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Augustinian principal to re- tire after 45 years

After 45 years at the school in Carthage, Augustinian Academy Principal Maryann Margrey is retiring at the end of the school year.

Having served in a multitude of roles at the school, Margrey said she hopes to continue helping at the school in some capacity around her retirement plans of traveling and spending time with family.

Margrey looks back on her years at the school and raising a family in it and looks ahead to her retirement years.

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CELEBRATING JUBILEES



PHOTO BY DARCY FARGO

Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Jubilee Mass with priests celebrating jubilee years of service on May 23, part of the annual Presbyteral Assembly. Pictured with Bishop LaValley are (from left) Father Patrick Ratigan (40 years), Father Robert Decker (40 years), Msgr. C. John McAvoy (60 years), Father Sony Pulickal (40 years) and Father J. Michael Gaffney (50 years). Unable to attend the event were jubilarians Msgr. John Murphy (50 years) and Father Richard Demers (40 years). Read about the jubilarians on Page 6. See additional photos from the Mass on Page 16.

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Father Leagon Carlin, current parochial vicar at St. James Church in Cadyville, The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville and St. Augustine's Church in Peru, will be assigned as parochial vicar at St. Peter's Parish in Massena. Father Carlin's move is one of 10 announced last week.

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Pope Francis speaks on care for creation

By Hannah Brockhaus
Catholic News Agency

(CNA) – Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of the virtue of justice in a message for the upcoming World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

“God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children, made in his likeness, as water is essential for our physical survival,” he said in the message, released May 25.

“God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and

thus to enable life to flourish,” the pope continued. “When we ‘Seek first the kingdom of God’ (Matthew 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity, and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.”

Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, to be celebrated every year on Sept. 1.

The ecumenical day of prayer is seen as a sign of unity with the Orthodox Church and launches what is called the Sea-

son of Creation, celebrated every year from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The theme of the 2023 Season of Creation is “Let Justice and Peace Flow.”

Pope Francis said in his message that the theme is inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.”

The pope’s message for the 2023 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation was released during Laudato Si’ Week May 21–28.

Laudato Si’ Week 2023 marks

the eighth anniversary of the publication of Laudato Si’, Francis’ landmark encyclical on the environment.

In his message on caring for creation, Pope Francis said the first step is the transformation of our hearts.

“This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that ‘ecological conversion’ which St. John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator,” he said.

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Struck by the beauty

It was strikingly beautiful.

On Tuesday, I drove to Lake Placid to photograph the annual Jubilee Mass. As I waited with the jubilarians and attending priests of the diocese for Mass to begin, I was a little worried about how the space constraints would hinder my movement when taking photos. Mass was being celebrated in a room that's much smaller than the chapel at Wadhams Hall,

the location where I last photographed this same event.

**Darcy L. Fargo**

But that smaller space, that thing that was concerning me, also contributed to the striking beauty.

When the music minister started playing, I readied my camera. A few seconds later, it hit me. It was sound of the priests of our diocese singing together. Because it was such a small space, it was a more unified sound, and it felt bigger than that

same singing did last year at Wadhams. The sound was enveloping. It was strikingly beautiful. It was striking enough that I lowered my camera for a few seconds. In that moment, I couldn't focus on lining up a photo. I was busy appreciating the beauty.

Reflecting on the experience on my drive home from Lake Placid, "strikingly beautiful" was a good overall theme. I found the setting and our Adirondack Park to be strikingly beautiful. I found the strength and sound of the priests of our diocese in song to be strikingly

beautiful. I found the fellowship and friendship I witnessed among them to be strikingly beautiful. I found the thought of having served Christ and his Church for 60, 50 or 40 years, as our jubilarians have, to be strikingly beautiful. I found and I find the gift all our priests have given us, the gift of their lives, service and the sacraments, to be strikingly beautiful.

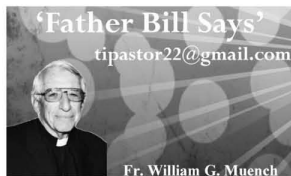
Congratulations and thank you to our jubilarians. Your love of Christ and willingness to share him with us is strikingly beautiful.

Remembering the gifts of the Spirit

Today I would like to begin by sending my congratulations to this year's priest Jubilarians of our Diocese of Ogdensburg. At the same time, I want to add my gratitude to each of them. This is a very special group of priests and pastors. So, I want to honor them by mentioning their names here: Monsignor C. J. McAvoy, Father Mike Gaffney, Monsignor John Murphy, Father Sony Pulickal, Father Robert Decker, Father Pat Ratigan, Father Dick Demers.

This is a perfect time in our Catholic Liturgical Year to celebrate our Jubilarians. We are now coming to the Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. The Acts of the Apostles tells us the whole story.

I can only imagine how disturbed those apostles were. Jesus had ascended; the apostles were left on their own, and they probably wondered if they would if they would suffer as Jesus did. Then Pentecost - the Holy Spirit came upon those apostles in power, and they received courage as never before. They then



responded with courage and readiness to go into the streets to proclaim the message of the Lord Jesus.

In faith, I believe that the Holy Spirit is still active in our Church. I can only imagine how we need a new Pentecost today; the power and courage that the Holy Spirit can give to today's disciples of the Lord.

Our Catholic Church constantly needs the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

I remember well at the time of the Second Vatican Council; Pope Saint John XXIII began the Council by challenging the bishops in attendance to throw open the Church's windows to allow the action of the Holy Spirit.

Today, we best remember the action of the Holy Spirit by recognizing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that come to us all in the Sac-

rament of Confirmation. These gifts are ours, each one of us, but we are the ones that must put them into action. Do you remember? Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. So now just a little about each.

Wisdom: The Holy Spirit guides us to see everything with the eyes of God. We are guided to see ourselves, recognizing God's love for us and God's readiness to love us enough to forgive our sins, always ready to support us. With the Holy Spirit we see others with the eyes of God, the needy, the poor, the marginal.

Understanding: The Holy Spirit helps us, Christians, to know well God's plan for our salvation. The Gospels help us to understand better the Lord's teachings and all that he had to suffer.

Counsel: The Holy Spirit guides us to make wise choices in communion with our God. This gift is a gift of prudence. We are supported by the Lord and led in the making of decisions.

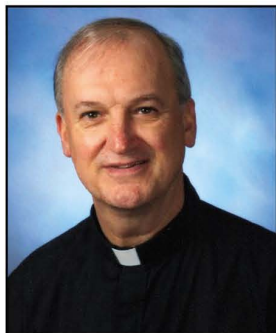
Knowledge: The Holy Spirit helps us to realize how great is the love of God. We are led to realize how profound is God's relationship with each of us.

Fortitude: The Holy Spirit frees us from those things that keep us from doing the right things, free from laziness, uncertainty, like fear, from the fear that causes us to not act for the Lord.

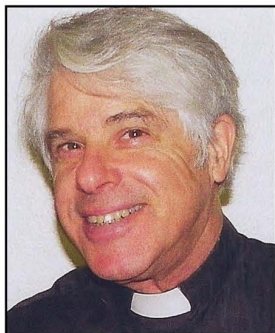
Piety: The Holy Spirit helps us to truly trust God, leading us to a life of prayer and a deeper love of our God.

Fear of the Lord: The Holy Spirit helps us to realize the greatness of God and how small we are before God, how great is God's love for us and how we must trust God completely.

Pentecost is a time of transformation, transformation for the apostles and now for us. The Holy Spirit is sent to us by the Lord as he promised to make our lives all that they should be and to make our Church always ready to bring peace and the love of God to our parishes and our world.



Father Daniel L. Chapin



Father Lawrence E. Marullo



Father Clement Rimonds, HGN



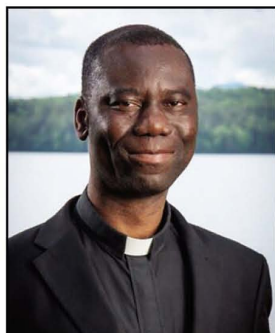
Father Kris C. Lauzon



Father Raymond J. Moreau



Father Shane Lynch



Father Severinus Torwoe



Father Nicholas Revilla



Father Leagon Carlin



Father Lukas Gruber

Bishop LaValley announces priest assignments

Following a meeting of the Committee on Assignments, Bishop Terry R. LaValley made the following appointments. Please pray for the men and parishes involved.

- Father Daniel Chapin, retired, is appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church in Constableville, St. Martin's Church in Port Leyden, St. John's Church in Lyons Falls and St. Mary's Church in West Leyden effective July 26.

- Father Lawrence Marullo, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Constableville, St. Martin's Church in Port Leyden, St. John's Church in Lyons Falls and St. Mary's Church in West Leyden, retires effective July 26.

- Father Clement Rimonds HGN, parochial vicar at St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake,

St. Henry's Church in Long Lake and St. Therese Church in Newcomb, is appointed pastor of the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew in Au Sable Forks, The Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville in Keeseville and St. Margaret's Church in Wilmington effective June 28.

- Father Kris Lauzon, pastor of the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew in Au Sable Forks, The Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville in Keeseville and St. Margaret's Church in Wilmington, is appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church in Brushton and The Catholic Community of St. Augustine in North Bangor effective June 28.

- Father Raymond Moreau, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Brushton and The Catholic

Community of St. Augustine in North Bangor, is appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls, the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond in Norfolk and St. Andrew's Church in Norwood effective June 28.

- Father Shane Lynch, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls, the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond in Norfolk and St. Andrew's Church in Norwood, is assigned to canon law studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa for the Fall Semester effective June 28. Father Lynch will reside at St. Peter's Parish in Massena when in the diocese.

- Father Severinus Torwoe, parochial vicar at St. Peter's Parish in Massena, is appointed parochial vicar at the Catholic Community of St. Peter and St. Mary and

St. Hedwig in Lowville effective June 28.

- Father Nicolas Revilla, parochial vicar at St. Peter's Parish in Massena, is appointed parochial vicar at St. Mary's Church in Champlain, St. Patrick's Church in Rouses Point, effective June 28.

- Father Leagon Carlin, parochial vicar at St. James Church in Cadyville, The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville and St. Augustine's Church in Peru, is appointed parochial vicar at St. Peter's Parish in Massena effective June 28.

- Deacon Lukas Gruber, to be ordained to the priesthood on May 27, is appointed parochial vicar at St. James Church in Cadyville, The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander

and St. Joseph in Morrisonville and St. Augustine's Church in Peru effective upon ordination.

Following are brief biographies of the priests changing assignments.

Father Daniel L. Chapin

Born in Malone, Father Chapin, 76, attended St. Joseph's Academy, Brushton-Moira Central School before graduating from Wadhams Hall with a bachelor of arts in philosophy and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester with a bachelor of divinity.

He was ordained by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana on May 13, 1972, in St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg.

After serving for a period of time as an assistant at the cathedral parish, Father Chapin spent 10 years serving in the Diocese of Og

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Ogdensburg's Peruvian Apostolate, returning in 1986. He then served as a parochial vicar in the cathedral parish and later at Holy Family in Watertown.

From 1987 to 1988, Father Chapin took a sabbatical to study at the Weston School of Theology. While on sabbatical, he worked as a chaplain intern at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton, Mass., and then at Hotel Dieu and Kingston General Hospitals in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

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

He became pastor at St. Stephen's in Croghan in 2006 with additional responsibilities as pastor in Harrisville added in 2013. Father Chapin also served as part-time priest chaplain at Gouverneur Correctional Fa-

cility.

He retired as pastor after serving in Croghan, beginning his time as a Maryknoll Associate. He returned to the diocese in 2022.

Father Lawrence E. Marullo

Born in Auburn, Father Marullo, 74, attended Mt. Carmel High School before entering seminary in the Diocese of Rochester. Father Marullo began studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Rochester in Becket Hall, attending St. John Fisher College, Rochester. He graduated with a bachelor's degree and then entered St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester. Father Marullo transferred to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in the spring of 1973 and was ordained for the Diocese by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana on May 3, 1975, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

In his 40 years, he was first appointed parochial vicar in St. Mary's, Massena, St. Joseph's, Malone, and St. Patrick's, Watertown; administrator of Sacred Heart Church, Chazy; pastor in Star Lake and Newton Falls, Holy Name & St. Matthew Churches,

Ausable Forks, and St. Bartholomew's and St. Anthony's Churches, Old Forge before being appointed to St. Mary's in Constableville and St. Mary's Nativity Church in West Leyden. Later, he was also made pastor of St. Martin Church in Port Leyden and St. John's Church in Lyon's Falls.

Father Clement Rimonds, HGN

Father Rimonds, 39, a native of Vizhinjam, Trivandrum, Kerala, India, arrived in our diocese February 24, 2021.

He entered minor seminary in 10th grade before attending St. Joseph's Major Seminary in Khammam, India. In addition to his seminary studies, he has a bachelor's degree in English literature from Nagarjuna University in India and a master's in the subject from Indira Gandhi National Open University.

Before coming to the United States and serving at St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake, St. Henry's Church in Long Lake and St. Therese Church in Newcomb, Father Rimonds served in two assignments as assistant parish priest; as dean of

studies at St. Aloysius Minor Seminary in the Diocese of Bongaigaon; as central regional coordinator of Prison Ministry India; and as spiritual director, and later vice-rector and rector of St. Theresa's Minor Seminary in the Archdiocese of Bhopal.

Father Kris C. Lauzon

Father Lauzon, 64, was born in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, and was raised in Massena.

He graduated from Canton College and worked for six years as a draftsman for Dynapower in Watertown.

He began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College and earned a theology degree from Christ the King Seminary before his ordination May 25, 1991 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Lauzon has served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh, and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg and in Carthage and Copenhagen. While in Ogdensburg he was also chaplain at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. He also served as administrator in West Leyden.

In 2000, Father Lauzon

was named pastor in Hogsburg with added responsibilities as pastor in Fort Covington and Bombay in 2001.

He was named pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh in 2003 and St. Alphonsus and Holy Name parishes in Tupper Lake, in 2004.

Father Lauzon began service in AuSable Forks in 2009, first as administrator and then, in 2010, as pastor, and was given added responsibilities as pastor in Keeseville in 2014.

Father Raymond J. Moreau

A native of Dover, New Hampshire, Father Moreau, 68, studied for the priesthood at St. Thomas Seminary Junior College in Bloomfield, Conn., Wadhams Hall and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora.

He was ordained to the priesthood May 4, 1985, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana at St. Augustine's in Peru.

Father Moreau has served as a parochial vicar at St. Patrick's in Watertown, St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, St. Mary's in Canton and in Potsdam.

In 1995, he was named pastor in North Bangor and West Bangor until 2002, when he became pastor in Chateaugay and Burke.

In 2003, he became the administrator in Colton, South Colton, and Parishville, and he was named pastor there in 2004.

He moved to Tupper Lake in 2009 to serve as administrator of Holy Name Church and St. Alphonsus Church in Tupper Lake until taking on the assignment in

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On celebrating your 40th Anniversary.
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Fr. Demers

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Chazy, where he served from 2010 to 2015, when he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's in Brushton and St. Augustine's in North Bangor.

Father Shane M. Lynch

Born in Watertown, Father Lynch, 51, is a 1990 graduate of Immaculate Heart Central School. He graduated from Wadhams Hall and later St. John's Seminary School of Theology in Boston.

Father Lynch also completed a spirituality year program sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was ordained by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito May 12, 2001.

Father Lynch has served as parochial vicar in Saranac Lake and Lake Clear, at Notre Dame in Malone, at the Malone Catholic Parishes and at Holy Family in Watertown. He was also a temporary administrator in Croghan.

Father Lynch was appointed to serve as in Wells and Lake Pleasant in 2007, first as administrator and then as pastor. He later served as pastor of St. Bartholomew's in Old Forge, and St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake, in St. James Church in Gouverneur, Sacred Heart Church in Edwards and St. Hubert's in Star Lake, St. Paul's in Black River and St. Mary's in Evans Mills, and most recently in Church of the Visitation in Norfolk, St. Andrew's Church in Norwood and St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls.

Father Severinus Torwoe

Father Severinus Torwoe, 52, was born in

Hlefi, Ghana, Deacon Torwoe received a bachelor's degree in education at University of Cape Coast, Ghana, in 2008. He then studied philosophy and theology at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, where he obtained a master's degree in theology in 2017.

In 2018, he received a post masters certificate in theology from Holy Apostles.

He was ordained by Bishop Terry R. LaValley on Aug. 1, 2020, in St. Mary's Cathedral.

St. Peter's Parish in Massena was his first assignment.

Father Nicolas J. Revilla

Born in Naga City, Philippines, Father Nicolas J. Revilla, 51, attended high school at Holy Rosary Minor Seminary in Naga City. He later attended University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Philosophy and Faculty of Sacred Theology in Manila, Philippines. He also studied at Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome.

He was ordained in 1999 at Basilica Minore in Naga City by Archbishop Leonardo Z. Le-

gaspi.

While he served in a parish as a parochial vicar and at various times as a guest priest, the majority of Father Revilla's priesthood has been spent as a professor, formator or dean at seminaries in Rome and in the Philippines, where he taught metaphysics, criteriology, history of philosophy, philosophy of religion, rational psychology, cosmology, Spanish, Latin and other subjects.

Father Revilla arrived in the United States from the Archdiocese of Caceres in the Philippines in January of this year.

Father Leagon Carlin

Born in Plattsburgh, Father Carlin, 26, graduated from Peru Central School in 2014 before attending seminary at Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio and later Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Terry R. LaValley on May 21, 2022, in St. Mary's Cathedral.

After his ordination, he was appointed parochial vicar at St. James Church in Cadyville, The Roman Catholic Com-

munity of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville and St. Augustine's Church in Peru

Father Lukas Gruber

The newest priest of the diocese, Father Gruber was ordained in St. Mary's Cathedral on May 27, 2023, by Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

Originally from Queens

and Long Island, New York, Gruber discovered the Diocese of Ogdensburg while studying at Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, where he received a bachelor's degree.

He later studied at Pontifical College Josephinum.

He was ordained a deacon in June of 2022.

Msgr. C. John McAvoy



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Seven priests celebrate jubilees

Seven priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg were honored for reaching jubilee years of service in the annual Jubilee Mass held May 23 at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid, part of the Presbyteral Assembly.

Msgr. C. John McAvoy was honored for 60 years of service; Father J. Michael Gaffney and Msgr. John R. Murphy were honored for 50 years of service; and Father Sony G. Pulickal, Father Robert L. Decker, Father Richard D. Demers and Father Patrick A. Ratigan were honored for 40 years of priesthood.

60 YEARS

Msgr. C. John McAvoy

Born in Ogdensburg and raised in Madrid, Msgr. McAvoy, 85, studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King seminaries before being ordained on March 30, 1963, by Bishop James J. Navaugh.

The first several years of his priesthood were spent in Ogdensburg, where he served as assistant at the cathedral, procurator of Wadhams Hall, and assistant chancellor and vocation director for the diocese.

He served as diocesan vocation director from 1966 through 1973.

In 1972, Msgr. McAvoy was appointed administrator at the Potsdam Newman Center, administrator in Madrid and administrator in Saranac Lake. In 1973, Father McAvoy was name pastor in Saranac Lake, a position he held until 1986, when he was named pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh.



Jubilarians, priests celebrating milestone years of service, were honored during the annual Jubilee Mass, held May 21 at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid, part of the annual Presbyteral Assembly. Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Mass and took photos with the jubilarians, (top left) Msgr. C. John McAvoy, who celebrated 60 years, (top right) Father J. Michael Gaffney, who celebrated 50 years; and Father Robert L. Decker, Father Patrick A. Ratigan and Father Sony G. Pulickal, who celebrated 40 years. Unable to attend the assembly and Mass were (bottom right, top photo) Msgr. John R. Murphy, who celebrated 50 years, and (bottom right, bottom photo) Father Richard D. Demers, who celebrated 40 years.

He was named a Prelate of Honor with the title monsignor in 1993.

In 1999, he moved to St. Joseph's in Malone, where he served as pastor for four years. Finally, in 2003, he was named pastor of St. Patrick's in Port Henry and All Saints in Mineville.

Msgr. McAvoy retired

in 2007 and currently resides in Saranac Lake.

50 YEARS

Father J. Michael Gaffney

Originally from Watertown, Father Gaffney, 75, attended Wadhams Hall and Christ the King seminaries before his ordination on May 5, 1973, by Bishop

Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Early in his priesthood, he served as an assistant in at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake, St. Peter's in Lowville, Notre Dame in Malone and St. Anthony's in Watertown.

From 1980 to 1995, Father Gaffney served as a faculty member at

Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown. During a portion of that time, from 1985 to 1995, he also served as pastor in Chaumont.

He later served as pastor at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's in Massena, and

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at the Roman Catholic Community of Brownville and Dexter and St. Andrew's Church in Sackets Harbor.

He retired in 2021.
Msgr. John R. Murphy

Originally from Saranac Lake, Msgr. Murphy, 75, studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and the Gregorian University in Rome before his ordination July 2, 1973 in Rome by Bishop James Hickey.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh and head of the religion department at St. John's Central School.

In 1976, he was named assistant chancellor of the diocese and assistant pastor in Canton. He returned to Rome in 1978 and earned a degree in moral theology from Academia Alfonsiana. He later earned a master's degree in church administration from Catholic University in Washington.

Upon his return to the diocese in 1982, Msgr. Murphy was named vice-chancellor and administrator in Morristown and Brier Hill. Later that year, he was named chancellor for the diocese and pastor of Morristown and Brier Hill. He served the diocese as chancellor from 1982 to March 1990. He was also pastor in Madrid from 1988 until his appointment as pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam from 1990 to 1994.

In 1992, he was named a monsignor by Pope John Pope Paul II. He also served the diocese as dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.

In 1994, Msgr. Murphy was named Moderator

of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services. He served as administrator in Canton for a short time in 2002 and was named pastor in Heuvelton and Lisbon in 2003 before becoming full-time Moderator of the Curia later that year.

In 2011, he was named administrator of the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk and St. Raymond's Church in Raymondville. In 2012, he was named pastor in Norfolk and Raymondville with additional responsibilities as pastor in Norwood. Seven years later, he was appointed pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge and St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake. He retired from that position in August of 2022.

40 YEARS

Father Sony G. Pulickal

A native of Kerpla, India, Father Pulickal, 66, and completed his priestly studies in Bangalore, India.

He was ordained April 14, 1983, and he was named parochial vicar of St. Mary's Metropolitan Church in Changanachery, Kerala.

In 1984, after studying Italian, he became parochial vicar of St. Ambrose Church in Segratte, Milan, Italy, and later served as parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary Basilica, Rome, Italy.

He returned to India for one year, when he was in charge of philosophy students, and then from 1991 to 1994, in charge of Theology Study House in Shilong, India.

Father Pulickal came

to the United States in 1996 and has served the Diocese of Ogdensburg as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Church in Massena, St. Peter's Church, Lowville, and also served at St. Augustine's Church, Peru.

In 2001, he was named pastor in West Leyden and Fish Creek and, in 2004, pastor in Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake. In 2011, he was named pastor of St. Ann's Church in Wells and St. James Major Church in Lake Pleasant.

Father Pulickal was incardinated into the Diocese of Ogdensburg on July 23, 2003.

Father Robert L. Decker

After growing up in Hammond, Father Decker, 72, first attended Oswego State University, where he earned a degree in elementary education. Working as a teacher, he earned a master's degree in education from Potsdam State University.

He entered seminary at Wadhams Hall and also attended Christ the King seminary. He was ordained May 7, 1983, at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

He served as a parochial vicar at Holy Family Church in Watertown, St. Mary's in Clayton, St. John the Evangelist in Lafarreville, Sacred Heart in Massena, and St. Agnes in Lake Placid before being named pastor at St. Therese Church Newcomb and St. Henry's in Long Lake in January 1995.

He has also served as pastor at St. Francis Solanus Church in Harrisville with St. Henry's Oratory in Natural Bridge;

St. Hubert's Church in Star Lake with St. Michael's Oratory in Fine and St. Anthony of Padua Oratory in Newton Falls; St. Paul's Church in Black River and St. Rita's Church in Deferiet.

From 1998 to 2003, Father Decker served as a missionary for the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate in Mollendo, Peru.

He currently serves as pastor St. Cecilia's Church in Adams with its mission Queen of Heaven Church in Henderson.

Father Richard D. Demers

Born in Trout River, Father Demers, 77, completed his seminary studies and formation at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King seminaries after serving in the Army National Guard.

He was ordained by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana on May 7, 1983, in St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg.

He served as a temporary associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam and Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

Father Demers was released to serve as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force.

He served as a pastor of St. Lawrence Church in Louisville and St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid.

He is currently retired and resides in Indiana.

Father Patrick A. Ratigan

Originally from Saranac Lake, Father Ratigan, 68, served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1975.

Father Ratigan studied at Wadhams Hall and the North Ameri-

can College in Rome. He was ordained by Bishop Brzana on Sept. 24, 1983, at St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake.

He has served as associate pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral, as parochial vicar of St. Alexander's Church, Morrisonville, and at Sacred Heart Church, Massena.

Father Ratigan served as a U.S. Army chaplain from 1988-2005, including one-year deployments to both Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. His military assignments included Fort McClellan, Alabama, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Meade, Maryland, Fort Stewart, Georgia, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, two one-year assignments in South Korea, and a one-year assignment in Egypt, as well as deployments to Haiti and throughout Central and South America.

He was named pastor in Brasher Falls and North Lawrence in 2005, and appointed pastor in Adams and Henderson in 2010. He later served at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake and the oratories of St. Paul's in Bloomingdale and St. John of the Wilderness in Lake Clear until his retirement in 2019.

After his retirement, he was appointed temporary administrator for six months at St. Elizabeth Church in Elizabethtown, St. Philip of Neri Church in Westport, and St. Joseph's Church in Essex. Again retired, he resides in Hannawa Falls.

Environmental Stewardship**Why I became a beekeeper**

A member of the Formation for Ministry class who will be commissioned next month has become a beekeeper. He was willing to share why he embarked on this venture:

"I became a beekeeper because I have always had a fascination with nature and the outdoors. So many things interact in nature that make our environment vibrant and appealing. Sadly, the opposite occurs when our environment is abused and nature responds accordingly. I remember growing up seeing bees in my parents' vegetable and flower gardens. They were common but not so today. I thought to myself, if I don't see bees, I should be concerned. They are a bellwether of a healthy or not so healthy environment. I wanted to know more about bees and thought the best way to do that would be to become a beekeeper by attending a beekeeping school and see why bees are being impacted so negatively. I wanted to learn about them and how to keep them, share this information, and ultimately have a positive impact on my local environment." — Jack Lucia, LaFargeville

While there are many reasons scientists give for the rapid decrease in the number of bees in recent years, one is the use of pesticides on crops and lawns. In the words of Chief Seattle, "What you do to the earth you do to yourself." So, the way we treat the earth has consequences in terms of our food and air.

We may not all be called to be beekeepers, but we can do something to protect bees and our own health. As we prepare gardens and lawns, we can invest in natural and nontoxic lawn products. We can plant native flowers to attract bees. For more information, see Cornell Cooperative Extension in your area. Learn more about NYS The Birds and Bees Protection Act (S1856 Hoylman-Sigal/A3226 Glick) and decide what else you can do.

Bishop's Public Schedule

May 31 — 9:45 a.m. — Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence followed by lunch

6:30 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Peter's Parish (at Sacred Heart Church) in Massena

June 1 — 1 p.m. — Conference Call of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Native American Subcommittee

June 3 — 11 a.m. — Burial Prayers at Calvary Cemetery in Massena
4 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Andrew's Church in Norwood with St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls and the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond in Norfolk

June 4 — 10:30 a.m. — Confirmation at The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville with St. James Church in Cadyville, St. Augustine's Church in Peru, Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew in Au Sable Forks, The Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville in Keeseville and St. Margaret's Church in Wilmington

June 6 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary Cathedral

June 7 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Rest in Peace

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

May 31 — Rev. John J. Dean, 1930; Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993

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 Veronneau, 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

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration is required. Preregister at www.virtus.org. Upcoming sessions:

June 1 — 6:30 p.m. — St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

June 9 — 1:30 p.m. — Diocesan offices, Ogdensburg

To Report Abuse

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**CAMP GUGGENHEIM
STAFF 2023**

**Stephen Dwyer
Counselor**

Age: 18

Hometown: Chateaugay

Parish:

Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?

Baseball, soccer, swimming, singing, community services

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?

: I would like to work at Guggenheim because I have gone to Guggenheim my entire life, Family camp and teen camp, and I have always wanted to be a counselor. I want to help provide the same great camp experience that I experienced when I was in teen camp.



**Madonna Champagne
Counselor**

Age: 24

Hometown: Malone

Parish:

St. André Bessette

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?

I love to sing, learn about my faith, go to mass and adoration, lead praise and worship, play music or instruments, laugh, go for walks, spending time with family and friends, and be outside.

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?

My faith is the most important thing in my life, I would not be alive without it. As such, I long for others to know the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith! I pray people come to know how much they are truly loved and come home to Jesus. Camp Guggenheim offers a wonderful experience for our youth to see these truths and hopefully encourage them on their faith journeys. "Life with Christ is a beautiful

Additional 2023 Camp Guggenheim staff will be featured in future editions of the North Country Catholic

Augustinian's Margrey to retire after 45 years

By Eileen Greenwood
Contributing Writer

Augustinian Academy Principal Maryann Margrey will be retiring this year after 45 years in Education at the Catholic school.

Margrey wore many different hats through the years, having served as teacher, cheerleading and basketball Coach, tutor, vice-principal, and principal, to name a few.

"I graduated in 1978 from Potsdam college and was hired by Pastor Ellis," Margrey said. "Sister Bernadette was the principal then. I was hired to teach fourth grade and taught for five years. I also taught math, for seventh and eighth grade. Then they said we need a

Cheerleading Coach so I said yes but had no experience. Later I also helped with the fifth- and sixth-grade teams and (her husband) Joe coached the seventh- and eighth-grade team. I coached about 35 years. I taught classes for about 29 years. I had an N-6 degree in education and a bachelor's in math and a master's degree in reading. But I needed to do a degree through Boston college for administration. I worked on that and took courses from the Diocese of Ogdensburg for my principal training."

Margrey said she initially didn't intend to be the school's principal.

"In addition to teaching, I was also a vice-principal for three

years," she said. "Then we lost our principal, and I was asked to fill in for six months. I said, 'you have got to be kidding,' because I was still teaching. For six months I was principal but only had two free periods to do the work of a principal. After those six months, Father Don (Robinson) said he really needed me to do the principal's job full-time. I still wanted to teach but there was nobody else to step into the other position. So I said yes."

While she works long hours, Margrey said she was able to balance work, family and faith by prioritizing.

"I think back now, how we did it all," she said. "We had a schedule. Routine was very im-

portant. Our youngest child, Christopher, was a toddler, and would go to grandma's daily. We would bring him after school to all the kids' activities. Joe and I were coaching, and (Christopher) would play on the stage. The kids all loved him! We drove to games, and I would bring dinner from Stefano's and be feeding Joe forkfuls of salad and pizza as he drove us. At the time he was working at Fort Drum, plus a job with Carthage police department, and the Reserves."

The family made sure to keep faith at its core.

"Our Catholic Faith was very important to us," Margrey said. "We didn't miss Mass. We went as a family, and the kids knew we would

find out the time and place for a Mass whenever we traveled to. If you have a family you just figure out how to make it all work."

While she's not leaving Augustinian Academy completely behind, Margrey said she looks forward to spending some time outside of the North Country during her retirement.

"I hope to travel," she said. "I will continue to help out at Augustinian. I am leaving lots of grants I have written ahead and are already completed. My advice (the next principal) is to delegate. I didn't do that enough. People wanted to help and would offer but I thought it was easier to just do it all myself. You do need to delegate some."

STUDENTS SHOW SUPPORT

Braelyn Pelerin and Lauren Taylor, students at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga, sold their own stickers to raise money for the Missionary Childhood Association. They raised \$163.07.

THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

— PRAYER SUGGESTION —

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name a priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...)

Amen.

JUNE 2023

Diocese of OGDENSBURG, NY

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Nebraska bans abortion at 12 weeks, sex change for minors

(CNA) — Nebraska will now ban abortion 12 weeks into pregnancy and ban gender-altering surgery for minors. A new bill, signed into law on Monday, also regulates other drugs used in purported gender-transition therapies for minors. "It's about protecting our kids and saving babies. Pure and simple," Republican Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen said Monday, the Associated Press reported. The governor said the legislation sends the message that "abortion is unthinkable in Nebraska" and the state's culture "embraces life and love." The provision barring gender-altering surgery, he said, "lets our kids be kids" while they grow up, including "the teenager who may be trying to figure out who they are." Over 30 of Nebraska's 49 senators joined the governor for the signing of the Let Them Grow Act. The bill passed 33-15 along party lines in the unicameral Legislature, which only has a Senate. The new abortion ban replaces the previous 20-week abortion ban. The ban exempts abortions of unborn children conceived in rape and incest as well as cases of medical emergencies.

Catholic organization rescues three nuns trapped in Sudan

The Vulnerable People Project (VPP), a Catholic human rights organization, evacuated in cooperation with other institutions three nuns caught in the crossfire of the civil war in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum. On April 29, Sister Christine alerted partners of VPP that three of her companions had been stranded in the middle of fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. The VPP and associated organizations not only rescued the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but they also reportedly saved some 800 people trapped in the Sudanese capital. Jason Jones, founder and president of the U.S.-based VPP, reported May 21 that the three nuns had been safely evacuated and are currently in South Sudan.

Illinois report says nearly 2,000 were victims of clergy abuse

A report published by the Illinois attorney general's office alleges that 451 Catholic clerics and religious brothers sexually abused 1,997 victims within the state's Catholic dioceses over a 70-year period. The report, published May 23, unveils a comprehensive list of "substantiated child sex abuse" allegations, which the attorney general's office compiled with assistance from each of the six dioceses in Illinois. The report covers allegations from 1950 through 2019. Investigators from the attorney general's office reviewed more than 100,000 pages of documents provided by the dioceses related to abuse allegations and policies and procedures on how they dealt with the allegations. They also conducted interviews with diocesan representatives and with numerous victims who made the allegations. The report notes each diocese cooperated fully with this investigation, and acknowledged reforms that have been made.

Survey: Fewer confident God exists, many still pray

By Kevin J. Jones
Catholic News Agency

Only about half of Americans now say they are certain that God exists, and though regular religious attendance has declined, many Americans say they still pray several times a day.

A snapshot of American religiosity comes from NORC at the University of Chicago, which released the 2022 data from the General Social Survey (GSS) on May 15. The survey is considered one of the top sources of data on Americans' opinions. "The past three years were a period of great trial and change for the United States. Understanding how these times affected Americans' thoughts, beliefs, and opinions is critical to understanding social change," René Bautista, director of the GSS, said May 15.

The survey of U.S. adult residents was conducted through in-person interviews, self-administered internet surveys, and phone interviews. The GSS codebook, an accompanying document on the survey methods, says changes to the survey methodology during the COVID-19 pandemic could result in apparent changes in opinion, attitudes, and behaviors in 2021 and 2022 compared with results from previous years.

Do you believe in God?

Among the many views surveyed included the question of Americans' confidence in the existence of God.

About 50% of Americans said that they "know God exists and have no doubts." That number has not changed since 2021. This response peaked at 65% in 1993 and fell to 60% in 2008. Another 16% told the GSS that they "believe in God but have doubts," down slightly from its 1988 peak of 19%. Another 14% said that they believe in "some higher power."

About 6% said they believe in God "sometimes," while about 7% responded "don't know and no way to find out." Though given the option "don't know," zero percent chose this option.

About 7% said they do not believe in God, unchanged from 2021. Non-belief in God hovered around 2%-3% for decades until 2014, when it began to increase.

Are you religious?

On the topic of self-identified reli-

giosity, 14% told the GSS they were "very religious," 32% identified as "moderately religious," and 25% as "slightly religious." The "moderately religious" showed the largest decline, down from 38% in 2018 and 41% in 2010.

There is an upward trend in respondents who identify as "not religious." In 2022, 29% chose this response, down slightly from the 2021 peak of 32%. Before 2012, fewer than 20% of respondents had ever chosen this answer.

How often do you attend religious services?

Religious attendance figures appear to reflect this nonreligious trend. Among GSS respondents, 34% said they never attended religious services, a new high. This figure first hit 30% in 2018 and 20% in 1998 after hovering at about 15% for decades.

As many as 11% of respondents said they attended religious services less than once a year, 13% said they attended once a year, and 10% attended several times a year. Only 4% said they attended once a month, 5% attended two or three times a month, and 4% attended "nearly every week."

About 13% attended religious services weekly, a slight increase over 2021 respondents but a decline from 18% in 2018. GSS respondents have never reported weekly attendance over 30%, though this figure peaked at 29% in 1972, the first year GSS asked this question.

About 5% of respondents attended religious services more than once a week. This response last peaked at 9% in 1993 and has never exceeded 9% since 1972.

How often do you pray?

Self-reported prayer was more popular than self-reported church attendance. According to the GSS, 28% of respondents said they pray several times a day, down slightly from a 2004 peak at 31%. Another 20% said they pray once a day, an increase from 16% in 2021 but down from 28% in 2018, where the figure had held steady for decades.

Another 13% said they prayed several times a week, while 6% prayed once a week. The numbers of those who rarely or never pray are near a historic high: 34% said they prayed "less than once a week or never," a decline from the 2021 peak at 38%.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

BROWN BAG SERIES

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat Series.

Date: June 14

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Place: Via Zoon

Features: This series will be a book discussion on Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis, available online or in book form from the Office of the New Evangelization. The reading schedule (approx. 20 pages per week) will be sent to participants.

Contact: To register, go to <https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag>. For more information, contact Marika at mdonders@rcdony.org.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

You are invited to take part in a Friendship Group that will provide you with dynamic reading and personalized formation to grow in holiness with others online.

Date: Thursdays starting June 15

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Zoom

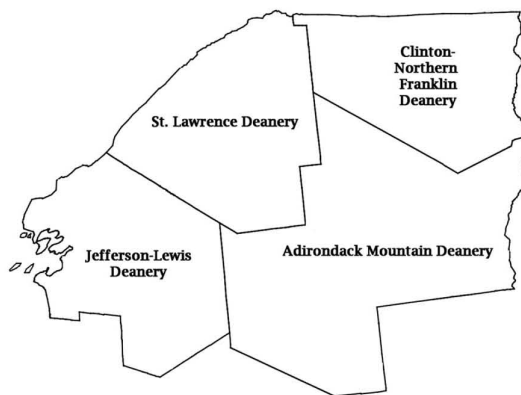
Features: The first book we will read is *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement* by popular author Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV. Book summary: With warmth, understanding, and pastoral skill, Father offers a hopeful invitation to all who struggle to overcome discouragement. It is a call to solace in times of suffering and will empower you to stand tall in times of affliction. Oblate priest Fr. Bill Brown will join us for the first meeting, share about the liberating spirituality behind this book, lead a discussion, and answer participants' questions.

Contact: To sign up, visit: <https://mailchi.mp/sophiainstitute/friendship-groups> For more information, please contact Mary Beth Bracy at mbracy@sophiainstitute.com

ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN

BLACK FLY 5K RUN

Saranac Lake – St. Bernard's to



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have their third annual Black Fly 5K run, walk, roll or stroll.

Date: June 3

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

Place: Dewey Mt. Rec. Center

Cost: Adults, \$25; Student, \$20 (includes t-shirt if registered by May 27). \$10 discount for families of 4 or more.

Features: get some exercise in a wooded setting, then grab some grub from ADK Street Eats and a brew from Hex and Hops and enjoy the after-race fun!

Contact: Call 518-891-2830 for more information or register on Run Sign Up website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/SaranacLake/StBsBlackFly5K>

HGA Auction and Flea Market

Tupper Lake – St. Alphonsus – Holy Name of Jesus, St. Henry's and St. Therese to have an Auction and Flea Market.

Date: June 11

Time: Flea Market, 9 a.m. to noon; Auction, Noon until done

Place: Holy Ghost Parish Center

Features: Lunch Available for a fee. Donating proceeds to Tupper Lake Food Pantry, Camp Guggenheim Scholarship Fund and Tupper Lake Ecumenical Pastors Fund

Contact: For more information St. Alphonsus – Holy Name of Jesus Parish Office at 518-359-3405

CLINTON NORTHERN FRANKLIN

PARISH BAZAAR

Fort Covington – St. Mary's to have their Annual Parish Bazaar.

Date: June 3

Time: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: 3 Burns Holden Rd

Features: Yard Sale, Flea Market, Multi-Prize Raffle; Chinese Auction, Thrift Store Specials, Children's Games, Food & Music!

CAR SHOW

Mooers – St. Ann's Church to have their 5th Annual Festival of Cars.

Date: June 4

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Grounds

Features: Craft Fair, Theme Baskets, Food and Entertainment. Top 40 picks and special awards at 3 p.m. There will be Hot Wheel races for kids and adults (Entry fee, \$5 kids; \$10 Adults, includes car).

Contact: For more information or to pre-register your vehicle call 518-236-5632. Vehicle Pre-Register is \$15 or \$20 the day of the show between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Craft Table space, \$20.

MERCY CARE EDUCATIONAL FORUM

Paul Smiths - Mercy Care for the Adirondacks will hold its annual Educational Forum co-hosted by Paul Smith's College.

Date: June 7

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

Cost: \$25, includes networking lunch

Features: The 2023 Forum will focus on the urgent topics of Ageism and development of the Master Plan for Aging in New York. Speakers will be Ann Monroe, Greg Olsen and Adam Herbst.

Contact: Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for the Forum, please visit Mercy Care's website at www.adkmercy.org or contact Karen Rodriguez, Mercy Care Project Manager at krodriguez@adkmercy.org or call her at 518-523-5685.

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

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 4

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

HEALING MASS

Clayton – St. Mary's to have their annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 10

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: The Celebrants will be Fr. Arthur LaBaff and Father Corneille Boyeye. During Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered. Immediately following Mass will be prayer teams to pray for individual needs. A social time with refreshments will take place in the parish center following the Mass.

Contact: For more information, contact St. Mary's parish office at 315-686-3398 or claytonsec@rcdony.org or visit the www.stmarysclayton.org.

ST. LAWRENCE

BINGO

Canton – Bingo to be held.

Date: Mondays

Time: Card sales start at 5:30 p.m., Games start at 7 p.m.

Place: Sarto Club

ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

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

Date: June 3

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

Features: Rosary with devotions

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

Date: June 3

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.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Massena – First Saturday of the month, men's prayer group to meet for Mass and Adoration.

Date: June 3

Time: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Coffee and donuts after service in the parish center

Contact: Bob Brothers at 315-842-2886

MONTHLY BRUNCH

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

Date: June 11 (Second Sunday of each month)

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL

Ogdensburg - Please join us for a concert of original music by Ryan C. McNally, to include Mass in D Minor which incorporates piano, organ, orchestra and choir.

Date: June 11

Time: 4 p.m.

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Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: An Ogdensburg native, Mr. McNally is an arranger and performer, with over 60 compositions to his name. We hope you're able to join us and bring a friend! There is no charge and all are welcome!

Contact: For more information, contact our Music Director, Christine Bookman at ogdensburgmusic@rcdony.org.

USA FLAG RAFFLE

The Bishop McEntegart 4th Degree Assembly 707 are holding a patriotic raffle of a USA Flag.

Cost: 1 ticket \$5 OR 3 tickets for \$10.

Features: 1 grand prize - Flag Pole Set (installed); 2nd prize, US Capital Flown Flag; 3rd to 5th prize, 5 Foot Porch Flag Set. Drawing June 14.

Contact: Any Sir Knight of the Canton Assembly or call 315-244-4455

CHICKEN BBQ

Canton - St. Mary's Church to have a drive thru Chicken BBQ.

Date: June 18

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

Place: Drive thru with picnic seating available on the lawn.

Cost: \$15 Full meal, \$12 half chicken only

Menu: ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll.

Contact: For more information call 315-386-2543

DIOCESAN EVENTS

GUGGENHEIM SUMMER CAMP

2023 registration is open. New this year is a mini session for youth 11-13 years old along with the annual sleepaway camp weeks for ages 11 to 18. Dates: The season starts July 5th and ends Aug. 11th.

Cost: Mini session is \$200 and the weeklong sessions is \$425 per camper. Meals and accommodations are included in the registration fee.

Features: There are so many fun things to do at camp! Like arts and crafts, Project Adventure, Liturgy, rappelling, hiking, basketball, or soccer. Guggenheim has its very own beach where you can swim, tool around on our watercrafts and play watersports. Evenings at camp are packed with fun activities like bonfire time, a dance,

outdoor movies, and camp-wide games.

Summer Camp Guggenheim is a fun place where you can make great friends, escape the craziness of the world, and just chill with cool people like you.

Contact: To sign up for camp please visit: www.rcdony.org/youth/camp or call, Jeannie Grizuto at 315-393-2290 ext. 1413. Deadline is June 21!

THE MIRACLE OF THE MASS RETREAT

Saranac Lake - LEAD overnight retreat to be held on the Significance of the Eucharist in our Lives.

Schedule: June 9, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 - Praise and Worship with Madonna Champagne and Nate Pultorak of Plattsburgh, campfire and s'mores; June 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Panel on the Eucharist: Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSI; Msgr. Dennis Duprey, Anita Soltero and Cathy Russell.

Cost: \$30, meals included

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Contact: Register at www.rcdony.org/lead2dayevent

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

Ogdensburg - Retreat for adults whose parents separated or divorced and also for those who grew up in single-parent families.

Date: Aug. 11-13

Place: Wadhams Hall

Cost: \$200 for a shared room or \$250 for a single room.

Features: Financial assistance is available...do not let cost prevent you from experiencing the healing you deserve.

Contact: For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920.

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake - Family Guggenheim registration is open. Schedule: Aug. 17-20; Aug. 24-27; Oct. 6-8

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, laughing and praying together. Celebrate Christ's presence in your lives!

Contact: For more information and to register, go to www.rcdony.org/family-life/fg.html or contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920, startaglia@rcdony.org.

WOMENS HEALING RETREAT

Ogdensburg - Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat for Women to be held.

Date: Oct. 5-8

Place: Wadhams Hall

Cost: \$275 per person, \$100 Deposit

Features: Retreat for women 18 years or older. Registrations begin July 1, 2023

Contact: For more information call Kathleen Nichols 518-651-6895. Donations accepted to be payable to OLRHR and sent to Wadhams hall.

PILGRIMAGES

PILGRIMAGE TO BIBLICAL TURKEY

Join Father Donald Robinson on a pilgrimage to Biblical Turkey in the footsteps of St. Paul and St. John.

Date: Oct. 9-20, 2023

Cost: Only \$2999 (includes airfare, lodging, meals, guides)

Features: Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia

Contact: Father Don at 315-782-1143 or donrob4@twcny.rr.com

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE

An eleven-day pilgrimage of shrines of France hosted by Father Andrew J. Amyot.

Date: November 6-16, 2023

Cost: \$3,979 from Montreal (includes tour price, taxes and air-line surcharges)

Features: Visits to Lourdes, Nevers, Tours, the Loire Valley, Chartres, Mont. St. Michel, Bayeux, Normandy, Caen, Lisieux and Paris.

Contact: Father Andrew Amyot at 315-384-4242 or framyt2@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & MOROCCO

Join Father Chris Looby on a journey to Spain and Morocco.

Date: Nov. 4- 17, 2023

Cost: Pricing starts at \$4,949 per person for a double and \$5,849 per person for single occupancy. Features: This unforgettable trip will take you to the heart of Madrid, the historic cities of Córdoba and Seville, and the stunning Alhambra. Experience the passion and rhythm of Flamenco in Jerez de la Frontera and explore the vibrant blue streets of Chefchaouen. Journey through the spiritual centers of Fes and Rabat, and visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. In Marrakech, immerse yourself in the bustling markets and architecture, and enjoy a "Choice on Tour" experience. The trip will end with a visit to the iconic Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime adventure!

Contact: For more information contact Mary McIntosh at Watertown AAA at 315-558-6372

RHINE RIVER CRUISE

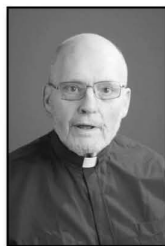
Join Father John Yonkovig of Lake Placid on the Rhine River with Viking Cruises from Amsterdam, Holland to Basel, Switzerland in the spring of 2024.

Date: May 30 - June 6, 2024

Contact: For information call Deb Rothermel at 800-223-3884 or BTAGROUPS@gmail.com

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KNIGHTS RELEASE DOCUMENTARY ON HERO PRIEST

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut – The Knights of Columbus today announced the release of *The Magazine and the Miracle: Finding Father Kapaun*, a short documentary film highlighting the extraordinary life and legacy of Servant of God, U.S. Army Chaplain and Medal of Honor recipient Father Emil Kapaun.

Father Kapaun's heroism, selfless service to his country, and devotion to Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith were a daily inspiration to his fellow soldiers during World War II and the Korean War.

The documentary, along with additional information about

Father Kapaun, can be viewed at kofc.org/en/documentary/father-kapaun

The 15-minute film, produced by the Knights of Columbus, also traces the incredible journey of Father Kapaun's mortal remains, from a shallow grave in the prisoner-of-war camp where he died in May 1951, to an unmarked tomb in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu's Punchbowl Crater in 1954, to his final resting place, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita, Kansas, in 2021.

Father Kapaun, a native of Kansas, first served in the Di-

ocese of Wichita following his ordination in 1940.

The Magazine and the Miracle shares how in 2003 a Korean war veteran, William Hansen, visited a VA medical clinic in Naples, Florida, and stumbled upon a copy of a Knights of Columbus magazine – believed to be the March 2003 issue of Columbia, which featured an article about Father Kapaun. Hansen immediately recognized the beloved chaplain and recalled burying him in the prisoner of war camp.

His testimony then became a significant factor that led to the eventual discovery and identification of Father Ka-

paun's remains in Hawaii.

Father Kapaun was named a Servant of God in 1993, and his cause for canonization opened in 2008.

In addition, Father Kapaun was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2013.

He is one of only five 20th-century chaplains to receive the military's highest award for valor.

Today, there are 23 Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies named in Father Kapaun's honor, beginning with Father Kapaun Council 3423 in his hometown of Pilsen, Kansas, which was chartered shortly after his death in 1951.

LA Dodgers to honor 'queer and trans nuns'

By Shannon Mullen
Catholic News Agency

Responding to the news that the Los Angeles Dodgers will honor a self-described "leading-edge order of queer and trans nuns" with a long history of obscenely satirizing the Catholic faith, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is calling for "all Catholics and people of goodwill to stand against bigotry and hate in any form."

"The decision to honor a group that clearly mocks the Catholic faith and makes light of the sincere and holy vocations of our women religious who are an integral part of our Church is what has caused disappointment, concern, anger, and dismay from our Catholic community," the archdiocese said in a statement Tuesday.

"The ministries and vocations of our religious women should be honored and celebrated through genuine acts of appreciation, reverence, and respect for their sa-

cred vows, and for all the good works of our nuns and sisters in service of the mission of the Catholic Church," the statement continued.

"The Archdiocese stands against any actions that would disparage and diminish our Christian faith and those who dedicate their lives to Christ," the statement said. "Let us also show our care and respect for our women religious by sending a message of support to their communities through phone calls, letters, and posts on their social channels, supporting vocations by donating to their orders, and/or making donations in their name to the programs they support," the archdiocese said. "Let us show the world how much our women religious mean to us and our Church."

After sharp criticism from Catholic advocacy groups and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, the Major League Baseball team at first backed down from its plans to

honor the L.A. Chapter of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence with a Community Hero Award at a June 16 LGBTQ+ Pride Night game against the San Francisco Giants at Dodger Stadium. Less than a week later, however, the Dodgers on Monday reversed course again, issuing an apology and a new invitation to participate in the event, which the Sisters accepted.

In response, CatholicVote, a Catholic advocacy group that publicly condemned the initial invitation, vowed to launch a "barrage" of advertising against the team across Los Angeles and in game broadcasts.

"This is a slap in the face of every Catholic," CatholicVote President Brian Burch said in a statement. "We're raising \$1 million as fast as we can, and we will pummel this decision in advertising that the Dodgers can't ignore."

"Every advertiser, every season ticket holder, every charity, every fan

must speak out against the Dodgers' decision to promote anti-Catholic hate," Burch added. "Why does 'pride' have to include honoring the most grotesque and scandalous anti-Catholic perverts?"

The Dodgers' decision also drew the ire of San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. "Our Catholic sisters devote themselves to serving others selflessly. Decent people would not mock & blaspheme them," he tweeted Tuesday. "So we now know what gods the Dodger admin worships. Open desecration & anti-Catholicism is not disqualifying. Disappointing but not surprising. Gird your loins."

Also on Tuesday, the Catholic League released a report citing examples of the Sisters' anti-Catholic insults going back to 1979.

The list includes an "exorcism" and a "Condom Savior Mass" in 1987; a mock Mass in 1994 that featured "holy commu-

nion wafers and tequila"; a "Midnight Confessional Contest" held in a San Diego gay bar that gave prizes to those with the "hottest confessions"; and the group's annual "Hunky Jesus" contest held every Easter Sunday.

"Our next step is to persuade Catholics in the Los Angeles area not to attend Pride Night on June 16," Catholic League President Bill Donohue said in a statement Tuesday. "By boycotting this event, we can send a message to the Dodgers, and to Major League Baseball, that anti-Catholic bigotry is unacceptable."

CNA requested comment from the Sisters' L.A. chapter through its website but did not receive a response before publication.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

'I believe so that I can understand'

A few years ago, a young Harvard genius by the name of Mark Zuckerberg created a short space of time, millions of people have made their pictures and much personal information available on the world wide web. Why this phenomenon? There is an obvious need for relationship in the human soul that is fulfilled by this. Most people shun isolation. They yearn to be connected.

Today is the Feast of the most Holy Trinity - one God in Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The words "Holy Spirit" and "Holy Ghost" are interchange-

able, since "spirit" is directly translated from the Latin "Sanctus Spiritus," while "ghost" is the Old English word for spirit. How do you explain the Holy Trinity? You don't really. It's beyond our human reason. Just use multiplication -3 times one still equals three. Right? But three Persons equals One God. Now, if you want

to carry it further, you'll get dizzy and may even suffer a headache. At this point, you really should give up!

Logic doesn't carry us very far in trying to explain the mystery of three Persons in one God. St. Anselm had it right a long time ago



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

June 4

Trinity Sunday

READINGS

Exodus 34; 4b-6, 8-9
Corinthians 13; 11-13
John 3; 16-18

when he wrote, "I don't understand so that I can believe; I believe so that I can understand." Just believe Jesus' teaching that there is a Holy Trinity. From there, let's look at our heart's experience of God's beauty, His wisdom, His mercy, and His limitless love. It's as though someone were to ask you, "Do you believe in sunsets.... or mountain tops.... or starry nights?" We'd tell them, "Just go out and watch a sunset...just to up and sit on a mountain top...just go out on a warm summer eve-

ning, lay on your back, and gaze up at a sky filled with stars!

God is powerful, and eternally in motion. Think of a celebration that never comes to an end. At a celebration, there are people. There's action, music, food and drink, and a good time. So....the life of the Holy Trinity is like an eternal party. God the Father loves the Son without interruption, and the Son returns that Love with every breath of His being - and that breath becomes the Holy Spirit of them both - full of the power of love and jubilant motion.

God the Father is like a beautiful sunset, soothing and quieting my soul.

God the Son is like a lover,,, forgiving and tender, feeding my hun-

ger, satisfying my desire.

And the Holy Spirit is like a hot scorching fire, a whirlwind of inspiration, stirring me to intense Praise and Dynamic Action.

Through faith, we believe that this Holy Trinity actually dwells inside the souls of the baptized when they are in a state of grace. Our only proper response to that awesome truth is Wow!

No wonder we speak of the dignity of the Christian.

Three-personed God, I gape at the wonder of your beauty, May I glow with the light of your Truth, May I burn with the excitement of Your Life! Someday I pray that I will see You face to face, and enjoy your life and love forever.

CALLED TO SERVE

Some thoughts on retreats

We often hear the word "retreat" used in a military context. The sound of the bugle to retreat usually means the soldiers are being overrun or in danger of being overrun by the enemy. The pull-back to safer ground usually allows those retreating to regroup in a safer position.

A synonym for retreat is withdraw.

The notion of a retreat, a withdrawal from the world around us, is not new to Catholics.

I can remember relatives, and later me, making a retreat to allow us to put worldly things on hold temporarily and focus on God and our relationship to him.

Father Joe Kanimea, MSC, talked about re-

treating in a homily recently. I was assisting at that Mass, and it got me thinking about retreats.

Deacons in our diocese are encouraged to "make a retreat" at least once a year.

We all have stress. Most deacons are juggling a host of responsibilities, spouse, family, home, work and Church, so they need a break every once in a while.

I am not looking for sympathy, just stating the fact.

St. Mark tells us Jesus sent his apostles off on mission and when they returned and were debriefed, Jesus encouraged them to "come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."

Beginning last year,

the St. Lawrence Society of Deacons, with the diocese's blessing, has sponsored a retreat for deacons of the North Country. Last year Father Mark Reilly from Massena was the retreat leader. This fall the retreat will be led by Father Chris Carrara from Morristown.

Some deacons travel out of the diocese to make their annual retreat.

It is not important where we go or when in a year. The important thing is that a deacon, everyone for that matter, "get out of Dodge" for a few days and be with God.

There are opportuni-

ties for one day or multiple-day retreats right in your parish. Ask or suggest a retreat to your pastor if not already available.

As Father Joe mentioned, we all need some time free from the daily responsibilities and routines of our daily existence. We need time to recharge, refresh, renew.

For most of us a vacation is a kind of retreat. Perhaps we travel, perhaps we just hunker down at home, but the routine is changed.

For clergy and religious, a retreat takes on a different dimension. A retreat for us is



Deacon Kevin Mastellon

a period of withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study, or sometimes, instruction under a director.

Whether the retreat is solo, with family or a group, a time away from the distractions of everyday living is wonderful for our physical and mental health. It is a perfect time to think about our role in life and the path God wants us to follow.

If you know someone who is taking a break, either going on vacation or on retreat, pray that the time away is beneficial for that person.

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



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Celebrating ordinations & jubilees

The Mission Office is excited to congratulate Father Lukas Gruber on his ordination to the Order of Priesthood, and Deacon Carter Pierce and Deacon Douglas Schirmer on their ordination to the Order of Deacon.

We are proud of you and your answer of "yes" to God's call to serve the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg with your vocations.

We would also like to congratulate our jubilarians for their many years of service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg and its faithful. We thank you for your commitment to serving God's people and your ongoing missionary spirit.

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Msgr. John R. Murphy

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Father Sony G. Pulickal
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Father Patrick A. Ratigan

OBITUARIES

Canton – Avis R. (Todd) Ragan, 94; Mass of Christian Burial May 27, 2023 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Champlain – Rodney Nephew, 72; Mass of Christian Burial May 20, 2023 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Louis de France Cemetery, Sciota.

Constable – Raymond Bouissey, 86; Mass of Christian Burial May 19, 2023 St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery.

Lowville – Margaret Elizabeth "Peggy" (Burke) Gunn, 80; Funeral Services June 3, 2023 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.

Malone – Robert Gaspar, 88; Graveside Services May 27, 2023 at Morningside Cemetery.

Malone – Earl J. Lavoie, 94; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2023 at Notre Dame Church; burial in New St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Malone – Joan (Clark) Lavoie, 93; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2023 at Notre Dame Church; burial in New St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – James J. Bylow, 64; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2023 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Alexandria, Ontario.

Massena – Wayne D. Donaldson, 79; Funeral Services May 24, 2023 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Massena – Elizabeth A. (Zappia) Wicke, 93; Services to be held at a

later date.

Morrisonville – Sally (Blaise) Hemingway, 76; Mass of Christian Burial May 26, 2023 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Peru – David Roy Hislop, 76; Private services at St. Augustine's Church.

Port Henry – Jean Marie (Kimball) Kelly, 76; Mass of Christian Burial May 31, 2023 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Moriah.

Potsdam – Dominick Violi; Services to be held at a later date.

Saranac Lake – Geneva R. Courtney, 94; Private Services to be held;

burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Naomi "Nonnie" (Baker) Bevilacqua, 86; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2023 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Francis Elmer Godin, 79; Mass of Christian Burial May 23, 2023 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Watertown – Mary J. (Tibbles) Eddy, 82; Funeral Services June 3, 2023 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Hillside Cemetery, Champlain.

Watertown – Michael Baldwin O'Driscoll, 78; Memorial Services May 31, 2023.

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AT THE PRESBYTERAL ASSEMBLY

THE 2023 JUBILEE MASS



Bishop Terry R. LaValley addresses the priests of the diocese in his homily at the Jubilee Mass held May 23 at High Peaks Resort. The Mass was celebrated as part of the annual Presbyteral Assembly, a gathering of priests of the diocese.



Father Joseph N. Sestito exchanges smiles with Father Raymond J. Moreau during Sign of Peace at the Jubilee Mass on May 23.



Father Scott R. Seymour, Father Albert J. Hauser, and Father Kevin D. McEwan join Bishop Terry R. LaValley in praying the words of Consecration during the Jubilee Mass.



Father Robert L. Decker, celebrating 40 years of priesthood, distributes Holy Communion to Father James Teti during the Jubilee Mass.



Father Patrick Ratigan, who celebrated 40 years since his ordination to the priesthood, gazes at the flowers on the trees through a window at High Peaks Resort as the Jubilee Mass concluded.