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PRIEST, DEACONS ORDAINED



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On May 27, one man was ordained a priest and two men ordained deacons by Bishop Terry R. LaValley. Pictured are, from left, Bishop Douglas J. Lucia, bishop of Syracuse, Deacon Douglas Schirmer, Bishop LaValley, Father Lukas Gruber and Deacon Carter Pierce. Read Bishop LaValley's homily on Page 3. Read the reflections of Deacon Schirmer's mother, Amy, on Page 4. See additional photos on pages 6 & 7.

READY FOR CAMP!



Katelyn Sherman will be assistant camp director when Camp Guggenheim opens for youth camp in early July. Get to know Sherman and counselors Gabriel Gratto and Grace Manning in this week's introduction to camp staff. Registration for camp is still open for youth ages 11 to 18. Visit rcdony.org/youth/camp for information.

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Pope encourages shrines to pray for Synod

Courtney Mares
Catholic News Agency

From the Philippines to Portugal, Marian shrines around the world will participate in a special day of prayer this Wednesday for the work of the Synod on Synodality.

In his Regina Caeli address, Pope Francis announced that the day of prayer for the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will take place on May 31, the last day of the month dedicated to Mary.

"Let us ask the Virgin Mary to accompany this important stage of the synod with her maternal protection," the pope said.

The shrines of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Poland, the Knock Shrine in Ireland, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels in Costa Rica, Our Lady of Fourvière in France, and many other Marian shrines have confirmed their participation.

In the Philippines, 26 Marian shrines and minor basilicas will simultaneously hold prayers for the synod.

Nicaragua has announced that all parishes will take part in a full day of prayer for the synod. All dioceses in India, Malaysia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina will participate in the day of prayer.

Pope Francis also spoke about the upcoming Synod of Bishops at Pentecost Mass in St. Peter's Basilica earlier in the day. He said: "Let us place the Holy Spirit at the beginning and at the heart of the work of the synod."

"We walk together, because the Spirit, as at Pentecost, loves to descend while 'everyone is together,'" he added. "The people of God, to be filled with the Spirit, must therefore walk together, hold a synod."

After the Mass for the solemnity of Pentecost, Pope Francis appeared in the window of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace to deliver the Regina Caeli address to the crowd gathered in a sunny

St. Peter's Square.

Pope Francis reflected on how the Holy Spirit has the power to free people from "the prisons of fear."

He said that only once the apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they dared to leave the upper room and go into the world to forgive sins and announce the good news of the Gospel.

"Thanks to [the Holy Spirit], fears are overcome and doors open. Because this is what the Spirit does: he makes us feel God's closeness and so his love drives away fear, illuminates the path, consoles, supports in adversity," the pope said.

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A typical moment

It was a typical Darcy moment. I recently completed an

upgrade on my entry-level 3D printer, a machine I've owned for only a couple months.

After the upgrade, the first print was nearly perfect. The second print, however, was a different story. The first layer, the foundation upon which the print is built, was wavy.

I spent over an hour making adjustments to various

components trying to get a smooth first layer. Nothing I tried made a difference.



**Darcy L.
Fargo**

I did some Google searching. I posted in a couple online groups. There were no suggestions beyond the changes I had already tried.

I spent another hour re-adjusting all the things I had tried previously. My prints were still wavy.

Then, as I lowered my head to get close to the print surface to examine the printer once again,

I saw it. A cable connected to a tiny switch - the limit switch that tells the printer when it's at the bottom of its available path - appeared to be loose.

I secured the cable, a two-second job. Printer fixed. After two hours of actual work and hours of googling and answering/asking questions online, something very simple and seemingly obvious fixed the problem.

That's what's typical for me: I tend to miss the simple solution.

I do it even in my spiritual life. My prayer life has been

a bit dry lately. I've talked about it with a few trusted friends/mentors. I've tried all sorts of different devotions, hoping each will help me connect with the Lord in some new way. It occurred to me as I was laughing at myself for my wasted printer efforts and thinking about it being "a Darcy moment" that I haven't tried the simple thing to reinvigorate my prayer life. I haven't tried simply spending more silent time with God.

Will that be the fix? I'm not sure.

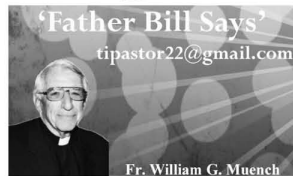
But it makes room for a typical God moment.

Reflecting on the sacraments

Last week, I attended the ordination ceremony at our St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. On that day, Bishop Terry LaValley ordained one new priest, Father Lucas Gruber, and two new deacons, Carter Pierce and Douglas Schirmer. It was a special day for our diocese. I must admit it was a special day for me. Standing in the sanctuary with all the priests during the ceremony, I thought back to my own ordination many years ago. It was a time of meditation on being a Catholic priest. We believe that this new priest and these deacons are called by the Lord and are now transformed through this sacrament.

These ordinations to the priesthood and diaconate are sacraments of our Catholic Church, the sacrament of Holy Orders. All our sacraments are so important to our life as Catholics. Today I would like to share with you something about our Catholic sacraments - Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage and Holy Orders.

Our sacraments help to make people holy and build-up the Body of Christ. They are a way to relate to



Fr. William G. Muench

God throughout life's transitions and help us to give praise and worship to God. They help us to nourish, strengthen and express our faith. Through our participation in our sacraments, we draw closer to our God. We allow God to become part of all that we are and do. Our Church's sacraments communicate to each one of us a powerful participation in God's love.

Just before Christ's ascension, he commissioned his disciples, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The most important sacrament you and I will ever receive is our Baptism. In our Baptism, we are made disciples of our Lord. Jesus called this being born again. The Holy Spirit made us a new person, dedicated and strengthened to live a good Christian life. Each Easter we celebrate our Baptism - and rededicate our bap-

tismal dedication to our following of the Lord Jesus. We celebrate this dedication and power given to us each time we receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

As Christians, our life is kept alive by our participation in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Each time we take part in the celebration of the holy Mass and receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior, we become a new person, ready and well prepared to live well as we follow Jesus. The person who comes to celebrate Mass is always transformed into a new and more alive follower of Jesus.

The sacrament of Penance brings the forgiveness of the Lord to us when we have sinned. When we turn to our God and confess our sinfulness, each time we approach the Lord in penance seeking reconciliation with the Lord, this sacrament brings the Lord's forgiveness, calling us to conversion. The sacrament of Penance reminds us that the Lord never gives up on us.

Our Church gives us a sacrament that brings the power of the Holy Spirit

to support us when we are sick and suffering, when we are nearing death. All those times when we need the power and support of the Lord, this sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick means that the Lord will walk with us in the times of suffering.

Our Church gives us a sacrament to support and help us as we enter our following our vocation in life. There is the sacrament of Marriage, God's blessing as a couple enters this state of Marriage. This decision to marry is life changing, and the Church prays that this couple receives the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they receive God's love and that God's love will increase for each other and live out their Marriage as their vocation, their way of life.

And so, we believe that in the sacrament of Holy Orders, priests, deacons, Bishops are transformed with the power of the Holy Spirit to become dedicated disciples of the Lord bringing the message of Jesus to our world, bringing God's love to the people of their parishes and bringing their gifts to make our Church all that it should be.

FOLLOW ME

'Don't become focused on externals'

Editor's Note: The Following is Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily from the ordination of Father Lukas Gruber, Deacon Carter Pierce and Deacon Douglas Schirmer.

In these challenging times in which we live, these three men: Deacon Lucas Gruber, Carter Pierce and Douglas Schirmer want to make a difference and desire to work with others who are willing to make a difference. They know that the greatest antidote to sin and evil in our world today is simply - holiness of life. Although all the baptized are called to holiness of life, there is a special need for and importance of holy deacons and holy priests today. I'm confident that these three men will live a genuine holiness and a love of Jesus which will encourage more people to desire to know God and to seek salvation in and through His Church.

Deacon Lucas, Carter, Douglas - we are so very grateful and proud that you have embraced the Lord's call to serve God's people in the North Country in ordained ministry. You have more than responded to the call, I believe you have truly embraced it. You know that now is not the time for the timid. With much courage and persevering love, you have not just survived, but have excelled in seminary. As the Lord told Jeremiah, hear Him speak to each of you: "Have no fear... because I am with you to deliver you." I am convinced that an exciting and adventurous journey awaits each of you. Know that Jesus is truly your constant companion.

Zeal for souls must energize your vocation. Yes,



Bishop Terry R. LaValley receives the first blessing from Father Lukas Gruber at the ordination Mass on May 27 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

the psalmist proclaims: "Go out to the world and teach all nations, Alleluia!" Jesus went around to all the towns and villages to teach and proclaim the Kingdom.

In your assignments, be it in a parish or seminary setting one last year, be a ray of hope and encouragement of faith for others. Deacon Lukas, know where your parishioners live. Know their family members. Celebrate their joys, accompany them in their trials, and comfort them in their sorrows. Be eager to understand their unique struggles. Yes, dear brothers, listen and accompany our sisters and brothers. Above all, keep their salvation uppermost in your mind and heart.

Archbishop Hughes offers some perceptive advice to the ordained. He cautions us not to hold the false conviction that

the Church owes a cleric special treatment because of his state in life. Men, there is no entitlement here. Don't become focused on externals, in the trappings of office rather than your interior life. We need holy leaders to lead and accompany the faithful in our time of moral crisis.

Pope Benedict XVI once wrote, "In our days, when in vast areas of the world the faith is in danger of dying out like a flame which no longer has fuel, the overriding priority is to make God present in this world and to show men and women the way to God."

Don't let routine-itis set in. Every sacrament you celebrate is a real encounter with the risen Christ. Believe it. To a large extent today, we have lost that sacramental sense. Human nature might cause us to be

less than attentive to the prayers and rituals we lead. We must not just go through the motions as mere functionaries.

Prayer demands effort. Cling to Christ and never forget whose you are. Your way of life should be about nurturing your relationship with Jesus and expressing that relationship in ministry.

By sharing in prayer and good conversation, we protect ourselves against resignation or mindless routine. Routine-itis is an affliction that can have fatal consequences for the celebration of the sacraments. Do not let it pervade your ministry to God's holy people. They deserve better. You know, what can wear us down even more than routine is the cynicism that arises from tedium and disappointment, which can easily turn into a contempt for the faithful and weariness of the Church. The temptation to give up on oneself spiritually and intellectually rises up from the abyss of doubting God's faithfulness. It devours the holy zeal with which we began the good work, as St. Paul wrote the Philippians (cf. Phil. 1:6)

St. Ignatius of Antioch urged courage in the face of the tumultuous times, fidelity in teaching, and perseverance in both pastoral care of the faithful and the cleric's own life of prayer and virtue - courage, fidelity, perseverance. Men, receive the Gospel in trust. Listen attentively to the Word of God, ponder its meaning, live it in practice, and preach it joyfully to the faithful.

In doing so, you will inevitably find resistance in the world. The easier approach will always be to adjust the Gospel

message to make it more acceptable to a fallen world.

If you do this, you will begin to water down the challenging dimensions of that message in your own life and lead those entrusted to your care to do the same.

My brothers, for the sake of loving the world in the way the Lord loves the world, become a witness to life-giving truth. And help others to do the same. When you realize that you are participating in Christ's own life, even continuing Christ's own life and that you are a transparent image of Christ, you will understand the great dignity that is yours and you will be less tempted to become discouraged when ministry becomes difficult. May the Blessed Mother be a source of hope and reassurance for you in your ministry.

Deacons and priests are ordained as cooperators with their bishop. They share in his ministry of Word, sacrament, and pastoral charity. They are not independent leaders or lone rangers but participants in the sacramental life and mission of the bishop.

My sisters and brothers, when all is said and done, today this local Church is blessed and we know it! We all pray for each of these men as they enter into this most special relationship with Jesus and with all God's children. May they accept graciously the responsibility laid upon their shoulders and on their souls and generously give of themselves for the salvation of others. Through their ordained ministry May God be praised...forever may God be praised!



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Amy Schirmer receives Communion from her son, Deacon Douglas Schirmer.

‘Truly blessed’

Guest commentary by Amy Schirmer

I wonder if I will ever “catch up” on the experiences I want to “process” from this last weekend. My son is now a deacon, and we have worshipped our Lord in the beauty of holiness and celebrated the occasion in the beauty of fellowship for three solid days. My house is now quiet and picked up, but there is the “rolling thunder” – memories, mental images – that keep rising up: Great solemnity, hauntingly beautiful liturgy, beatific smiles, heart joy, great gladness, tears, humble service, camaraderie.

What struck me several times was the magnanimity of all three of these young men, who are sharing the goodness God has granted in their lives with God’s people and doing so with joyful selflessness.

I don’t know if you were able to watch the ordination on livestream, but it was a piece of heaven! I pictured my mom and dad being able to see and know, pray and rejoice with us from their own place with God. I realized that, had they still been alive, I would not have been able to be completely present to the proceedings, simply because of the care they required. And they, certainly, could not have been there. Both of them bed-ridden, and mom’s mind diminished in her understanding of things would have precluded that possibility. In the great plan of God, I was able to be absolutely present at my son’s ordination, as were they! How marvelous are His works!

Sunday was Deacon Douglas’ first preaching at the 8 a.m. Mass. Deacon Carter’s was at the 10:30 in Heuvelton, and Father Lukas’ first Mass was at 2 p.m. in Potsdam. The Masses were just far enough apart that I was able to make all three. So, three Masses and three homilies, and all were so wonderful that I was simply filled with hope and thanksgiving! The homilies from the deacons were a challenge to unity and zeal. The homily given by Father Joe Giroux at Father Lukas Gruber’s first Mass was a call to the powerful fatherhood that the priesthood should entail. It was a heart-stopping moment when our new priest was flanked by our new deacons, the three of them alone in front of the altar. It’s a new generation filled with love for God and for His people! We are truly blessed!

MEET THE 2023 CAMP GUGGENHEIM STAFF



Gabriel Gratto Counselor

Hometown: Schroon Lake
Parish: St. Alexander’s, Morrisonville

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?

I love to hike, sing, bike, sit around campfires, and spend my summers at Guggenheim!

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?

Last year was my first year on staff after being a camper for seven years, and I can’t wait to see all of the campers again! It will be exciting to see returning and new campers as we continue to grow in faith together! Personally, I have had an exciting year since camp ended last summer. I have been teaching Prek - 12th grade chorus and music at Indian Lake Central School in the Southern Adirondacks! Can’t wait to see you soon campers! Get your singing voices ready for some epic Song Practices!



Grace Manning Counselor

Hometown: Gouverneur
Parish: St. James Catholic Church, Gouverneur

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?

I enjoy reading, hammocking, praise and worship, and spending time with friends and family. I am also interested in pursuing a career as a Catholic mental health counselor for children.

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?

I went to Camp Guggenheim as a camper and I always loved being there. I want to work at Camp Guggenheim because I want to give campers a memorable experience like I received as a camper.



Katelyn Sherman Assistant Director

Age: 20
Hometown: Originally from Upstate NY, currently in Ave Maria, Florida

Parish: Ave Maria Parish, Ave Maria, Florida

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?

I am currently the Head Women’s Lacrosse coach at Ave Maria University. I love playing and watching sports. I also love to ride my OneWheel with my two dogs.

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?

? I am so excited to serve the campers this summer along with an awesome staff. I can’t wait to spread Christ’s love to all the campers. God is good... all the time!

Registration for Camp Guggenheim is still open!
Visit rcdony.org/youth/camp

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

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Entertainment:
 10th Mountain Division Band, DJ's,
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 Every day wrist bands will be available for just \$20 for 4 hours of unlimited rides! Thurs 6-10, Fri 6-10, Sat 1-5 & 6-10

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Bishop's Public Schedule

June 7 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
June 8 – 10:30 a.m. – Pontifical Mission Society Board Meeting at Bishop's Residence
June 9 – 8:15 a.m. – Closing School Year Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Canton
 7 p.m. – Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church in Rouses Point with St. Mary's Church in Champlain
June 10 – 11 a.m. – Confirmation at Holy Cross Parish (at St. John the Baptist Church) in Plattsburgh
 4 p.m. – Mass at St. James Church in Carthage followed by a Retirement Reception for Mary Ann Margrey
June 11 – 10 a.m. – Confirmation and Installation Mass of Reverend Thomas E. Kornmeyer as Pastor at St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge with St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake in Inlet
June 12 – 5 p.m. – Mass in Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Council 350 at St. Mary's Church in Clayton followed by dinner at the C Way Restarurant
June 13-16 – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Plenary Assembly in Orlando, Florida

Rest in Peace

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

June 8 – Rev. Anthime Constantineau, 1942; Rev. James J. McGowan, 1961; Deacon Ronald Coryea, 1995
June 9 – Rev. James Bolton, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. John W. Ryan, 1982
June 10 – Rev. Augustus Gaudet, O.M.I., 1895; Rev. Alfred J. Boulerville, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M. Conv., 1979
June 11 – Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993
June 12 – Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001; Rev. Francis J. Coryer, 2012

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 9 – 6:30 p.m. – St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-651-2267 days; 518-569-0612 evenings; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

Environmental Stewardship

What's your best guess?

We are aware of the unprecedented rate of warming on our planet. While natural processes are part of this change, that happens gradually over thousands of years. The changes we are experiencing are rapid. Scientists have been researching reasons for this accelerated rate of warming, the cause of many natural disasters we see daily.

The term "global warning" is not new. The concept dates back to 1859, when Eunice Foot and John Tyndall independently described how gas trapped heat in the atmosphere and how changes in the concentration of gas would alter the climate. The term "global warming" refers to the increasing surface temperature of the earth and was first used by geochemist Wallace Brochure in 1975.

So what is your best guess as to what human activity is most responsible for the warming of the planet? The response we hear most often is mass transit. According to the book, *Drawdown*, complied with the research of 100 leading scientists worldwide, the number one cause is refrigeration. Due to the chemicals used in the refrigeration process, their capacity for warming the atmosphere is much greater than carbon dioxide, depending on the exact chemical composition. While work is being done to reduce this impact, the use of air conditioners around the country and the world has increased tremendously. The irony of global warming is that the means of keeping cool makes warming worse. As the heat rises, so does the reliance on air conditioners and the use of refrigeration.

While scientists are working on ways to reduce the negative effects on the environmental, here are a few suggestions for reducing our use of refrigeration: (1) Check the temperature of your refrigerator/freezer and reduce the temperature to a minimum degree that will maintain food quality; (2) Turn down your air conditioner a few degrees; (3) Invest in a fan.

NEW DEACONS, PRIEST ORDAINED

On May 27, Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained Father Lukas Gruber, Deacon Carter Pierce and Deacon Douglas Schirmer at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Photos by Jesse Sovie & Darcy Fargo





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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. The Document is 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

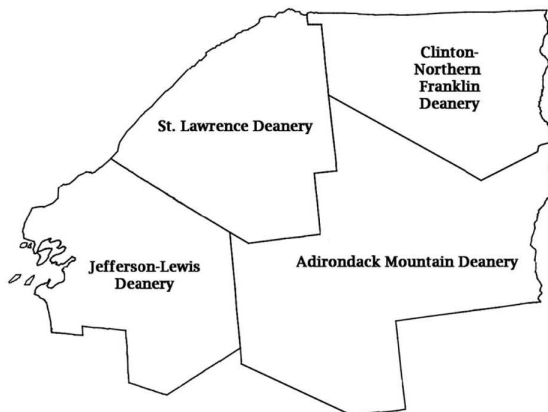
Features: The first book is *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement* by Father Timothy Gallagher, OMV. It is a call to solace in times of suffering and will empower you to stand tall in times of affliction. Oblate priest Fr. Bill Brown will join us for the first meeting, share about the liberating spirituality behind this book, lead a discussion, and answer participants' questions. You will learn how to enter into the sublime peace and joy that our Lord promises.

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

CLINTON NORTHERN FRANKLIN

HGA Auction and Flea Market

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



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Ogdensburg, NY 13669

e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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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

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

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.

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

MT. CARMEL FEAST

Watertown – Join us for the 105th Mt. Carmel Festival.

Date: June 23, 24 and 25

Place: St. Anthony's Church
Schedule: Music Saturday 6 p.m. to 9. 'Customer Service'; Sunday 6 p.m. to 9 'Ferguson and Rogers'. Grounds open 5 p.m. to 10 Friday; 1 p.m. to 10 Saturday and Sunday. Sunday- 5 p.m. Procession and 9:30 p.m. giant fireworks!!

Features: Your favorite Italian food- homemade -. fried dough, Sausage torpedos, pizza and delicious Italian cookies and pastries. Rides and games for the kids.

ST. LAWRENCE

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.

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.

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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

HOMESCHOOLING MASS & PICNIC

Ogdensburg - Bishop LaValley cordially invites all home schooled children and their parents to noon Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg followed by a visit and picnic at his residence.

Date: June 28

Time: Noon

Place: Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, picnic at 624 Washington Street

Contact: Please RSVP to Renee Grizzuto, Bishop's Secretary at (315) 605-1093 or rgrizzuto@rcdony.org

rcdony.org by June 19.

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: Arts and crafts, Project Adventure, Liturgy, rappelling, hiking, basketball, or soccer. Guggenheim has its very own beach where you can swim, use watercrafts and play watersports. Evenings at camp are packed with fun activities like bonfire time, a dance, outdoor movies, and camp-wide games.

Contact: To sign up for camp please visit: www.rcdony.org/youth/camp or call, Jeannie Grizzuto 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, SSJ; 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.

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Pope supports research to improve marriages, families

(CNA) – Pope Francis has backed a project aimed at enhancing interdisciplinary research at Catholic universities in the sphere of family, marriage, and childbearing.

“We cannot be indifferent to the future of the family as a community of life and love, a unique and indissoluble covenant between a man and a woman, a place where generations meet, a source of hope for society,” the pope said in a message of support released Tuesday.

The project, called the Family Global Compact, was presented May 30 by members of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (PASS) and the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life.

In a written message read at the presentation, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, prefect of the family dicastery, said: “The Family Global Compact entrusts Catholic universities with the task of developing more in-depth theological, philosophical, legal, sociological, and economic analyses of marriage and the family to sustain it and place it at the heart of systems of thought and contemporary action.”

The compact includes a 50-page document outlining specific challenges faced by families today, followed by suggested solutions and actions to take. Each challenge also includes guidelines for university research on that topic.

The document notes the challeng-

es caused by low birth rates in many areas of the world and how the widespread practice and legalization of contraception, abortion, and sterilization “have transformed the meaning of procreation: from a natural inclination and gift of God to a project and result of a procreative will that tends to dominate life.”

The Vatican document encourages working to create “favorable conditions for getting married and having children at a young age” and to improve access to Church-approved forms of medical care, such as Naprotechnology, for those struggling with infertility.

The document also discusses the promotion of marriage among young adults, childbearing and adoption, intergenerational dependence, domestic violence, education to faith and the common good, employment, and poverty, among other subjects.

“This project,” the document says, “also challenges all the social actors to whom the Family Global Compact will be able to offer arguments and reflections based on rigorous empirical evidence, investigated and interpreted within an explicit anthropological perspective, relational and personalistic in nature, firmly inscribed in the social doctrine of the Church.”

The Vatican representatives emphasized May 30 that the project is based on the concrete realities of families today.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pro-life activists beaten outside of Planned Parenthood

(CNA) – Baltimore police are searching for a man who is accused of attacking and beating two elderly pro-life activists who were praying outside of a Baltimore Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on May 26. According to witnesses cited in the police report, the unidentified suspect attacked a 73-year-old man and an 80-year-old man after engaging in a “debate” with one of the pro-life activists about abortion. The report, citing video surveillance of the alleged assault, states that the suspect was talking to the 80-year-old man, turned away from him and then turned back and tackled him over a large flower pot. The report states that a second elderly pro-life activist ran over to help the victim. At that point the suspect shoved the second man onto the ground and struck his face with a closed fist while the man’s back was to the ground. The report adds that the suspect stood up and kicked the second man in the face “with extreme force” and then walked away from the scene.

Nicaraguan dictatorship takes over Catholic school

The Nicaraguan dictatorship took over a Catholic school in the early hours of May 29 and will probably soon deport three foreign nuns belonging to the congregation that administers it. According to local media outlet Mosaico, the regime’s police took over the facilities of the St. Louise de Marillac Technical Institute, the only secondary school in the town of San Sebastián de Yalí in the Jinotega administrative district. The school, where about 100 students are enrolled, is administered by the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Louise de Marillac in the Holy Spirit, founded in 1992. “It’s a small school, but with a long history and a lot of prestige,” a resident of San Sebastián de Yalí told Mosaico. According to the Nicaraguan media, the police officers justified the takeover of the school by stating that they must review the school’s documentation. “There are approximately six nuns, including an elderly one who is blind. They have been very good, also very supportive of the poor in the neighborhood,” the resident related. Three of the nuns, who are foreigners, could be deported in the next few days.

Suspected mastermind of 1994 massacre at parish arrested

Fulgence Kayishema, a former Rwandan police officer who is suspected of having ordered the killing of at least 2,000 Tutsis who were seeking refuge at St. Paul’s Nyange Catholic Parish in the current Nyundo Diocese during the 1994 genocide, has been arrested in South Africa. Reuters reported May 25 that Kayishema, one of the top suspects in the genocide, which claimed some 800,000 lives, was arrested May 24 on a grape farm in South Africa while using a false name, Donatien Nibashumba. The suspect has been on the run since 2001 when the now-defunct International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) accused him of genocide for his role in the destruction of the Nyange Catholic church.

Around the diocese

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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 Ad-

irondacks. 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.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Jesus present in the Eucharist

During Jesus' time on earth, the doctrine of the real presence of the Body and Blood of the Lord shocked his followers more than any other truth. Many people turned away from what seemed like cannibalism to them. The Old Testament forbade the eating or drinking of human flesh or blood. It was only when the grace of the Holy Spirit penetrated their hearts and minds

at Pentecost that they fully understood what a divine gift He had given them. The Catholic Church has defended this doctrine ever since.



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

In the first reading for this great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Moses reminds the people in the desert to "remember that God the Father, from the first moments of Creation, had always taken care to feed the people he created. They failed

June 11

Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ

READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

to appreciate the delicious fruit in the Garden of Eden, so they lost it! But later he gave them that mysterious "manna" in the desert. Jesus used this story when he re-vealed to them a much better food than manna. "After all," he told them, "your fathers

ate manna in the desert, and they're all dead!" They still didn't believe Him, so they turned away...all except Peter and the apostles! How lucky for the Church and for us that they stayed! Even though the Last Supper would still be shrouded in mystery, they now knew what His Body and Blood would taste like as food. Full understanding and acceptance came only with Pentecost.

In the second reading, St. Paul insists we are all one body when we celebrate the Eucha-

rist - French or Latino, American or African or Chinese - we are all one body for rejoicing, for loving, and for giving away. I think the biggest questions this week for us, besides firmly believing in the Real Presence, is the question of how much of the Eucharist do we share with our brothers and sisters.

In the passage from John's Gospel today, we find the most difficult teaching of Jesus about the Eucharist, one that was difficult for his listeners then and still is for many Christians. "I am the living bread..." Jesus told them. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them." The late Pope Benedict XVI has commented on this passage. He says, "Without the God-with-us, the God who is close, how can we stand up to the pilgrimage through life, either on our own or as a society and the family of peoples? The Eucharist is the Sacrament of the God who does not leave us alone on the journey with the strength God gives us through Jesus Christ..."

After Jesus enters us so intimately, we must listen to his inspirations, then "go" and "give". We give when we discipline ourselves to answer the pastor's call for help in a parish activity, or when we are patient with our children (even if we have to force a smile and a kind word of correction), or we decide to make time each day for deep prayer with the Lord.

What a tremendous gift God has given us - His very self. He should be our joy, our courage, and our life!

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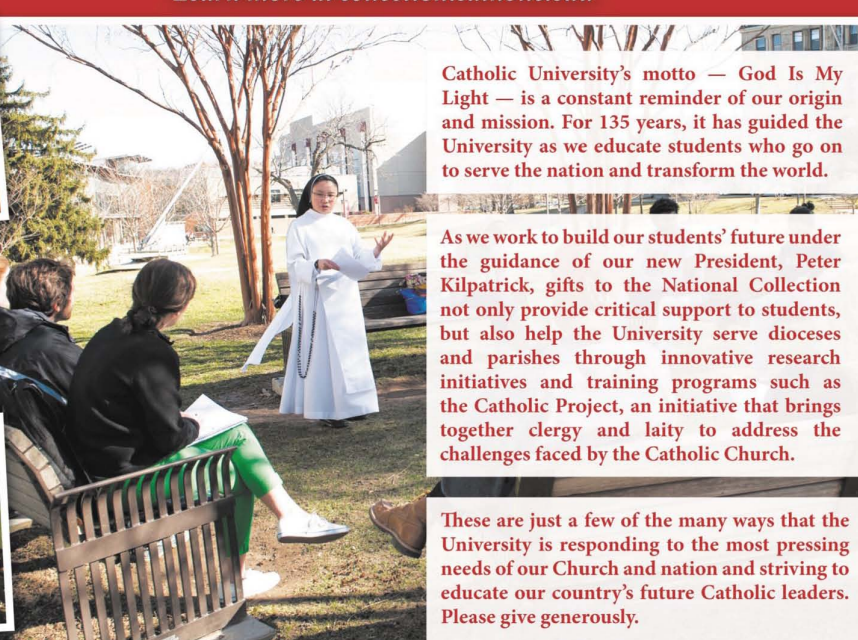


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Helping female entrepreneurs

To restore dignity to women in society, especially in rural areas; to promote their entrepreneurial capacities and develop their skills: it is with this objective that the organization "Seva Kendra," social arm of the Archdiocese of Calcutta, organized a time of formation and apprenticeship, accompanying women from the villages of West Bengal as they create businesses, thus becoming entrepreneurs and contributing to the subsistence of their families.

"We had an opportunity to improve our lives," say the participants, who took courses in sewing, embroidery and weaving. Women started small craft businesses, allowing them to improve their socio-economic status, thus enabling their families to send their children to school and continue their education.

The "Seva Kendra" (meaning "Social Centre") procured and organized a training course for them with a professional sewing teacher, enabling the women to acquire skills that they wanted to share with other women in their respective villages.

Alongside the development work in favor of women, there is also a specific program for the protection of the rights of the child, carried out in cooperation with Caritas, which aims to improve access to education and protection against the exploitation of child labor and the trafficking of children. The center's work has been hailed by the archbishop of Calcutta, Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, as "work for the common good of our country."

Father Anthony Rodericks, priest and director of Seva Kendra, shared his experience, expressing his enthusiasm for the achievements of the Center in "creating an enabling environment for the advancement of women and the protection of children in our society," and suggesting institutional collaboration with civil institutions should be expanded.

Seva Kendra is a charity and social advancement organization of the Archdiocese of Calcutta. Founded in 1973, the organization has branched out into the fields of education and social development. Seva Kendra operates in eight districts in the state of West Bengal, through an extensive network of volunteers and partnership with organizations, associations and institutions.

- Article from FIDES missionary news service of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

OBITUARIES

Altona – Rudy Rufus Lambert, 87; Mass of Christian Burial June 5, 2023 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Town of Ellenburg Mausoleum.

Carthage – Dorothy A. (Legary) Nabywaniec, 98; Funeral Services June 5, 2023 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Clayton – Henry R. LaClair, 91; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2023 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Colton – Mary T. Austin, 66; Graveside Services June 1, 2023 at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Ellenburg – Carl Tourville, 75; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2023 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lake Placid – Elizabeth Jean "Betty Jean" (Durant) Bickford, 92; Graveside Services June 15, 2023 at North Elba Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Charles B. Taylor, 88; Funeral Services June 8, 2023 at Elderwood of Uihlein; burial in Winthrop Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

Louisville – Leonard W. Kerr, 92; Mass of Christian Burial May 30, 2023 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery,

Ogdensburg.

Lowville – Grace Evelyn (Moshier) Normander, 87; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2023 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Russell T. Poole, 78; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2023 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Union Cemetery.

Norfolk – Michael S. Moulton, 52; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2023 at Church of the Visitation.

Norwood – George H. Lamb, Jr., 73; Funeral Services June 5, 2023 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam.

Ogdensburg – Joyce Marie (Brenno) Kelso, 85; Mass of Christian Burial May 31, 2023 at Notre Dame Church.

Ogdensburg – Eleanor J. (Morrow) LaRose, 95; Graveside Services June 1, 2023 at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru – Timothy Wayne Howard, 60; Funeral Services June 2, 2023 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Treadwells Mills Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Plattsburgh – Dennis E. McCarthy, 79; Mass of Christian Burial June 6, 2023 at the Newman Center; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Leyden – John L. Smith, 91; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2023 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

South Colton – Mary F. (McNeils) McKinley, 84; Mass of Christian Burial June 3, 2023 at St. Paul's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

St. Regis Falls – Carl L. Bilow, 89; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2023 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Brushton.

Tupper Lake – Sherman P. Beaudette, 74; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2023 at St. Alphonse Church.

Watertown – Rose C. (Augliano) Cook, 92; Mass of Christian Burial June 5, 2023 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

Watertown – Helen M. (Petran-chuk) West, 94; Mass of Christian Burial July 15, 2023 at Holy Family Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Evans Mills.



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CALLED TO SERVE 'That's the way it is'

My recollection of the dress code for boys in my grammar school in Queens was black slacks, white shirt, a tie, and laced shoes (no sneakers). Each girl

wore a skirt and blouse.

We complained that we had to wear the same thing every school day, but the complaints faded when Sister said, "that's the way it is."

Catholic High School was not much different. I think the principal gave us a break around junior year and said we could wear kaki pants instead of black. khaki

was the "in" thing. Very collegiate with a blue button-down shirt and a tie.

We complained that we had to wear the same thing every school day, but the complaints faded when Brother said, "that's the way it is."

Our outfits throughout my parochial school years were uniforms. At least we perceived them as uniforms. I dare say most people who saw us dressed so well for school probably identified us as Catholic school kids. That's true today, too.

Sometimes we would embellish the uniform with a badge.

Like when I became a crossing guard. You had to be a 7th grader to qualify for the job. The white leather sash we wore while "on duty" had a badge affixed.

There was no badge for those chosen to be the eraser clapper at the end of the school day. Unless you count the chalk dust all over our nicely ironed black slacks.

But I digress.

In Boy Scouts we wore a uniform while scouting and a sash with badges. Those badges were earned when you completed a proscribed task. We wore the sash for formal scouting events.

A cassock and surplice

were the uniform of the altar server. We would wear a collar, ribbon tie and gloves in addition to the cassock and surplice for high Masses.

Every funeral we celebrated was a high Mass. One of our assistant pastors, we call them parochial vicars now, would call to tell me I had been selected to serve at the funeral the next morning.

Each altar server owned his own cassock, surplice, collar, white gloves, and black ribbon tie.

Those were proud moments when I would strut into school carrying my altar server uniform and inform Sister I had to leave at 9 a.m. for the funeral next door at church. Sister was never happy about the news. The assignment would generally keep me out of the classroom until almost lunchtime. I loved it.

All this leads up to my adult vocation as deacon. Is there a uniform for a permanent deacon in the United States? That's the next column friends so, as they used to say on the radio, "don't touch that dial."

Deacon Kevin Mastellon minister in Watertown. He is the director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



**Deacon
Kevin Mastellon**

We are not made to live like atoms, but together.

—Pope Francis, World Communications Day, 2022

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