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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## GATHERING IN GRATITUDE



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Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York was the principal celebrant for the Diocese of Ogdensburg's 150th Anniversary Mass, held August 10, the Feast of St. Lawrence, in St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Cardinal was joined in celebrating the Mass by Bishop Terry R. LaValley, bishop of Ogdensburg, as well as former bishops of the local diocese, bishops from around New York and Canada, and priests of the diocese. Bishops pictured are (front row, from left) Bishop Douglas J. Lucia, Diocese of Syracuse and originally a priest from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, bishop emeritus of Syracuse and former bishop of Ogdensburg, Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Paul S. Loverde, bishop emeritus of Arlington and former bishop of Ogdensburg, Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, bishop of Palm Beach and former bishop of Ogdensburg, (back row) Bishop Robert J. Brennan, bishop of Brooklyn, Archbishop Michael Mulhall, archbishop of Kingston, Archbishop Marcel Dampousse, archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, Bishop Noel Simard, bishop of Valleyfield, and Bishop Terry R. LaValley. Read Bishop LaValley's homily from the Mass on Page 3. See additional photos on Pages 8 & 9.

## YOUTH BACK AT CAMP



Maggie Wright, 13, of Vermont, navigates the rope course, part of "project adventure" at Camp Guggenheim. After two years closed due to the pandemic, the diocesan summer camp operated again this summer.

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## Pope: Desire for eternal youth is 'delusional'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The passing of time in one's life is meant to be lived as a God-given grace and not a meaningless pursuit to preserve one's youthfulness, Pope Francis said.

Men and women are "apprentices of life" who amid trials and tribulations "learn to appreciate God's gift, honoring the

responsibility of sharing it and making it bear fruit for everyone," the pope said Aug. 10 during his weekly general audience.

"The conceit of stopping time – of wanting eternal youth, unlimited well-being, absolute power – is not only impossible, it is delusional," he said.

The pope continued his

series of talks on old age and reflected on Jesus' farewell to his disciples during the Last Supper, in which he promised to "prepare a place" for them.

The time of life that remains for the disciples, the pope said, mirrors that of old age, which is "the fitting time for the moving and joyful witness

of expectation" for one's true destination: "a place at the table with God, in the world of God."

Old age, he continued, should not be lived "in the dejection of missed opportunities" but in seeing that "the time of aging that God grants us is already in itself" one of God's great works.

"Our life is not made to be wrapped up in itself, in an imaginary earthly perfection," the pope said. "It is destined to go beyond, through the passage of death – because death is a passage. Indeed, our stable place, our destination is not here, it is beside the Lord, where he dwells forever."



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# It was a banner day

As my husband, my son and I worked our way through the different stations of Camp Guggenheim registration, I noticed it.

It was one of the banners affixed to the ceiling of "The Inn" at camp, the building where registration was taking place. The banners are from previous years of camp. Most of them bear images reflecting previous camp themes and the names of campers, counselors and guests who attended those years, signed in black permanent marker. It was the only banner that

didn't have a year/date marked on it.

It looked familiar.

As we waited for our turn at the next station in registration, I scanned the banner until I saw a familiar signature, "Darcy Smith," my signature, scrawled to the left of Olympic rings shaped into hearts. I snapped a photo of the banner. I can tell you with some certainty that it should be dated 1996 (I'm also dating myself with that), the year I attended Camp Guggenheim.

Later, I posted my photo of that banner on social media

and "tagged" people from my friends list whose names were on the banner. Father Martin E. Cline's name was there, but it was regular Martin Cline then. I saw a signature belonging to the diocesan chancellor, Deacon James Crowley. I also saw the names of many of my childhood friends.

One of the people I tagged in the photo post later sent me a private message, and we reminisced about our time together at Camp and times we shared faith and fellowship after meeting each other at camp. Catching up with that old friend warmed my heart.

I have to believe it was not just coincidence that I saw

that banner in such close proximity to this edition, when we're celebrating both our diocesan anniversary/history and taking a look at Camp Guggenheim.

That banner and subsequent conversations related to it reminded me how important it can be to look back and remember our past. It reminded me how significant the places of faith – our parishes, schools, Camp Guggenheim... – are in creating lasting impressions and changing lives. It reminded me how amazing it is that my son gets to experience that in his life, too, all these years later.

It was worth noticing.

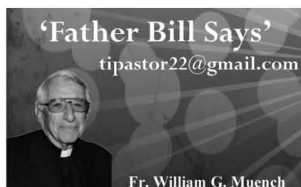


**Darcy L.  
Fargo**

## Words from our first bishop

I found it. I knew I had it. It's a little book that would give me a glimpse of those early days of the Diocese of Ogdensburg when it was formed as a Roman Catholic Diocese 150 years ago. The book is entitled, "Reminiscences of Edgar P. Wadhams, the First Bishop of Ogdensburg", written by C.A. Walworth. So, today, I want to share a little with you about our first Bishop and those early days of our diocese as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

Edgar P. Wadhams was born in Lewis, New York. Today, there is a plaque on the road near the house. As a young man he entered an Episcopalian seminary. Later, he was ordained a deacon, and he ministered at Ticonderoga. He was to convert to the Roman Catholic Church. He entered the Catholic Sulpician Seminary of St. Mary's, in Baltimore, Maryland (the very same seminary where I studied.). He was ordained a Catholic priest on January 15, 1850, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Albany by Bishop McClosky.



Later, he became rector of the Cathedral Church and then Vicar-General of the diocese.

It was in 1871 that a decision was made to separate the Diocese of Ogdensburg from the Diocese of Albany. The new diocese was to consist of the Adirondack Region as well as the region to the north and west. Two cities in this area with sufficient population were Plattsburgh and Ogdensburg. Ogdensburg was the one chosen as the See city, the place for the Diocesan Cathedral. Chosen to be the first bishop was Father Edgar P. Wadhams.

Father Wadhams was consecrated a bishop by Archbishop McCloskey on May 5, 1872. At his consecration as bishop and his appointment as the First Bishop of Ogdensburg, a priest friend of

Bishop Wadhams preached the homily. I want to share some of his homily with you. Remember this was 150 years ago. He spoke:

"Go forth then, man of God, where God and duty call thee! Be thou the Apostle of the American Highlands, and of that broad and noble plain whose borders are a majestic lake, a mighty river, an inland ocean, and the primeval mountains. Go plant the cross of Christ among the native hills; unfurl the Catholic banner on the banks of the St. Lawrence and on the shores of Ontario and Lake Champlain.

He then adds, "that our new Bishop will find new friends – in this new mission – yet there will be none to love thee better, none truer than those thou leavest now in tears and sadness behind thee."

I do want to add quotes that the author remembers that were made by Bishop Wadhams as he looked forward to coming to his new diocese. We are given a glimpse of Bishop Wadhams'

spirit and determination. Here he is speaking to a friend, a Professor Carmody, "I know, Carmody, the task I have before me. I know the country well. The population is poor and scattered. It is a land of small settlements and long distances. The people cannot be reached by railways or stagecoaches. Even good wagon roads are few. But I'll tell you what I mean to do. I shall get a good pony that will carry me anywhere; and you take my word for it, it will not be long before I visit every family; every man and woman, barefoot boy and yellow haired girl in my diocese will know me. Yes, Sir-ee!"

Another quote was passed along by Bishop Lidden of Syracuse. Someone had asked Bishop Wadhams how he could leave the busy life in the city of Albany to go to the North Country. Bishop Wadhams responded, "My friend, I love those Adirondacks, I love those mountains, those streams and rivers, I love all that there is in that territory."

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# Celebrating 150 years

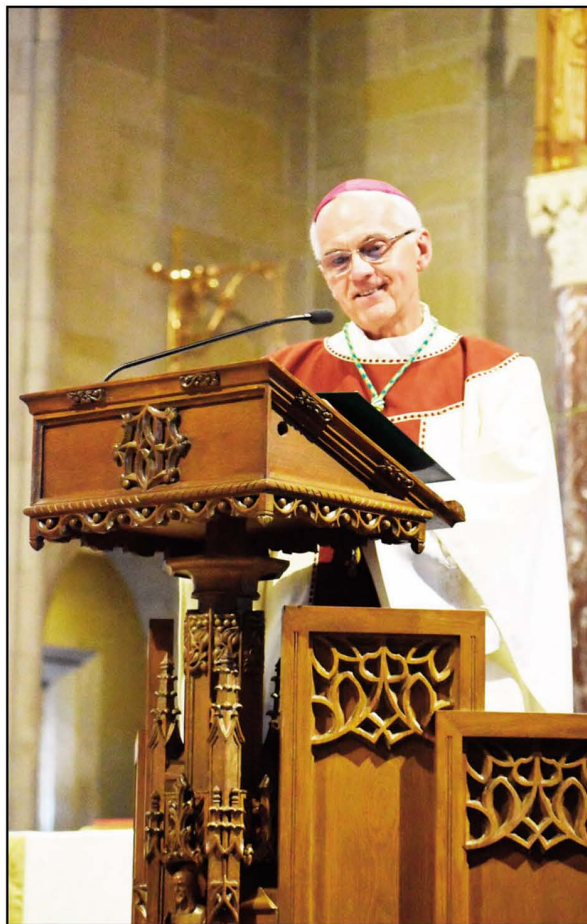
*Editor's note: The following is Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily from the 150th Anniversary Mass celebrated Aug. 10, the Feast of St. Lawrence, in St. Mar's Cathedral.*

Prior to erection as a diocese, the North Country's spiritual welfare was provided by several Churches, churches across the St. Lawrence River as well as from the other side of the Atlantic, and by the church of New York, and then Albany. I use that phrase, the North Country, cautiously, because there is beautiful land and people North of the North Country, like Kingston, Ottawa/Cornwall and Valleyfield.

Bishop Dubois of New York made his first visit to this most wooded part of his diocese, to St. Regis and Waddington, back in 1827. Historians tell us that in the 1830's and '40's missionary priests from New York "gave the best part of their lives to the severe conditions and labored in the wilderness of the North Country."

We are indebted to all those early missionaries, those devoted daughters and sons of the Church who brought the Eucharist, the sacraments and Catholic education, who cared so deeply for the poor and the orphaned—all so committed to the folks of this rugged land so long ago. The seed of faith was sown and nurtured.

One writer observed that these missionaries "carried to their work a buoyancy, a sacrificial stance and cheerfulness that only deep faith could supply." He commented that their common virtues were such that "they de-



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**Bishop Terry R. LaValley delivers his homily at the 150th Anniversary Mass held August 10 at St. Mary's Cathedral. See additional photos on pages 8 & 9.**

sired to safeguard the faith and honor of their people." Sisters and brothers, in this local Church's history, where that honor was denied and human dignity stolen, we express our sorrow and seek the Lord's forgiveness.

On February 16, 1872, Pope Pius IX wrote: We, with definite knowledge, mature deliberation, and by our Apostolic Authority, in virtue of the present document, separate and sever from the Diocese of Albany, the following territory – the counties of St.

Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Jefferson, Lewis, and Essex, together with that part of the counties of Herkimer and Hamilton which lies above the northern line of the townships of Ohio and Russia; and this same territory we erect and constitute as a true and properly called diocese. And so, the Diocese of Ogdensburg was born!

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it

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# Celebrating 150 years

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dies, it produces much fruit." For generations, that fruitful martyr, St. Lawrence, has had a special place in our hearts. The river which claims his name, has brought untold numbers from foreign lands to settle here. It continues to serve as an important route for commerce and recreation.

You know his story. Lawrence was "first among the deacons who served the cathedral church in Rome." This was a position of great trust that included the care of the treasury and riches of the Church and the distribution of alms to the poor. After the execution of Pope Sixtus II, the Roman civil authorities demanded that Lawrence turn over the riches of the Church. Lawrence asked for three days to gather the wealth. He worked quickly to distribute as much Church property to the poor as possible, to prevent it from being seized by the prefect.

On the third day, as the head of a small delegation, Lawrence came before the prefect, and when ordered to deliver the treasures of the Church he presented the poor and the suffering. He insisted that these were the true treasures of the Church.

The prefect was so angry that he had a big gridiron prepared with hot coals beneath it and had Lawrence placed on it. As you look at the sculptural work on the exterior of St. Mary's Cathedral, you'll see a depiction of St. Lawrence with the gridiron. His act of defiance led to his martyrdom. The grain of wheat fell.

Our first shepherd, Bishop Wadhams, gave all. He sowed God's Word and

followed Christ in the most severe of conditions. Cardinal Dolan is using Bishop Wadhams' original pastoral staff at this special Mass. St. Lawrence's deep faith, love for the poor, and courage are telling attributes of our first shepherd. Jesus told His disciples: Whoever serves me must follow me. And that, the bishop did.

What was in store for Bishop Wadhams? One chronicler wrote: "The Ogdensburg mission is the wildest part of the state, and the stories that could be told of endurance and suffering in it are as real and interesting as any from the remote West. I attended him once on a visitation to a county up there. The parish visited lay in a region well scoured by the winds of Lake Ontario. We travelled seven miles from the railway to the parish town the first night, and seven more in the morning to another mission...The Bishop said Mass, preached, confirmed and went through the ceremony of dedication in a half-finished church.

The writer goes on: "After a breakfast of poor coffee, a tough steak, soggy bread, and doughnuts, we rode back to the parish town, where the bishop preached and confirmed in the town hall and talked the rest of the day with the natives about politics and crops.

At six o'clock Monday morning the ride to the depot was repeated, and the bishop got home by noon to recover from an attack of dyspepsia and rheumatism, the consequence of official visits to the mountains. Such a rigorous life was hard upon the priests and the religious laboring in the dio-

cese. Most of them were poor, unable to receive much more than mere sustenance from equally hard working and poor parishioners.

Being a local boy, as was Bishop Wadhams, at my Episcopal ordination, I shared these words that he had written: "I know well the task I have before me. I know that country well. The population is poor and scattered. It is a land of small settlements and long distances. The people cannot be reached by railways or stagecoaches. Even good wagon roads are few. But I'll tell you what I mean to do.

I shall get a good pony that will carry me anywhere; and you take my word for it, it will not be long before I visit every family; and every man and woman, barefooted boy, and yellow-headed girl in my diocese will know me. Yes, sir-ee," he wrote.

As you know, as part of our diocesan Envisioning Process, we sought to visit every household in our diocese, most often on wheels, rather than by hoof. Yes, sir-ee!

Within his first month here, Bishop Wadhams had begun to insist on the practice of announcing the Incarnation. In one village, the pastor complained to the new bishop that he was too poor to ring the Angelus because he had to serve as his own sacristan and when away at the out missions, there was no one to care for the church. "What!" the bishop exclaimed, "too poor to ring the Angelus?"

He quickly called in the cook, Margaret, and promised her two dollars a month extra if she would accept the responsibility of ringing the bells

and that she did! Bishop Wadhams set church bells pealing out the Angelus three times daily in whatever village he visited. From the very start, the people of this local Church have turned to the Blessed Virgin as our Patroness and Maternal help.

For the last 150 years, the Diocese of Ogdensburg has been blessed with the ministry of so many faithful consecrated religious, priests, deacons, bishops, and devoted lay faithful. Through the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, they have seen us through World Wars, the Great Depression, a sexual revolution, the introduction of the Internet & cell phones, terrorist attacks, heinous sins against our youth, and through the Pandemic. Through it all, like the flowing streams tucked in the valleys flowing between our mountains, the grace of God continues to flow in the lives of the folks who call the North Country "home."

It's no secret that with the disappearance of the family farm, to this day, we encounter certain significant challenges. But there's nothing, nothing that can't be accomplished with strong faith and sacrifice.

That missionary spirit which introduced the faith to the native population here back in the 18th and 19th centuries took a new turn, generations later, when Bishop Brzana, in response to the teachings of Vatican Council II, sent priests of the North Country as missionaries to Peru, South America. Our continuing supportive relationship with the Diocese of Mollendo and with Bishop Chbeir and

the faithful of Latakia, Syria help safeguard the Catholic faith and honor the people, far beyond our borders.

My sisters and brothers, over forty years ago, the world witnessed the "Miracle on Ice" at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. Truth be told, miracles are not so rare. Raw faith has the power to change everything! Through the power of God's Spirit, the faith continues to thrive in this local Church because of the early pioneers of the Church who trekked the trails, rafted the rivers and rode the rails to share the Good News of what our God has done and continues to do for us, here in the North Country.

Yes, we remember the sacrifices experienced so that the faith might increase.

Yes, we renew our commitment to follow Jesus and build up His Body, the Church. Yes, at every Mass, we celebrate the love poured out upon us by the Lord.

We proclaim "YES!" because that early missionary spirit continues to cover the land and is planted into the hearts of our folks. You carry to your neighbor a certain buoyancy, a sacrificial stance and a cheerfulness that only your deep faith can supply and sustain. In 1732, the first recorded Mass within the territory of our Diocese was celebrated in Crown Point. 290 years later we gather at Eucharist and continue to do what folks up here have done faithfully since that time, because, after all, we are Christ-led, Christ-fed and Hope-filled. Yes, sir-ee! We are disciples in mission! May God be praised...forever may God be praised!



# New priest in Watertown: 'Be true to your heart'

By Mary Beth Bracy  
Contributing Writer

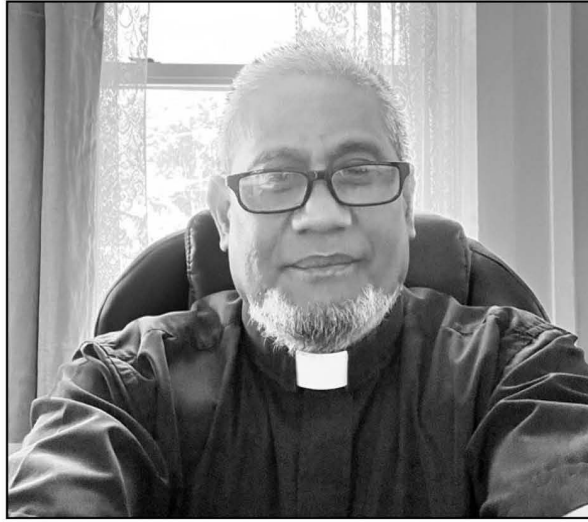
**WATERTOWN**— Father Kiaieta Joseph Kanimea, MSC, new parochial vicar at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) in Watertown, was born and raised in Fiji (South Pacific). One of his first impressions when arriving in Watertown in December 2021 was regarding the weather.

"After a few days here in Watertown, the cold temperature was below 0 for a few weeks," he said. "It was far from that cold in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, where I worked from 2012 to 2018. After a few weeks of experiencing the 0 temperature, I said to myself, Gosh, Fiji is so warm at this time. What in the heck am I doing here? It was my first experience of the cold weather here in Watertown. Living in (Pennsylvania) for nine years, I thought I can endure the cold here. I came to realize that it was a different ballgame of cold, baby! Imagine my relief when summer comes, I just love it! I can't contain my happiness. It's like home!"

A member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), Father Kanimea, 54, explained that he is "on loan to the USA province" of their congregation. His last assignment in Pennsylvania was at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Roseto for three years, so, when he came to Watertown and saw the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Festival, he wondered if there was a connection.

Father Kanimea said there are many joys and challenges in his new assignment.

"After settling down and coming to know more of the mechanics of things here at OLSH, I began to



Father Kiaieta Joseph Kanimea, MSC

appreciate and enjoy my work and interaction with the people. My responsibility is to assist and support Father Frank Natale (the pastor). The other two parishes that are linked to OLSH mean more work and responsibility, but I know from experience that it will broaden the vision perspective. The changes it brings and cross-boundary linkage will inevitably bring heaps of new perspectives. There will be learnings along the way. For me, I will take it one day at a time...be alert and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in my ministry here in Watertown. But most importantly, I'm happy working here in the diocese of Ogdensburg."

Three years ago, Father Kanimea returned to Fiji

twice because he lost both of his parents a few months apart.

"My dad was a very conservative Catholic, and my mom was not a Catholic at all," Father Kanimea said. "She was a Seventh Day Adventist. My dad was a gentleman, lots of prayer. He was a policeman, too. Discipline comes with his training to us. But my mom was just the opposite. She was just a party girl. She would spend money on chocolate and ice cream. I have those two personalities. At times, I'm very dedicated to my work. At times, I'm dancing inside the house. So, I have part of my mom and have also part of my dad. I'm so lucky to have that."

Father Kanimea also has one brother and three sis-

ters who are all married.

Our Lady was instrumental in his vocational discernment, he said.

"When I was in school, I really wanted to become a civil engineer," Father Kanimea said. "I did a novena to Our Lady. I applied to the MSC, and I also applied for a scholarship to continue in my courses in civil engineering."

Father Kanimea asked Our Lady to show him which path she wanted him to take and promised to follow in the direction that she would reveal to him first.

"Of course, as soon as I wrote to the MSC the very following week the reply came, and I said to myself this is what God wants me to do - to become a priest," he said.

A week later he heard back from the government offering him a scholarship for civil engineering.

"But I promised Our Lady whatever the first

letter came would be the way to follow in my life," he said. "I did not look back and I joined the MSC." He remains devoted to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and offers a novena sometimes.

In 1993, Father Kanimea professed his vows and began his seminary studies. He was ordained on January 27, 2001. Then, he served for a few years in small Pacific islands like Samoa and Nauru, but mostly at a parish in Fiji and the MSC formation house for the scholasticate. He also scholasticated at the Pacific Regional Seminary, for the diocese of the South Pacific. From 2004-07, Father Kanimea went to the Philippines to take mission courses. He majored in formation at Santo Tomas, concentrating on programs, history of consecrated life, theology, and canon law to go back home and help seminarians.

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## Lesson from a heron

Those of you who have been privileged to spot a blue heron and taken time to observe one of its habits know that it can sit still for a VERY long time. Its enduring patience is motivated by its need to be fed and nourished for the day.

During these lovely days of summer do you ever feel drawn to simple be still and know that God is with us? If so, maybe it is an invitation to do just that, like the heron, to be still and be nurtured by His gentle presence so near in the wonders of summertime that surrounds us.

The Scriptures seem to abound with this message. In Psalm 46:10 the psalmist says "Be still and know that I am God." In Luke's gospel, Jesus' message to Mary in Bethany who sits at his feet, that she has chosen the better part. In Letter of James he reminds us of our need to be still and patient "The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains."

This call to be still and listen seems to be echoed in the theme of this year's Season of Creation, "Listen to the voice of creation." This Season begins on September 1 and continues through October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season, we are called to celebrate and renew our relationship with the Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. In Pope Francis' message\* for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, he notes, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home." Take time today to be still and hear this sweet song of creation, and its call for healing.\*For complete text, see Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

## Father Kanimea

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"It was a good experience to work along with them," he said. "I taught one-week courses on various topics of religious life."

His arrival to America was filled with surprises.

## Bishop's Public Schedule

**Aug. 17** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Reception at the Malone Golf Club in Malone

**Aug. 18** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Reception at the Dewey Mountain Recreation Center in Saranac Lake

**Aug. 19** – Noon – Diocesan Staff Picnic - Location TBD – Saturday,

**Aug. 20** – 1 p.m. – Wedding at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks

**Aug. 21** – 9 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish in Indian Lake

11 a.m. – Mass at St. Paul's Church in Blue Mountain Lake

**Aug. 22** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Reception at Savory Downtown (Best Western) in Watertown

**Aug. 23** – 5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at St. Peter's Parish Center in Lowville

**Aug. 24** – 5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at Martin Field Club (Formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall) in Ogdensburg –

**Aug. 25** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

4:30pm – Picnic with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Dablon Point in Cape Vincent

**Aug. 27** – 4:30pm – Mass at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams

**Aug. 28** – 8:30am – Mass at Queen of Heaven Church in Henderson

10 a.m. – Mass at Queen of Heaven Church in Henderson

**Aug. 30** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Aug. 31** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

"I only knew about USA from my classes and movies," he said. "We would talk about how big and powerful the USA is. Those things made me scared to come, but I found out it is just like any other country. The USA needs more about God, so I'm happy to share my priesthood."

Father Kanimea was close to his grandparents, and, at one time, his grandfather wanted to become a priest.

"My grandparents are really the ones who taught me how to pray," he said. "My grandmother taught me to pray the

Rosary. It was the best prayer that I've known in my life, and I pray the Rosary now. It made a big difference in my life. In elementary school, we started to pray the Rosary every night. The Holy Spirit was already working in me and, at the end of high school, I was already thinking of joining the priesthood."

He was educated by Marist brothers and considered joining them, but it was not his call. MSC run the parishes in Fiji, and it was in his heart to join them.

Speaking about his vocation, Father Kanimea reflected on the joy that priestly service brings him.

"When I was in Philippines I went with other priests to where they dumped all of the trash in all of Manila," he said.

"I couldn't believe what was in front of us. They would throw the trash on the side of the road. They open whatever they can and eat it for their meal. There are more people that are poorer than me. It changed my personality to not complain."

When he isn't busy serving God's people, Father Kanimea enjoys sports.

"Now I go fishing," he said. "I love people. I love to play rugby."

When he came to the USA, Father Kanimea taught himself the rules of American football and enjoys watching it with Father John "Mickey" Demo.

Father Kanimea offered this advice for those discerning vocations:

"Be true to your heart, God will talk to you, do not to be afraid. It's a beautiful life, being available to the need of the Church. Please continue to pray for priests and for religious life, nuns and brothers, that vocations will come."

## Rest in Peace

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

**Aug. 17** – Rev. Joseph Winfrid Vinet, 1907

**Aug. 18** – Rev. Leoneo Proulx, O.M.I., 1979

**Aug. 19** – Rev. J. N. Emery, O.M.I., 1933; Rev. Richard A. Maher, O.S.A., 1959

**Aug. 20** – Rev. J. McCarthy, O.S.A., 1931; Msgr. Griffith J. Billmeyer, 1988

**Aug. 21** – Rev. Albert G. Salmon, 1997

**Aug. 22** – Rev. James W. M. Rensing, 1936

**Aug. 24** – Rev. Louis Lewis, O.M.I., 1938; Msgr. Paul George Brunet, 1991

**Aug. 25** – Rev. Damas Guilbault, 1919; Msgr. Hugh P.R. O'Reilly, 1948; Rev. George W. Tobin, 2010

**Aug. 27** – Rev. John F. Byrne, 1919; Rev. Ubalde LaRose, 1919; Rev. Edward Henry Bernier, 1962

**Aug. 28** – Rev. Florent Vandenberghe, O.M.I., 1882

**Aug. 29** – Rev. John J. Waters, 1921; Rev. Leo Desmet, 1926; Rev. Thomas F. Driscoll, 2003; Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, 2013

**Aug. 30** – Rev. Bartholomew McLaughlin, 1914

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## 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).

Upcoming sessions:

**Aug. 17** – 6 p.m., Trinity Catholic School, Massena

**Aug. 18** – 1 p.m., St. James Minor Church, Carthage

**Aug. 19** – 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

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# Laughter, praise return to Camp Guggenheim

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

**SARANAC LAKE** – After camp was shuttered for two summers due to the pandemic, hiking, singing and praising returned to the shores of the Lower Saranac Lake as Camp Guggenheim returned for the 2022 summer season.

Four sessions of camp were run for youth ages 12-15, and a final session was run for youth ages 16-18.

As in previous years, campers rotate through four morning activities, Liturgy, Arts & Crafts, Project Adventure and Waterfront, and participate in a variety of evening events, including a dance, talent show, Reconciliation Service and more.

For Lexi Woodward, 14, of Plattsburgh, the return of camp gave her an opportunity to attend for the first time.

"My mother signed me up," said Woodward a few days into her camp experience. "I wasn't sure about it. I like it now."

Woodward said she was enjoying the total camp experience, but a few activities stood out as favorites.

"I like being with everyone and meeting and seeing different people," she said. "And I love Waterfront and the beach."

When Woodward arrived at camp, she wasn't sure she would know any of the other campers. While she happened to run into a couple of other youth she knew from growing up in the Malone area, she also enjoyed meeting new people.

"I made a lot of friends," she said. "I like that."

Coleman McCallen of Springfield, Pennsylvania,



DARCY FARGO/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC  
**Lexi Woodward, 14, of Plattsburgh, attended Camp Guggenheim for the first time during the 2022 season.**

said that while his family has historically attended Camp Guggenheim, it was his first time attending.

"All of my uncles and siblings went here," he said, noting his family has ties to the area. "I came with my cousins and brothers, but I also made some new friends."

McCallen said he especially enjoyed Camp Olympics and time around the camp bonfire.

"It's like doing stuff with my friends," he said. "It's fun."

While the Camp Guggenheim experience is enjoyed by the camp attendees, camp staff say they also find the experience meaningful.

"I camp to camp as a camper," said Hannah Laneville, 22, of Massena. "I always wanted to be a counselor. After COVID cancelled camp for two

summers, I figured this would be my chance to do it."

Laneville noted she'll be teaching at St. Lawrence Central in the fall.

"I love meeting all the kids," she said. "It's great to hear their stories and see where they are with their faith. And it's a lot of fun."

While she noted the job isn't a typical summer job, she's glad to have had the experience.

"It's long days, and a lot of work, but it's worth-it work, if that makes sense," she said. "The kids really lift you up."

Laneville said she's made life-long friends as both a camper and a camp staffer.

"It's just a special place," she said. "You make connections here you can't make anywhere else."



DARCY FARGO/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC  
**Week 5 Camp Guggenheim campers use an elastic band to launch a tennis ball into a stack of cups during one of the Waterfront activities.**

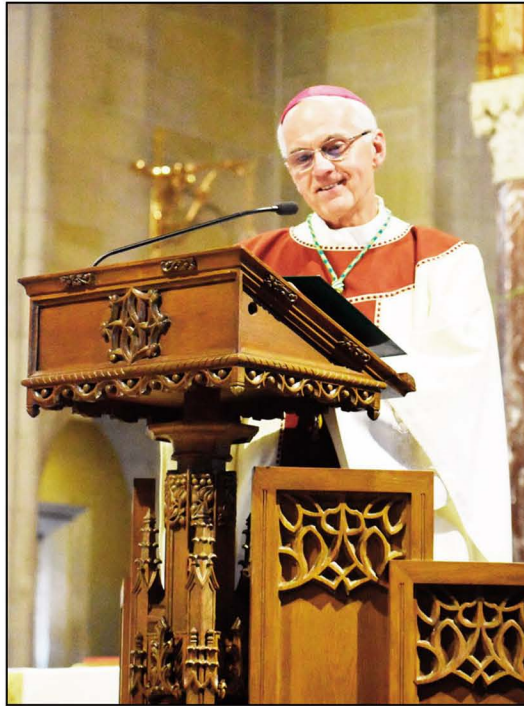
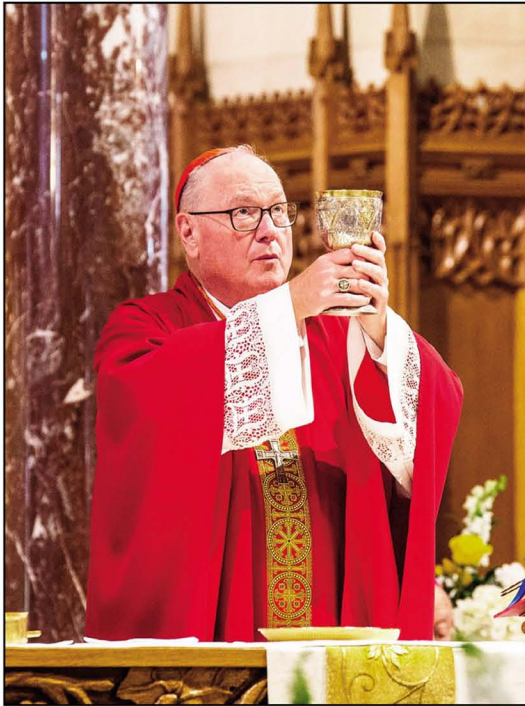


DARCY FARGO/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC  
**Youth participating in Week 5 at Camp Guggenheim play games during their Waterfront activity session.**



# DIOCESE CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Photos by Jesse Sovie & Darcy Fargo





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## BISHOP'S FUND: 150 YEARS: TOGETHER IN FAITH

# Vocations: 'The Church needs you'

By **Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ**  
Diocesan Vocations Coordinator

"I have called you by name; you are mine!" (Isaiah 43: 1-5)

Has not God called us by name to be His loving heart for Him in return for His loving us from all eternity? This call is to accompany Jesus, to be with Him as we carry out His will. We have been baptized in His name, chosen, consecrated, signed with the Sign of the Cross and sealed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit to walk with our God. He longs for our hearts to actively live His life and love. It is the same call given to the disciples, "Come Follow Me." "Come and see." "I will make you fishers of people." This call is a gift, a grace, a journey to enter into a relationship of love

and service. This mission is to bring the Kingdom of God to its fullness, that is, justice, peace, righteousness, and love.

God keeps calling us every day, not once and for all, but each day to be His co-workers in the vineyard. The laborers are few, but the harvest is great. The laborers are not only few for the priesthood and consecrated life but also for those called to the married life. The call to be a faithful husband and wife – to be a father and mother in raising a family as the "domestic church" where a deep loving relationship with God begins – is a huge challenge in our society today. Without a strong, faith-filled and supporting family who lives and practices the faith, it is difficult to hear the call to marriage,

priesthood or consecrated life.

The world needs a loving relationship with God. The Church needs YOU, not to leave the world, but to go out into the world and to bring the Good News, the Gospel message of hope to a despairing world that is in crisis. Saint John Paul II often shouted out to the young: "Do not be Afraid!" The grace of God is there as He opens surprising ways of doing things for the People of God beyond our imagination. I can attest to this after 59 years of religious life. I have been graced by God beyond what I could have imagined that many years ago and I am so filled with joy and gratitude.

The Vocation Office, through the support of the Bishop's Fund, has enabled this ministry to continue to go out to encourage, listen to, support and guide men and women to listen to the tiny whisperings of their heart, "Is God calling me in a particular way to serve Him as a priest, a permanent deacon, a religious sister or consecrated virgin?" The Bishop's Fund theme: *150 Years: Together in Faith* attests to the many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Men and women have witnessed their faith in serv-

ice to the needs of the diocese as priests, permanent deacons, consecrated religious men and women, and single individuals to bring the Good News to the people of the North Country for over 150 years.

Father Christopher C. Cararra, director of Vocations and Father Matthew Conger, assistant director of Vocations and I are encouraged by the number of seminarians we have studying for priesthood. We are presently blessed with nine seminarians who are in formation for priesthood. Lukas Gruber, a transitional deacon, will be ordained next year. Hopefully, we will have two seminarians who will be transitional deacons. One of the goals of the Vocation Office is to re-establish Discernment Groups in three locations in the diocese. The purpose of a discernment group is to provide an opportunity for young people to understand more deeply the life of a priest or sister and to know if one is being called to this way of life.

Tyler Fitzgerald, a seminarian at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania acknowledged the support of the Bishop's Fund for his education as a seminarian. He also noted that the discernment group that he participated in

strengthened his call to priesthood and encouraged him to move forward. Parish and school vocation committees provide a variety of ways to foster and to encourage pastors, families, and educators an awareness of the call and need for vocations in their local community.

The Vocation Office, along with the Office of Youth Ministry, are planning fall Middle School Retreats in three regions: Plattsburgh, Watertown and Massena. These retreats focus on God's universal call to holiness. School visits and parish catechetical centers are also part of reaching out to our young people and encouraging them to listen with their hearts. We invite them to see the hungry, the poor, the lonely and the forgotten and share with them that God needs their love to serve Him in a special way. The Vocation Office is grateful to the people of the North Country for their support of the Bishop's Fund as it continues to provide programs and resources for the service of the Diocese.

To those discerning a call from God: it is the Holy Spirit that seeps into your heart; the feeling may be disturbing and can cause a racket within you. However, the Holy Spirit speaks with harmony and peace. Listen, pay attention, and let the Holy Spirit speak and do the work. Mary, Virgin and Mother, listened to the Spirit and spoke her fiat to the Angel Gabriel. Pray like her: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your Word" (Luke 1:38).

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Bishop urges passage of Afghan Adjustment Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- If passed, the bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act introduced in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives would provide newly arrived Afghans with an opportunity to become lawful permanent residents in the United States, said the head of the U.S. bishops' migration committee. The bill "would lift the cloud of legal uncertainty currently faced by tens of thousands of Afghans relocated to the United States in recent months and promote their full integration within American communities," Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville of Washington said in an Aug. 10 letter to Congress. The chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration urged members of the Senate and House to pass the legislation "without delay." The companion bills, S. 4787 and H.R. 8685, also would require President Joe Biden to establish an Interagency Task Force on Afghan Ally Strategy and increase support for those who assisted the U.S. mission in Afghanistan. "Many of those who would benefit from this legislation served alongside U.S. servicemembers in Afghanistan or are the family members of those individuals," Bishop Dorsonville said. "This service comes at a great personal sacrifice, as they now face the threat of persecution and even death if returned to their native Afghanistan."

## For many in Oberammergau, Passion Play is a family tradition

OBERRAMMERGAU, Germany (CNS) -- "I shout: 'Jesus is innocent! Set him free!'" Roswitha Stückl exclaimed in a loud voice, while grinning at her husband, Peter, who plays the Annas, the high priest. White-haired Peter Stückl chuckled as he recounted his many years of acting in the world-famed Passion Play and the villainous role he now performs; his father once played the same role. But Roswitha Stückl portrays a poor woman, part of the crowd on stage who support Jesus against the religious and political authorities who want to do away with him. "We don't fight at home, only on stage," Roswitha Stückl told Catholic News Service with a mischievous smile. The couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary as proof of that. Their son, Christian, is the most recent director of the Passion Play; he is heading the production for a fourth time. "I started performing in the Passion Play from the age of 7 in 1950," Peter Stückl explained. "It's important when you are a child growing up in this village and everything turns around the play."

## Asylum-seekers will be allowed in as 'Remain in Mexico' ends

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Aug. 8 that it was set to end, in "a quick, and orderly manner," a Trump-era policy that keeps asylum-seekers out of the country while they wait for immigration courts to hear their cases. The Biden administration has battled legal impediments since its first day in office to end the Migrant Protection Protocols, popularly known as "Remain in Mexico," created in late 2018 by the Trump administration and implemented in January 2019. Since then, under MPP, individuals asking for asylum at U.S. border crossings -- or in between ports of entry after crossing -- were given paperwork and scheduled for a hearing for an asylum claim, then told to return to the Mexico side to wait out the process. But many immigrant supporters said that put people in danger as cartels near the border preyed on them and they faced kidnapping, extortion, assault and, in some cases rape, as they struggled to survive each day in dangerous border towns.

# Catholic agencies: Inflation Act addresses goals

Landmark legislation to address climate change, reduce prescription drug costs and establish a minimum tax on large corporations once thought dead but was suddenly passed by the Senate is being hailed by Catholic advocates.

"It's a minor miracle that it got passed," Dan Misleh, founder of the Catholic Climate Covenant, said of the Inflation Reduction Act, which was approved 51-50 Aug. 7. Vice President Kamala Harris cast the deciding vote.

Misleh and his organization have long advocated for passage of the climate-related components of the renamed bill, a pared down version of President Joe Biden's original \$2-trillion Build Back Better plan.

The bill includes \$369 billion in funding for investments in clean energy, domestic manufacturing of batteries and solar panels, electric vehicle tax breaks and greenhouse gas reduction efforts.

Environmental advocates said such provisions will bring the U.S. closer to meetings its pledges to reduce carbon emissions under the Paris climate agreement. Taken together, the bill's components are projected by 2030 to reduce the country's carbon emissions by 40% from 2005 levels, the highest ever recorded.

The bill was expected to be approved by the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives Aug. 12 when it reconvenes for a one-day session in the middle of its summer recess.

Catholic Climate Covenant staff and volunteers have urged passage of the legislation's environment-related components in one form or another for months. A covenant-sponsored sign-on letter to members of Congress that calls for action on the climate garnered more than 300 institutional partners including parishes, religious congregations, dioceses, nonprofits and schools.

"We're just delighted that the United States is back in the game (to address climate change) internationally and nationally," Misleh told Catholic News Service Aug. 10.

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, also expressed support for the Senate vote.

He particularly cited the bill's provisions tackling environmental concerns and lowering drug prices in an Aug. 9 statement. He also said it was "prudent" that the measure "contains revenue provisions to offset the investments when concerns around inflation and the economy are high."

"Climate change is a global challenge that requires courageous, long-term action from Congress, and I am grateful for the many substantial climate provisions that bring the United States closer to honoring its emissions reductions goals under the Paris Agreement, which Pope Francis has strongly encouraged us to meet," the archbishop said.

"I am also grateful for provisions in the bill that will lower prescription drug costs for those who rely on Medicare, and continue to call on lawmakers to ensure all health care policy respects the inherent dignity and right to life of every human being," he added.

Misleh, a longtime environmental advocate, said the legislation's support for renewable energy projects are designed to aid Catholic facility managers choose to add solar panels and energy-efficient equipment to their buildings.

"It's going to make a lot of economic sense to do so," Misleh said.

He also welcomed \$60 billion for environmental justice priorities, including \$15 billion for reducing carbon emissions and providing clean energy for low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The Inflation Reduction Act has undergone a metamorphosis in order to attract the votes of Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona. Republicans unanimously opposed the measure from the beginning.

Despite it being renamed in an effort to address the high inflation American families are facing, economic analysts have said the bill is unlikely to do little to either fuel or slow rising prices.

An analysis from the Penn Wharton Budget Model at the University of Pennsylvania estimates that act would cause inflation to rise "very slightly" through 2024 and then fall in later years.

It also would reduce cumulative federal deficits by \$248 billion over the next decade, according to the analysis.

A summary from Senate Democrats projects the bill would reduce the federal deficit by about \$300 billion.

While the bill still is largely focused on addressing environmental concerns, there are a wide range of provisions that would reach across the economy, including the health care sector.

Lisa Smith, vice president of advocacy and public policy, at the Catholic Health Association of the United States, said the bill would extend expanded subsidies for uninsured people to pay for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act through 2025.

## CLINTON

## REDFORD PICNIC

Redford – The 167th Annual Redford Picnic to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 21

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

**Place:** Church of the Assumption Parish Center

**Features:** Ham and Roast Beef Dinner will be served in the Parish Center Gym. There will be a variety of games for people of all ages, such as Skillo, Pie Wheel, Fancy Booth, Craft Fair and our main attraction, a ride on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America. Musical entertainment will be provided. The event will end with drawing of the cash raffle winner including the \$5,000 first prize at 6:15 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. The event is open to all families, with free admission to the grounds and plenty of free parking.

## APPLEFEST

Peru – The 44 Annual St. Augustine's Applefest to be held.

**Date:** Sept. 17

Schedule: Craft fair at 10 a.m., community parade at 11 a.m. with Bishop Terry R. LaValley as Parade Marshall, Chicken BBQ at 1:30 p.m.; Grand Raffle drawing at 4 p.m.

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

**Features:** Live music, games for children of all ages, grand raffle, silent auction, bake sale, chicken bbq, apple fritters, fried dough, sweet sausages, michigans, burgers, and more

## ESSEX

## FRUITFUL INVITATION

Ticonderoga – Do you have friends or loved ones you wish were more drawn to the life of faith? There is no more compelling case for the gospel than the beauty of a soul joyfully living out the life of grace. Special presentation to be held to show how we can become more spiritually attractive to others.

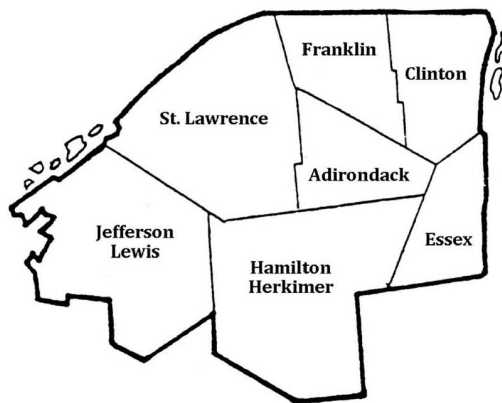
**Date:** Sept. 12

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. to 8

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

**Speaker:** Joshua Danis, National Director of Alpha Catholic Context

**Features:** Join Joshua Danis, Author of "Living the Fruit of the Spirit", as we explore how we can each participate with the Holy Spirit to become more spiritually attractive to others. Full of laughter and stories, we will unpack how the fruits of the spirit can enable us to draw people toward a life-change



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## JEFFERSON-LEWIS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Carthage – Augustinian Academy to have Vacation Bible School.

**Date:** Aug. 22-26

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7:30

**Features:** For grades K-6. There will be live music, new friends, games, crafts, stem.

**Contact:** Register online at  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSc-E1gHGWCyj1V2A4dPCXEa82bJJSYx-g2VzztjGcqr7\\_jzVQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSc-E1gHGWCyj1V2A4dPCXEa82bJJSYx-g2VzztjGcqr7_jzVQ/viewform)

## CONCERT

Alexandria Bay – St. Cyril's Choir to present "We're back to raising a joyful noise!"

**Date:** Aug. 28

**Time:** 4 p.m.

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

**Features:** After one of the longest intermissions in history, please join the world traveled St. Cyril's Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Rose, as they present their 12th free summer. The choir will be performing a program of religious, pop, patriotic, and inspirational music including a selection of both old and new favorites. In this turbulent world of ours today, we are excited to present this inspirational program of joy, peace, and love.

**Contact:** Please reach out to Becky Rose at [becky.a.rose@gmail.com](mailto:becky.a.rose@gmail.com) for

more information

## 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:** Sept. 4

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

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

**Contact:** 315-348-6260

## SSJ LAY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Watertown – The Sisters of St. Joseph will be having a meeting for those who are interested in learning about their Lay Associate Program.

**Date:** Sept. 11

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 4

**Place:** SSJ Motherhouse, 1425 Washington Street

**Features:** Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality and history of the Sisters, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women.

**Contact:** If you are interested and wish to attend the initial meeting, please call the Motherhouse - (315) 782-3460 - and leave your name with the receptionist who will forward it to the Sisters who direct the Associate program.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## MONTHLY BRUNCH

Norfolk – Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond's will have their monthly Knights of Columbus Brunch.

**Date:** Sept. 11 (Second Sunday of

each month)

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 11:30

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Omelets, add \$3; Take-outs available

**Contact:** For more information contact Grand Knight Gil Gonthier 315-212-5166.

## SUMMER RAFFLE

Gouverneur – St. James School is having a summer raffle.

**Date:** Drawing will be Sept. 11 at Chicken BBQ

**Cost:** Only 350 tickets will be sold, \$100 each

**Features:** Grand Prize, \$10,000; 2nd Prize: \$5000; 3rd Prize: \$2500; 4th Prize: \$1500; 5th Prize: \$500. All tickets will remain in the drum for every eligible prize. Per NYS Tax Law, required withholding & tax documents will be completed upon payment of prize monies. Need NOT be present to win.

**Contact:** Tickets are available by calling the church office at 315-287-0114

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## 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 (often outside) and special prayer services. Take time for great outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking. You are never too young or too old to enjoy being family at Camp Guggenheim!

**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)

## MARRIED AND RELIGIOUS JUBILEE 2022

Ogdensburg – We invite all families to join us at the annual Married and Religious Jubilee.

**Date:** Sept. 11

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

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

**Features:** Bishop LaValley will be presiding. Whether you have been married for less than 1 year, over 50 years, or anything in between, we want to acknowledge your commitment and celebrate with you. There will be a gathering with refreshments after the Mass.

**Contact:** Married couples that wish to receive a certificate signed by Bishop LaValley and have their names appear in the program should register no later than Sept. 2nd at <https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/jubileereg.html>. For more information please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org).

## LOVING AUTHENTICALLY

All are invited to attend this free seminar designed to deepen our understanding of how Church doctrine on sexual morality connects with our happiness.

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

**Features:** Program will be a showing of "Unprotected: A Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos." With Q & A led by Natural Family Planning Directors, Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli and Catholic Theologian, Maura Harden Fehner, Ph.D

**Contact:** to register go [rcdony.org/lovingauthentically](http://rcdony.org/lovingauthentically). For more information contact Stephen Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org)



# Movies from 1922 available at no cost

NEW YORK (CNS) – By 1922, the film industry, which had begun to migrate from the East Coast to Hollywood about a decade earlier, was well-established and thriving. A century later, many of the movies released that year have perished. But some have survived while others have been rediscovered or restored.

Following, in alphabetical order, are capsule reviews of six notable features that have reached their centennial and are available to view for free online. Unless otherwise noted, the Catholic News Service classification for each is A-II – adults and adolescents. None have been rated by the Motion Picture Association.

## "Beyond the Rocks"

Director Sam Wood's adaptation of Elinor Glyn's 1906 novel is notable as the only film to co-star screen legends Gloria Swanson and Rudolph Valentino. Swanson plays a Dorset country lass whose gentlemanly father (Alec B. Francis) is living in reduced circumstances. To help improve the family's fortunes, she reluctantly agrees to marry a middle-aged, nouveau-riche millionaire (Robert Bolder) though she's already drawn to Valentino in the guise of a young and dashing nobleman. The plot puts an interesting, altruistic spin on the perennial tale pitting love against duty, but the mood is rather overheated. Still, given that this romantic drama was considered lost for more than 90 years, it ranks as a recovered treasure. Mature themes, including potential adultery. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cktPGwi9bJY>

## "Blood and Sand"

The idea of casting Rudolph Valentino as the bullfighter protagonist of Vicente Blasco Ibáñez's 1909 novel, here brought to the screen by director Fred Niblo, must have struck the folks at Paramount as money in the bank – and so it proved. The artistic value of the resulting film is a different question. So, too, is its staying power. Exotic atmospherics trump the slow-moving story as Valentino's swaggering but kindly toreador finds acclaim in the ring and domestic happiness with his childhood sweetheart (Lila Lee), only to have his professional success as well as his personal tranquility threatened by the wiles of an amoral noblewoman (Nita Naldi). Those willing to excuse the hypocritical tone of the stodgy intertitles – which condemn both the dangerous cruelty to animals and the marital infidelity on which the picture itself otherwise thrives – can take this as an idyll in the sunny Spain of old. Implied adultery and marital sensuality. <https://archive.org/details/BLOODANDSAND1922RudolphValentinoNitaNaldiLilaLee>

## "Dr. Mabuse the Gambler"

The contest between the master criminal of the title (Rudolf Klein-Rogge) and the state prosecutor (Bernhard Goetzke) who's on his trail becomes the centerpiece of this sprawling, four-hour panorama of German society in the heyday of the Weimar Republic. There's also a Gothic tinge to director and co-writer Fritz Lang's adaptation of a novel by Norbert Jacques since the villain uses hypnotism to control some of

his victims. Indeed, his haunting eyes are a sight that can't be unseen. Viewers of stamina will be rewarded with a richly textured experience, though it's an unsuitable one for kids. Possibly acceptable for older teens. Stylized gunplay, occult activity, drug use, implied cohabitation, a few profanities, a couple of crude expressions. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. <https://archive.org/details/Dr.MabuseTheGamblerDr.MabuseDerSpieler1922Part1>

## "Flesh and Blood"

Not even the formidable talent of Lon Chaney can save this sappy melodrama in which he plays a wrongly convicted prison escapee whose plan to wreak vengeance on the businessman who framed him (Ralph Lewis) is complicated by his virtuous daughter's (Edith Roberts) love for his nemesis' son (Jack Mullah). Chaney's fugitive takes shelter in an unnamed city's Chinatown, which is depicted as at once exotic and sinister, its darker side presided over by a painfully caricatured gang leader (Noah Beery). Throw in the fact that the young heroine works in a slum mission and that she's sent into raptures of melancholy by her unknown father's performance of "Love's Old Sweet Song" on his fiddle and the hopelessly dated nature of the pro-

ceedings, helmed by Irving Cummings, becomes all too apparent. Ethnic stereotyping. <https://archive.org/details/FleshAndBlood1922>

## "Foolish Wives"

Erich von Stroheim wrote, directed and starred in this lavish drama in which he plays a swindler and serial seducer posing as a Russian count in Monte Carlo. Plotting with two accomplices pretending to be his equally aristocratic cousins (Maude George and Mae Busch), he sets his sights on the naive wife (Patricia Hannon, credited as Miss DuPont) of an American diplomat (Rudolph Christians) intending first to compromise her and then extort money from her. The fact that he also targets an underage, mentally disabled girl (Malvina Polo) demonstrates that, while in some respects tame by today's standards, this Carl Laemmle production, supervised by a youthful Irving Thalberg, retains its lurid tint. Catholic viewers will nonetheless appreciate the providential turn of events by which one of the wicked protagonist's schemes is foiled. Said to be the first movie with a

\$1 million budget, its elaborate visual spectacle is accompanied by a score from operetta composer Sigmund Romberg. Possibly acceptable for older adolescents. Mature themes, including potential sexual abuse and adultery. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. [https://archive.org/details/FoolishWives1922\\_201704](https://archive.org/details/FoolishWives1922_201704)

"Nosferatu"  
Horror classic loosely based on Bram Stoker's novel "Dracula" centers on the vampire count (Max Schreck) who leaves his sinister castle in the Carpathian Mountains to sail on a doomed ship bringing him to 1838 Bremen where his dark deeds are undone by a brave young woman and the first light of dawn. Directed by F.W. Murnau, the German production is most notable for its eerie portrayal of the vampire in images which seem to personify evil and dread in a movie even more remarkable for having been filmed mostly on location rather than in the controlled confines of a studio. Stylized violence and menace. <https://archive.org/details/Nosferatu1922VHS>

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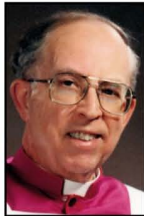


## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## 'Christian life entails a lot of discipline'

Many years ago, I remember teaching a play to students in the seminary about some "righteous" people who had died and been admitted into heaven. To their dismay they spotted many people they never expected to find there, people they did not think worthy of heaven. Because these righteous were guilty of pride and anger at the sight, they found themselves tumbling down to hell!

I thought of that story while reading Scriptures



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for this Sunday. In St. Luke's gospel, someone asks Jesus "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Then Jesus speaks of the difficulties in entering heaven, even for the chosen people. Many of the righteous will be rejected for their pride and will be surprised to see many others from the east and west, north and south will recline from the table in the kingdom of God. He closes his discourse with the comment, "for behold, some who are last will be first, and some

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Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

who are first will be last."

Jesus words are puzzling. How can we possibly know if we're on the right track, and if we're really going through that narrow gate? We need to pay close attention to today's second reading from Hebrews. The writer tells us not to disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart, for they come from the loving hand of

the father who is testing us. "For what 'son' is there whom his father does not discipline?" The Lord's discipline makes us truly righteous and should be a cause for joy.

When we were in school, we didn't necessarily like the word "discipline." It meant writing something 500 times or staying after school. But discipline really means self-control. Unless we can control our emotions, control our impulses, control our anger or our appetites, we can get ourselves into a lot of trouble. We can say things or do things that we will bitterly regret. We can lose friends that way.

Undisciplined behavior over a period of time can lose a spouse or even lose heaven.

The Christian life entails a lot of discipline, but it helps us grow into the kind of person God wants us to be. Today's second reading gives us wonderful encouragement in the words, "so strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet." The Christian life is not for sissies!

The lesson for us today is clear; in humility, discipline, and openness, we must work our way through the narrow door that leads to life.

## CALLED TO SERVE

## Celebrating the diocese and St. Lawrence

Months ago, I asked someone at the Chancery if August 10, the feast of St. Lawrence, was chosen randomly as the date to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the diocese or was the date selected as fitting. I remember being told the date was coincidence.

As Jethro says on NCIS, "there's no such thing as coincidence."

I am willing to bet the Holy Spirit had something to do with the selection. The feast of Deacon Lawrence happened to fit with everyone's schedule, from Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the principal celebrant, to all the bishops that gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral last week to celebrate a significant date in the life of the church in New York.

The event fit the schedules of all sorts of Catholic religious and lay people who travelled to St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg on that feast day. It brought local political figures and clergy from other denominations.

It brought those in the cathedral and those who watched the ceremony from afar via the streamed link together to celebrate the past and look forward.

A homily I read for this feast said, "Lawrence was a receiver of divine blessing of holy strength – so us, we are always receivers before God. It is from this receiving that we are graced to give and give freely, graciously, generously."

The history of the diocese demonstrates the

love Catholics in the North Country of New York had for each other and for everyone who called this "wilderness" home.

Pope Pius IX erected the diocese in 1872 and appointed Edgar P. Wadhams to "assume charge of the new see." Wadhams became the first Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. It seemed appropriate at his installation Mass that the homilist would charge his friend to "unfurl the Catholic banner on the banks of the St. Lawrence and on the shores of Ontario and Lake Champlain."

Wadhams and his successors as bishop of Og-

densburg have done that in the 150 years that followed.

Three recent bishops of Ogdensburg were among those present: Bishop Paul S. Loverde, eleventh bishop of Ogdensburg, Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, twelfth bishop of Ogdensburg and Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, thirteenth bishop of Ogdensburg,

The host for the celebration was Bishop Terry R. LaValley, fourteenth and current bishop of Ogdensburg,

The music was spectacular, the pomp done just right, the celebration fitting and appropriate. The Mass, as always, was beautiful.



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Congratulations to the unsung heroes of the day, all those folks involved in the planning and execution of a very well-done plan. Leave your notes for the planners of the 200th anniversary event.

A likeness of St. Lawrence is carved on an outside wall of St. Mary's Cathedral. I suspect the deacon saint smiled when Cardinal Dolan read from the opening prayer for the Mass, "grant that we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught."

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# Prayer for peace

"This is a year in which peace has been trampled upon. The dignity of life and its protection are neglected. During our ten days of prayer for peace this year we find ourselves in the midst of a new crisis of life", said the President of the Japanese Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Isao Kikuchi of Tokyo, in his message entitled "Ten Days of Prayer for Peace."

The prelate recalled that Pope Francis emphasized the importance of solidarity in protecting life and dealing with the crisis. Regarding the conflicts shaking the world, the archbishop expressed concern that the impact of the pandemic is being exacerbated by the crisis of war. Referring to the conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Kikuchi condemned "the violent act of a great power that tramples on the growing efforts of the international community for peace" and recalled "the desires of so many who want to protect life and seek peace."

"During the pandemic, we have learned that supporting one another and caring for each other's lives is the best way to protect life. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but a situation in which the various factors in of society that potentially lead to conflict are eliminated and life is lived in mutual support," he states.

"Now the world is overwhelmed by the feeling that peace can be achieved through violence. But that would only trample on true peace," reads the text of the message, which reproduces Pope Francis' Easter message "Urbi et Orbi" of April 17, in which the Pontiff appeals: "Please, please, let us not get used to war! Let us all commit ourselves to imploring peace, from our balconies and in our streets! Peace! May the leaders of nations hear people's plea for peace."

The head of the Japanese bishops noted with regret that the war is causing a deep crisis in the lives of thousands of people who are being forced to leave their homes, flee and face dangers: "The gift of God, life, must be preserved from beginning to end. Those of us who live in this common home are called to stand up for ecological justice, that is, to defend human life from conception to death and all forms of life on earth."

"In our Ten Days of Prayer for Peace," reads the text addressed to the Japanese faithful, "we have time to reflect and act for peace. Every war brings consequences that affect the entire human family: from the grief over the refugee drama to the economic and food crisis. Let us be conquered by the peace of Christ! Peace is possible; peace is a duty; peace is the most important responsibility of all."

## OBITUARIES

**Brasher Falls** – Leo E. Lynch, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 11, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Champlain** – Francis J. Dumas, 67; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 1, 2022 at Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte, Vt.

**Chateaugay** – Barbara J. (Mills) LaBare, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 5, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Clayton** – John T. Cipullo, 60; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 1, 2022 at St. Mary's Church.

**Colton** – Jean M. (Post) Doran, 95; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 19, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Constable** – Dorothy O. (Keefe) Shea, 98; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 5, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

**Ellenburg** – Russell Bilow, 73; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2022 at St. Edmund's Church.

**Fort Covington** – Renee Christine Boyea Lane, 67; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2022 at St. Mary's of the Fort.

**Harrisville** – Noah Aaron Greene, infant; Graveside services Aug. 27, 2022 at St. Francis Solanus Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** – Francis F. Cree, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 1, 2022 at St. Regis Church.

**Keeseville** – Viola D. (LaBounty) Jarvis, 95; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2022 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Lowville** – Herbert Nortz; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 18, 2022 at Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Geraldine L. (Mainville) Allen, 95; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 12, 2022 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Louise Murtagh, 54; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 5, 2022 at Notre Dame Church; burial in New St. Joseph's

Cemetery.

**Massena** – Francoise C. (Marion) Po-mainville, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 13, 2022 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Patrick D. Villano, Sr., 73; Memorial Services July 29, 2022 at Frary Funeral Home.

**Ogdensburg** – Kathleen (Roach) Ramie, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 13, 2022 at Notre Dame Church.

**Ogdensburg** – Bonnie (Skelly) Richie, 81; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2022 at Notre Dame Church.

**Peru** – Kevin Patrick Downs, 62; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2022 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Norton Cemetery, Keene.

**Peru** – James H. Pratt, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2022 at St. Augustine's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Dawn McDonagh, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 11, 2022 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Malone.

**Port Henry** – Elizabeth Williams Burlingame, 75; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 5, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Port Henry** – Balance E. Herrling, 78; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Essex County Veterans Cemetery, Wadhams, NY.

**Port Henry** – Joseph Edward Snide Sr., 75; Memorial Services Aug. 27, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Sackets Harbor** – Marilyn A. (Taylor)

Methfessel, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 16, 2022 at St. Andrews Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** – Michael D. Vassallo, 87; Mass of Christian Burial July 29, 2022 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery of Middle Village.

**Tupper Lake** – Patrick D. Mclear, 74; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 2, 2022 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Edward H. Barry, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Doris A. (Votra) Brown, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 17, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Vince of Paul Cemetery, Cape Vincent.

**Watertown** – Joseph W. Coughlin, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2022 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Patricia A. (Davidson) Esposito, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Betty Jane Navarra Maracle, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 12, 2022 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Alfred T. Netto, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 11, 2022 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Roy J. Sauter, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2022 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Black River Cemetery.



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# FACES OF FAITH



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On Sunday, July 24, Bishop Terry R. LaValley visited St. Martin's Church in Port Leyden and St. Mary's Church in Constableville. He celebrated the Masses with Father Lawrence Marrullo, pastor (back right), Deacons James Chafty and Deacon Michael Lieber. Bishop LaValley, Father Marrullo and the deacons are shown with some of the children who attended the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, including altar server Aubrey Morczek (front center).



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Seminarians of the Diocese of Ogdensburg recently held their summer gathering/retreat at the Lodge at Camp Guggenheim. Pictured with Bishop Terry R. LaValley are, from left, seminarians Dennis Ombongi, Douglas Schirmer, Michael Lennoz, Tyler Fitzgerald, Deacon Lukas Gruber, Carter Pierce, Venes Laine and Kevin McCullouch.



The Port Henry Knights of Columbus recently held a Chicken BBQ to benefit the Catholic Community of Moriah Parish. Pictured is Father Al Hauser accepting a check from Grand Knight Tom Keck in the amount of \$2,400. The proceeds will go towards the churches fuel oil costs this winter.



Rev. Francis Flynn and Deacon Dennis Monty with first communion class from Holy Angels Altona and St. Anne's Mooers Forks.