lushia, CVRTL vice president. "As a newly ordained Deacon, this year's stations were powerful! I truly experienced St. Philip Neri's words 'Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, he will fit you for the work and give you strength.'"

Also the local coordinator for 40 Days for Life, Belzile noted that the prayers and presence of pro-lifers are making a difference.

"April 9 closed out another campaign for 40 Days for Life in Plattsburgh," she said. "In total across all campaigns, 742 babies were saved from abortion! Ten abortion workers were converted. Another abortion facility was closed. We do sidewalk counseling and prayer every Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Planned Parenthood. If anyone would like to join us they

are welcome."

There are always opportunities to volunteer for CVRTL, Belzile added.

"It's that time again to start talking about our local county fairs," she said. "CVRTL has always had a presence at the Clinton County Fair and will continue to do so. Last year, CVRTL took that model of building a culture of life to the Essex County Fair. This year we are hoping to offer Franklin County Fair life blessings with our display. CVRTL was founded with the principal of education on life in each of these counties. So doesn't it sound fitting to bring this county to the fold of our ministry? It will only take one or two committed people to stop in once a day during the fair to ensure our display table is replenished with life-giving information. If you think you may be called to take on this ministry please email me at nancys\_56@hotmail.com or call me at 518-593-6024."

Learn more at CVRTL's new website, cvrtlny.com.

## Funeral Mass celebrated for David Bence

David Bence, 80, of Massena passed away at home on May 19, 2022, succumbing to a combination of illnesses. Dave was born in Watertown, NY on February 16, 1942, being the oldest of five children of Ruth and Royal Bence. Married in Watertown in 1963, he is survived by his wife Kathleen; by his four siblings Don & Lee (Burlington, WI); Richard & Patricia (Oswego, NY); Kathleen & Mark Scriber (Cheboygan, MI); Daniel & Patricia (Gardiner, ME); and by his four grandchildren James, Sadie, Charles, and Julia and his son-in-law Craig Morrison of Lakewood, CO, and many nieces and nephews. Dave was predeceased by his son Timothy in 1984 and by his

daughter Karen in 2019.

Dave attended Sacred Heart School in Watertown, NY, and graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1959 with a Regents Scholarship. He received Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Industrial Management degrees from Clarkson and was a licensed Professional Engineer. Except for short assignments with Reynolds for a new plant design and construction in Longview Washington, Montreal, and Baie Comeau Quebec, Dave worked his entire 40-year career at the Reynolds Aluminum Plant in Massena, retiring in 2003.

For many years, Dave was an avid supporter of Clarkson hockey and followed

the team to away games all over the northeast. He was an active Clarkson Alumnus and received the Alumni Association's "Stub Baker" award for chapter service in 2001. In serving the community of Massena, Dave spent many years as a member of the Board of Assessment Review, as a member of the housing rehabilitation board, and as a member of Massena Minor Hockey's board of directors. He has been a member of the Massena Housing Authority Board of Directors and was a chairman at his passing. Following his retirement, he volunteered with the AARP Tax Aid program for 15 years and prepared more than 1200 income tax returns for peo-

ple from Massena and the surrounding areas. He was also an active Republican and was a member of the County Committee and treasurer of the local Republican Committee for many years. He served Catholic Charities of the diocese for more than 30 years, first as a board of directors' member and Treasurer, then as a Corporate Board member.

Since his retirement Dave has enjoyed the camaraderie and rapport with his fellow members of Massena's Monday Lunch Club and of the Italian American Club. He had a special spot in the Via Main restaurant for morning coffee, and hardly ever missed a day with his friends as

they routinely solved most of the world's problems.

As a final note, Dave endured a lifetime of debilitating health problems, and benefitting from the unimaginable sacrifice and gift of his sister in 1969, is thought by his doctors to have been the world's longest surviving kidney transplant recipient.

Arrangements were under the care of Phillips Memorial Home, 64 Andrews Street Massena.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Massena, on Wednesday, May 25, at Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery, Massena. Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Catholic School, Massena.



# Private Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated for Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer

WATERTOWN — Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer died May 20, 2022, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown at the age of 96.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1925, daughter of John Meyer and Anastasia Marilley, at her home in the town of Croghan, NY.

She was a graduate of Beaver Falls High School, Beaver Falls, New York.

Sister Gabriel Marie entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on December 28, 1946. She received the habit on July 1, 1947, and made Final Profession on August 28, 1952. She received her Bachelor's of Arts Degree from the College of St. Rose and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Ottawa, Canada.

She taught in Sacred Heart School, Watertown, Holy Name School, AuSable Forks, St. Patrick's School, Port Henry, St. Andrew's School, Norwood and St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga. Sister Gabriel Marie worked in the kitchen at the Motherhouse and then she became Administrator of St. Patrick's Home, Watertown from 1965-1971. She worked in Catholic Charities in the Watertown and Lowville Offices from 1971-1987.

Sister Gabriel Marie was recognized by Catholic Charities as its Caritas Award recipient in 2010. The Caritas medal is awarded to the individual who "makes a significant



Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer, SSJ

difference in the lives of the people of the North Country."

At the dinner marking the presentation Bishop Terry R. LaValley said of Sister Gabriel Marie, "she lives the charisma of the Sisters of St. Joseph of love of God and love of neighbor so generously."

From 1987-2001, she served in parish ministry in Carthage, Gouverneur, Port Leyden and Lyons Falls. In 2001, Sister Gabriel Marie retired and lived at the Motherhouse.

Sister Gabriel Marie served on parish committees: Ladies of Charity, Altar Rosary Society, and the Legion of Mary. She also served on the Council of Social Service Agencies.

Sister Gabriel Marie loved to dance the polka, play cards, read and cook. Her favorite color was blue. She enjoyed sitting out on the

sunporch watching the deer in the backyard.

Sister Gabriel Marie is survived by her sister Norma Jones, South Carolina, foster brother Edward Mothersell, Croghan, and a sister-in-law Ruth Meyer, Croghan. Many nieces and nephews as well as grand nieces and nephews also survive her. Besides her parents, her brothers Harold, George, Donald and her sisters Elizabeth and Helena predeceased her.

Funeral arrangements are with Cummings Funeral Service, Inc., Watertown.

Private waking hours and funeral Liturgy will be at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel.

Contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

Online condolences to her family may be posted at [cummingsfuneral.com](http://cummingsfuneral.com).

## Rest in Peace

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

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

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

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

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

**June 5** — Rev. Charles Donaher, O.S.A., 1984

**June 6** — Msgr. Euclid Elie, 1962; Rev. John E. Silver, 2014

## Bishop's Public Schedule

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

**June 2** — 10:30 a.m. — Pontifical Mission Society Board Meeting at Bishop's Residence

**June 3** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**June 4** — 4 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora with the Church of the Assumption in Redford

**June 5** — 3 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg with St. Mary's Church in Canton, Saints Philip and James in Lisbon and Our Lady of Grace Parish in Morristown

**June 7** — 9 a.m. — Lead Event at High Peaks Resort followed by Mass at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid

**June 8** — 11:30 a.m. — Christian Formation Presentation at St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake

## 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 training, contact Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or [jgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rcdony.org).

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## Environmental Stewardship

### Synodal Church in action

As a "synodal church," we are called to walk with each other and listen to the stories of each other, as Jesus did on the road to Emmaus. The disciples poured out their hearts to Him - their sorrow, confusion, pain, doubts. He in turn listened and assured them that He was with them and not to be afraid.

Today we can come to Him with our concerns on a personal level for family, for friends, for health, for economic security, etc. Joined with our own concerns are those of our sisters and brothers around our country and the world. We witness the pain and suffering caused by the destruction of the environment as well as devastation of human life through violence of war, racism, abortion, to mention only a few. This moment in our human history may be causing it, as many writers would name as a sense of depression.

How do we respond? One positive way of response to suffering was shared by a couple after experiencing a minor accident in a public place. What they focused on was not the accident, but how so many people reached out to help them. They shared their surprise at the lengths these "strangers" went to care for their needs. They spoke of then as "their guardian angels" that God sent to take care of them. Similarly, one news reporter advised, when you witness a tragedy, look to see who has responded to the emergency. This may give a sense of hope that all will be well in time. We can always respond with prayer for those suffering. From our prayer we may find the courage to use our energies to alleviate some suffering or us.

Last week **Laudato Si' Week 2022** marked the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. This global celebration united Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing **Laudato Si'** to life, and intensify our efforts through the dynamic **Laudato Si' Action Platform**, walking the "Synodal" path. Check out [laudatosiweek.org](http://laudatosiweek.org) to learn about the efforts around the world and learn more ways to care for our 'common home' here in our own backyard.



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# ORDINATION OF FATHER LEAGON CARLIN

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## New Oklahoma law bans nearly all abortions

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed into law one of the nation's most restrictive abortion bills May 25, saying he has kept his promise to voters to "sign every piece of pro-life legislation that came across my desk." It bans abortions from the stage of "fertilization" and allows private citizens to sue abortion providers who "knowingly" perform or induce an abortion "on a pregnant woman." It does allow exceptions for medical emergencies or if the pregnancy was a result of rape, sexual assault or incest and reported to law enforcement. "From the moment life begins at conception is when we have a responsibility as human beings to do everything we can to protect that baby's life and the life of the mother," Stitt tweeted. "That is what I believe and that is what the majority of Oklahomans believe. If other states want to pass different laws, that is their right, but in Oklahoma we will always stand up for life," he added. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City thanked legislative leaders and Stitt "for supporting pro-life measures."

## For Indigenous Canadians, Pope Francis' age is advantage

TORONTO (CNS) — For six days in July, the most important thing happening in Canada will be an old man confronting the nation's history. Pope Francis will be in Canada July 24-29 on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation, visiting Edmonton, Alberta; Iqaluit, Nunavut; and Quebec City. That the 85-year-old pope will be limited by his age and his health is hardly a surprise, but it is also an advantage — an aspect of Pope Francis' spiritual power to heal. For Indigenous Canadians, out of the many different parts of Pope Francis' identity, none matters more than his status as an elder. "In our minds and in our world view, as you age you become more valuable to the community," explained Deacon Harry Lafond, Indigenous education scholar at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and former chief of the Muskeg Lake Cree First Nation. "Simply because your age tends to help you to understand life from a different perspective. You bring that to the generations that are following you. And people depend on that. They depend on these elders to provide that spiritual leadership, that road to wisdom about life and living."

## Friars to visit all MLB stadiums on evangelization tour

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (CNS) — Fathers Casey Cole and Roberto "Tito" Serrano, both Franciscan friars, met in their second year of formation and bonded over their love of baseball and their Franciscan vocations. As kids, they both dreamed of visiting Major League Baseball stadiums around the country. Now the dream becomes a reality as the "Bleacher Brothers" hit the road. After eight years of planning, they set out on an 11-week pilgrimage May 19 to visit all 30 Major League Baseball ballparks, traveling more than 17,000 miles to meet people where they are and preach the good news of Jesus Christ. The first stop on their itinerary was Miami to see the Marlins play the Atlanta Braves May 20. They will stop in Minnesota June 24. The tour wraps up in Colorado with the Rockies vs. the Los Angeles Dodgers July 30. "In formation we learned about the history and tradition of the Franciscans," Father Cole told The Central Minnesota Catholic, St. Cloud's diocesan magazine. "We heard stories about St. Francis preaching and evangelizing, and how he didn't necessarily go to churches. He went to the city streets to preach where people were." Father Cole, a chaplain at Mount de Sales High School in Macon, Georgia, and Father Serrano, assigned to Siena College in Loudonville, New York, wanted to go where people gather.

# Bishops call for gun control

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Several U.S. bishops spoke out against the easy accessibility to guns in the country following a May 24 rampage that left at least 19 children and two of their elementary school teachers dead in Uvalde, Texas.

"Don't tell me that guns aren't the problem, people are. I'm sick of hearing it," Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, tweeted May 25. "The darkness first takes our children who then kill our children, using the guns that are easier to obtain than aspirin. We sacralize death's instruments and then are surprised that death uses them."

The comments came hours after Texas authorities said an 18-year-old with two assault weapons evaded police after crashing his truck near an elementary school close to the U.S.-Mexico border and entered the school building at around noon armed with what seemed to be a rifle.

"There was several law enforcement that engaged the suspect but he was able to make entry into the school where he did go into several classrooms and, unfortunately, he did fire his firearm," Sgt. Erick Estrada, of the Texas Department of Public Safety, told CNN late May 24.

A Border Patrol unit subsequently arrived and one of its officers shot and killed the shooter in the classroom full of fourth graders.

In addition to the dead, reports say 15 children were injured as well as the two law enforcement officers who initially attempted to stop him. Authorities named Salvador Ramos as the shooter and said that prior to arriving at the school, he shot his grandmother,

who remains in the hospital.

San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller comforted families outside a local civic center in Uvalde as they waited for news. Along with priests from the Archdiocese of San Antonio, he spent much of the day tending to parishioners and others who needed comfort after the horrific day.

"When will these insane acts of violence end?" the archbishop later said in a statement. "It is too great a burden to bear. The word tragedy doesn't begin to describe what occurred. These massacres cannot be considered 'the new normal.'"

"The Catholic Church consistently calls for the protection of all life; and these mass shootings are a most pressing life issue on which all in society must act — elected leaders and citizens alike," he said. "We pray that God comfort and offer compassion to the families of these little ones whose pain is unbearable."

He confirmed to a CNN reporter that there's an effort to connect with Ramos' family and said he would show them gestures of "tenderness, compassion because they are suffering, too." He said Ramos' actions were evil but said he didn't agree when he heard someone say "that man is evil."

"No, they were evil actions. Everyone has dignity and the family is suffering, too," he said. "It's easy to make remarks that destroy people's lives ... there's already enough destruction."

Chieko Noguchi, director of public affairs for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the organization joined Archbishop García-Siller in prayers for the community.

"There have been too

many school shootings, too much killing of the innocent. Our Catholic faith calls us to pray for those who have died and to bind the wounds of others," she said in a statement. "As we do so, each of us also needs to search our souls for ways that we can do more to understand this epidemic of evil and violence and implore our elected officials to help us take action."

In a statement, the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, suggested that a course of action from the Catholic Church could come "in findings ways to more effectively identify people at risk of such behavior and to push for reasonable limits to the proliferation of firearms."

From Rome, Pope Francis also weighed in, saying: "It's time to say 'Enough' to the indiscriminate trade of weapons!" and encouraged all to be committed in the effort "so that tragedies like this cannot occur again."

Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich in a May 24 tweet said the right to life trumps the right to have weapons and that "the Second Amendment did not come down from Sinai."

"The right to bear arms will never be more important than human life," he said. "Our children have rights too. And our elected officials have a moral duty to protect them."

In an address to the nation, President Joe Biden recalled his time as vice president when he could not get enough members of Congress to agree on gun control legislation in 2013, a year after 26 people, including 20 elementary school children, were fatally shot by a gunman at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

## 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](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org).

## ADIRONDACK

**FIRST FRIDAY PRAISE & 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.

**5K RUN, WALK, ROLL OR STROLL**

Saranac Lake – St. Bernard's School will host its 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.

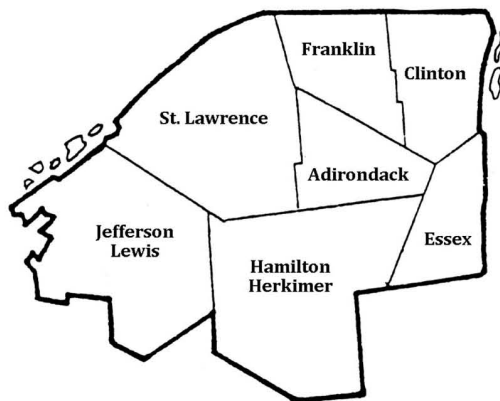
After the event, enjoy fun and games at the base lodge, a brew or two from Hex and Hop beer tent, and some chow from Freddy B's Grill. Each participant will receive a commemorative performance t-shirt, created by Bear Essentials Apparel of Saranac Lake and a tin of all natural deet-free Bye-Bye Blackfly insect repellent.

**Contact:** For more information call 518-891-2830

## CLINTON

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Peru – The 34th Annual Peru Knights



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese."

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

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 Club

**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 information from Greg Lombard at 518-593-2652 or email [gnetlombard@charter.net](mailto:gnetlombard@charter.net).

**HOUSE SITTERS**

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is looking for many Volunteer "House Sitters."

**Time:** The responsibility is to arrive by 10 a.m. on your chosen day(s) and remain on premises until 4 p.m. to welcome visitors.

**Features:** Lunch and snack items on hand along with tea, coffee, soda, and bottled water. Training will be provided on the history of the House of Prayer, its mission, and the ways to carry out this ministry of hospitality.

**Contact:** If interested in volunteering for one day a month, or week, or more, please call Sarah Anderson at 518-534-9976.

## FRANKLIN

**ST. ANDRE BESSETE PARISH PILGRIMAGE**

Malone – St. Andre Bessette Parish Pilgrimage walk to be held.

**Date:** July 9

**Time:** 8 a.m. to noon

**Place:** 9 mile walk from St. Helen's, Chasm Falls Whippleville Road and River Road and will end t Notre Dame Church.

**Features:** Light refreshments will then be served. If you are concerned about your ability to walk the route, please consider joining us in Eucharistic Adoration prayer at Notre Dame. It will take place at the same time as the walk, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help defray the cost of the Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat, to be held at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg Oct. 6-9 for women of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

**Contact:** For more information contact Nancy and Mark Beddoe at [beddoe@sympatico.ca](mailto:beddoe@sympatico.ca)

**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-Q 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](mailto:reception@stmarysclayton.org).

**MOUNT CARMEL FESTIVAL**

Watertown – The Mount Carmel Festival will return this year.

**Date:** June 24, 25 & 26

Schedule: Grounds open Friday 5 p.m. to 10; Saturday 1 p.m. to 10; Sunday 1 p.m. to 10, 5 p.m. religious procession, 9:30 p.m. Giant Fireworks.

**Features:** Homemade Italian food-Sausage, Pizza, Fried Dough, Cookies! Rides and games for the kids.

## 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.

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**

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, Ogdensburg

**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, \$10

**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>

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**TWO-DAY EVENT CELEBRATING EUCHARIST**

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

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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 Sr. 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 [rcdony.org/lead2dayevent](http://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 speakers who are children of divorce.

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

## ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Potsdam - Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg will Or-

dain to the Order of Deacon Mr. Lukas Hermann Gruber. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy.

**Date:** June 25

**Time:** 11 a.m.

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

**Features:** A Reception will immediately follow the Ordination on the rectory lawn across the street from The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary. The Ordination Mass will also be livestreamed at [rcdony.org/ordination](http://rcdony.org/ordination). The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Ordination.

## FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake – Online registration is now open for Family Guggenheim.

**Date:** Session 1 Aug. 18-21; Session 2 Aug. 25-28; Session 3 Oct. 7-9

**Place:** Guggenheim

**Cost:** Visit [www.rcdony.org/family-life/fg](http://www.rcdony.org/family-life/fg) for more information

**Features:** Family Guggenheim welcomes families of all dimensions to come enjoy a special weekend in the beauty of the Adirondacks. Expect fun family workshops and activities that will have you working and laughing together. Celebrate Christ's presence in your lives through liturgy and prayer. Take time for outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking.

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org)

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Saranac Lake – After Abortion Healing weekend to be held.

**Date:** Sept. 2-4

**Place:** Guggenheim Center

**Features:** If you (or a friend) are suffering after an abortion, you're not alone. Consider participating in the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat. The weekend will be held at the main camp to provide more social distancing. Each retreatant will have their own room. Open to women and men. Don't suffer alone. Help is available.

**Contact:** Registration is online at [rcdony.org/pro-life](http://rcdony.org/pro-life) or contact the Respect Life office 518-524-0774 or [cmminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cmminer@rcdony.org)

## NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

### CTK MEN'S RETREAT

Syracuse – Christ the King Retreat House and Conference Center to have a men's retreat.

**Date:** June 10 at 5 p.m. to June 12 after brunch.

**Cost:** \$210, commuter, \$120

**Features:** Christ the King Retreat House welcomes all men to a weekend retreat dedicated to detachment and attachment – detachment from the things that pull us away from God and attachment to "The One" who fulfills the deepest longings of our heart. Director, Chris Spilka, will lead this retreat with talks, small group discussion, contemplative prayer and more!

**Contact:** To Register go to our website at [ctkretreat.com](http://ctkretreat.com) or call 315-446-2680

# 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!



### Be a Friend

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



### Give a Ride

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



### Help at School

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



### Give a Meal

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



### Meals On Wheels

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

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

# Celebrating the Feast of Pentecost

The Easter season is now officially over. We have celebrated with joy the Resurrection of the Lord, His glorious Ascension, and now it's time for the "changing of the guard."

This happened two thousand years ago. It was on the Feast of Pentecost soon after Christ ascended back to the Father, leaving his Apostles frightened and sad. It was God's timing for the changing of com-



**Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore**

mand for His new Church. Jesus had said the night before His passion "...if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you." Forty days later, it happened as he had promised.

Today we live again the experience of that first Pentecost when the Upper Room in Jerusalem shook with hurricane force as the wind of God's Spirit and the fire of His love

**June 5**

## Feast of Pentecost

### READINGS

Acts 2: 1-11

Romans 8: 8-17

John: 14: 15-16; 23b-26

descended on twelve apostles, changing them forever. As thousands more were baptized that day, the Church was born in the presence of Christ's own mother and countless of other witnesses. Today, through the Eucharist we celebrate, the Holy Spirit comes again to give a "booster shot" to

countless modern-day Christians who have been born of water and the Holy Spirit.

Again, we are consecrated in the truth that God is love and lives in us as in a fleshly temple. In this annual renewal of our life-time commitment, our faith is re-kindled so that our light and our love will more effectively destroy the indifference and violence of the world around us.

Only our fears can prevent the Holy Spirit from empowering us, for He is our "Advocate," our silent supporter. He will help us

to work together with our Bishops and priests and deacons, as well as our religious and fellow laypeople to renew the church through the Spirit's gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

In these days of tremendous darkness and fear at the religious, social political and economic levels, we need the Holy Spirit more than ever before.

*Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful...and You shall renew the face of the earth!*

## CALLED TO SERVE

# Stuck in the middle

It all started with extra innings in a major league baseball game. The powers of baseball decided for the 2020 season and formalized the decision last March to speed up games by putting a runner at second base, a so called "zombie" runner, at the start of every extra half inning. That gives either team a better opportunity to score a run, win the game, and ultimately cut down the number of extra innings. That's good for baseball, they say.

"Hogwash," I said.

Then Baltimore scored in the top of the 11th. That's

ok, I rationalized. We get one more chance in the bottom of the inning. And it was exciting watching to see if the Yankees could tie or win. They won. I guess the baseball brains got it right. This change made extra innings feel like other sports with their sudden victory opportunities. It was OK!

Some of you are baseball purists, like me, some are modernists. We could debate this rule change all day. Bottom line, it is. Get used to it.

What started with the top of the tenth inning in a Yankee game caused me to

wonder if I am a traditionalist or a modernist when it comes to all things not just baseball.

I am certainly a traditionalist when it comes to my favorite sport. I was weaned on baseball in the 1950s, and the baseball of the 1950s is the way it should be played. But the game has changed, and I roll with the punch. Enough said on that topic.

The Dodgers and Giants collectively broke New York's heart and moved to that other state out west in the mid 1950's. Around the same time the people who move money around the world, bankers, adopted magnetic ink character recognition (MICR for short) at the bottom of our checks. MICR would speed up the transfer of money from one account to another.

I remember my father

telling me as a kid (my father was a banker) that MICR would revolutionize the way we used money.

Remember the float? Traditionalists will recall we used to plan on the three days it would take for a check transaction to clear, to happen, when we paid a bill.

The sequence was like this. I write a check and give it to the vendor. The vendor deposits the check in his bank. The vendor's bank would check with the bank the check is written from and make sure funds were available in that account. If all that went smoothly the vendor had that amount in his account and my account showed it was now reduced by that amount.

Really, it could take three days. Longer if you had to factor in the Post Office delivery time by mailing a

check.

Sixty years later I don't carry my checkbook or much cash, but my debit card is always handy and the fund transfer from my checking account to Piggly Wiggly or any other vendor is instantaneous. I pay bills a lot on-line; even my contributions to my parish. No more float.

The traditionalist in me misses the float. But I do love the convenience of modern banking and the advantage of accurately knowing my cash position at any moment of the day or night.

The old ways have their appeal, even today, but the new way of doing some things have their benefits. Guess I'm stuck in a happy place, the middle. But do I feel so-so about everything?

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# Final days of 'pilgrimage' experience

*Father Daniel Chapin has been serving as a priest associate of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers for the past six years, five in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and currently in Lima, Perú. Father Chapin continues to share his account of his most recent trip in February the Parish of San Martin de Porres in Mollendo, as well as to Arequipa and to neighboring Ecuador.*

The day before leaving Mollendo, I made one final visit to the Valderrama home to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Sña. Magda. She is elderly; her son Percy and I prayed with her for strength and healing. I remembered the many occasions we enjoyed with the Valderrama

family in their home.

That evening I presided at Mass one more time at San Martin.

The following day, saying goodbye for now to Mollendo, I was on the bus to Arequipa. There I enjoyed a "despedida" ("farewell") lunch with a group of old friends.

From Arequipa, flights took me to Lima and Guayaquil, Ecuador, and a bus ride from there to Manta brought me to the residence of two of the Sisters of the Misioneras Parroquiales. This was the purpose of my visit; I had already met the sisters in January at their motherhouse in Lima. Over the next three days, in the midst of their pastoral ministry, which is varied,



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they showed me great hospitality. A highlight of the trip was concelebrating at Sunday Mass, presided by the archbishop, at the Sanctuary/Basilica of Our Lady of Monserrat. The Vicar General and the priest responsible for youth ministry in the archdiocese also concelebrated. This Mass had the special participation of many youth who were present, representing various parishes. I loved the

music ministry!

During the next two days, among other activities, the sisters and I took part in daily Mass at the local Jesuit Church of "La Merced." Manta (like Guayaquil) is on the central Pacific coast. It is a fishing center and has a large, deep port. Naturally, being the summer season – and being Ecuador – it was quite warm. It was the rainy season, though, and ocean breezes also helped

to moderate the heat.

Following my visit with the sisters, a bus ride from Manta to Guayaquil and a flight from there to Lima brought to a conclusion my three weeks of travel, a "pilgrimage" experience.

We hope that you have enjoyed hearing about Father Daniel Chapin's three-week pilgrimage to Peru. While San Martin de Porres is no longer a mission parish of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a portion of the money from the annual Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO) appeal is sent to the parish to help them with their operating costs. If you are interested in making a donation, it can be sent to the Mission Office with "Mollendo" as a note or memo.

## OBITUARIES

**Brownville** – Deborah L. Murtha, 60; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** – Charles "Chuck" Alger, 83; Graveside Services May 28, 2022 at St. Vince de Paul Cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** – Anmarie Barnitt Germaine, 61; Mass of Christian Burial May 28, 2022 at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

**Chateaugay** – Joanne M. Harrington Bushey, 67; Mass of Christian Burial May 27, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Brainardsville Cemetery.

**Hammond** – Pierre "Pete" R. Martin, 61; Funeral Services May 24, 2022 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

**Harrisville** – Sally Ann (Simmons, Lancor) Trudeau, 90; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2022 at St. Francis Solanus Church.

**Lowville** – Alma Rose "Rosie" (Davoy) Boshart, 98; Mass of Christian Burial May 28, 2022 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

**Massena** – Elizabeth M. (Marando) Beudet, 93; Mass of Christian Burial May 27, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Charles Maurice Murray, 68; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Cornwall Ontario.

**Massena** – Peter P. Rufa, 94; Mass of Christian Burial June 4, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** – Margaret "Peggy" Elizabeth Deans Williams, 87; Mass of Christian Burial May 27, 2022 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Jeremy J. Wyle, 39; Mass of Christian Burial May 28, 2022 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Stephen LeClair, 69; Mass of Christian Burial May 28, 2022 at St. Peter's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Bernadette Mercer, 74;

Mass of Christian Burial May 28, 2022 at St. John's Church.

**Port Henry** – Jean Marie (Rabideau) Bush, 72; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Saranac Lake** – Jim Bishop, 81; Mass of Christian Burial May 27, 2022 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Theresa E. Joseph, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2022 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Richard L. Frangione, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 27, 2022 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

**Watertown** – David A. Roy, 77; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2022 at St. Anthony's Church.

**Watertown** – Mildred A. (Hiscott) Stovall, 99; Mass of Christian Burial May 26, 2022 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

## FIRST COMMUNION



Youth at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Watertown recently celebrated First Communion. Pictured are (front row, from left) Madeline Smith, Malaina Dawkins, and Sophia Thorpe, (back row) Mrs. Alice Busler, Sunday Religious Education instructor, Father Frank T. Natale, pastor, Sister Constance Sylver, SSJ, Religious Education coordinator, and Mrs. Brietta Lowman, Immaculate Heart Central second-grade teacher.

# GUGGENHEIM 2022

## MEET THE STAFF

Camp Guggenheim returns for the 2022 season on July 3! Register at [rcdony.org/youth/camp](http://rcdony.org/youth/camp). The following is the first installment of the NCC's annual feature introducing this year's Camp Guggenheim staff.



Anastasia Mangan

### What is something unique about you?

I love to care for others and have a kind and gentle character with a good sense of humor.

### What is a random fun fact about you?

I love to hunt, play soccer and music.

### What is something you want to learn this year?

To love my neighbor as myself, just like Jesus does.

### What's your favorite place on Earth?

One of my favorite places is Alaska, but my most favorite places is to be with kids. Helping, and teaching them about Jesus.



Carter Cooley

### What is something unique about you?

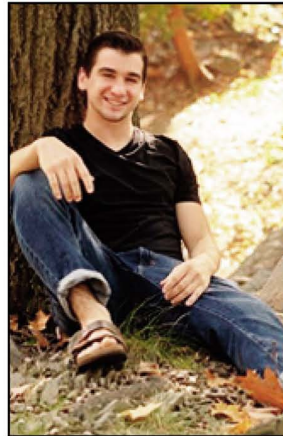
Something unique about me that all my friends tell me is my drive to do work. This is something that I have been able to do this year. I am always looking to get ahead in my classes even if I could just relax but I can easily tell myself to not stop and keep going.

### What is a random fun fact about you?

I am a triplet. I have a brother named Logan Gooley and a sister named Emma Gooley, and we all attend private Catholic colleges. I am the oldest triplet, Logan is the middle, and Emma is the baby.

### What is something you want to learn this year?

Something I want to learn this year is the same for every year. I always want to learn more about my faith and everything that there is to it so I am always looking for ways to do that.

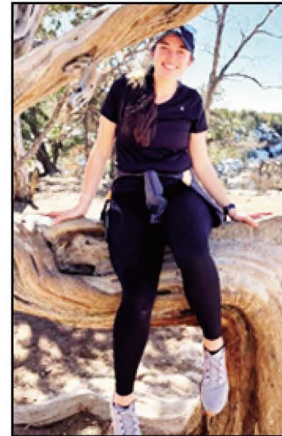


Gabe Gratto  
Assistant Director

I am SUPER excited to be the assistant director at Camp Guggenheim this summer! I just graduated from Marist College this May and am very excited to begin my studies of becoming a music teacher in these upcoming years.

Some fun facts about me are that my brothers, dad, and I all juggle and unicycle; so, don't be surprised if you see any of that this summer! Also, I LOVE music, especially acapella music and beatboxing. I would love to teach any of you how to 'spit out a beat if you are interested' haha.

Now, Guggenheim is one of my most favorite places in this world and I know it is for many of you as well or will be soon. But another place I love is Alaska! I lived there for five months as a missionary and love to chat and reminisce about the beautiful state!



Grace Furnace

### What is something unique about you?

Something unique about me is that I am double jointed in both thumbs.

### What is a random fun fact about you?

A random fun fact is that I played on my college rugby team.

### What is something you want to learn this year?

Something I want to learn this year is how to skate (ice skate or roller skate).

### What's your favorite place on Earth?

CAMP GUGGENHIEM



Hannah Laneuville

### What is something unique about you?

I grew up along the Canadian border. I used to spend a lot of time at my aunt's house along the St. Lawrence River and we would often joke about swimming across to get to Canada.

### What is a random fun fact about you?

I have never broken a bone! I've had my fair share of sprains, bruises, and surgeries but I've never fully broken a bone.

### What is something you want to learn this year?

Patience, especially when it comes to prayer. I like for things to happen as quickly as possible; but in reality that is not usually how life works. Right now I need to learn how to trust in God's plan. Though sometimes it's just hard to accept that He's got it all under control!