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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## Season of Lent has begun

This Week's *North Country Catholic* features messages released by Pope Francis and Bishop LaValley on the Season of Lent.

Christians are called to confront the material, spiritual and moral destitution of "our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own

and to take practical steps to alleviate it," the pope said in his first message for Lent, which begins March 5 for Latin-rite Catholics.

Saving the world will not come about "with the right kind of human resources" and token alms, but only "through the poverty of

Christ," who emptied himself of the worldly and made the world rich with God's love and mercy, he said.

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## CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

To be held March 8-15



National Catholic Sisters Week will be observed during the second week of March as part of National Women's History Month. It is intended to shine a national spotlight on the good works and good will of Catholic sisters. It recognizes past and present sisters, from the movers and shakers pressing the front lines of social change to the faithful praying in cloistered chapels. Catholics are asked to pray for Catholic sisters during this week and write to a religious who influenced their lives. Read the lives of eight of our religious women from the Diocese of Ogdensburg including St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votaw, shown above, in the March 12 issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

## Campus ministry in Plattsburgh

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## 'REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST'



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

In this 2013 *North Country Catholic* file photo, Bishop LaValley places ashes on the forehead of Betsy Porter of Morristown during an Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the penitential season of Lent, a time of reflection, prayer, fasting and charity before Easter. This year Ash Wednesday is March 5.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## Lent: welcome to this time of 'need'

You know we've had a rough winter when it's easy to accept the arrival of Lent with JOY!

Lent may bring days of prayer and penance but it's also a signal that spring is on its way and for that we can all be most grateful.

But, of course, even for us, Lent is about more than the weather.

In the inspiring messages from our pope and our bishop, we are reminded that Lent is a time of "need," as we recognize how much we *need* God and how important it is take care of other people in *need*.

From Pope Francis: people experiencing the spiritual desolation of believing they don't

need God and can make it on their own "are headed for a fall" since "God alone can truly save and free us."

And, from Bishop LaValley: we are called to "recommit ourselves this Lent to seek holiness and grow in our love of Jesus expressed in our respect and concern for our neighbor."

So how are we to meet these holy goals?

The answer is different for each of us but,

here at the *North Country Catholic*, we're never afraid to offer suggestions!

Once again, we are publishing information about the most traditional of Lenten traditions – Operation Rice Bowl.

This program, sponsored by

Catholic Relief Services "invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the three Lenten pillars of praying, fasting and almsgiving.

I think the Holy Father would approve!

Participating in the Catholics at the Capital Day - "giving up one day to raise your voice for public policies that respect the sanctity of human life, support families and work for the common good" - is another powerful expression of our love for God and concern for others.

I know Bishop LaValley would approve

And, finally, it's not too early to think about sending a kid to camp.

For more than 40 years, Camp Guggenheim has given

our young people the chance to learn about their need for God and their responsibilities to each other.

This week, the youth ministry office announced that the 2014 camp director will be Kelly Donnelly, a Tupper Lake native who has been teaching at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh for the past four years.

Kelly's name is a familiar one to *NCC* readers since she's been a regular contributor to the paper, sharing reflections on her experiences with the Mission of Hope, World Youth Days and life as a faith-filled young adult in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Camp Guggenheim – and the entire diocese – is blessed to have Kelly in charge. Every 12-18 year-old old in the diocese should sign up!



Mary Lou  
Kilian

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

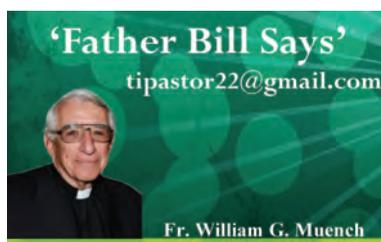
## The Season of Lent – it's all about Easter

Lent means nothing without first renewing our faith in Easter.

The Lenten journey begins each year on Ash Wednesday when accept some ashes as a sign of our readiness and dedication to immerse ourselves in the prayer and fasting. These Lenten practices make sense only when we remember Easter – the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus rises from the dead to new life. Lent leads us to our own resurrection, our own share in the new life of the Lord.

Lent is about Baptism – our Baptism – that has united us in a unique way with our God. In Baptism, we become members of Christ's Body, the Mystical Body of Christ. In Baptism, we have been baptized into the death of Jesus so that we can rise again with the Lord, united with Christ in his resurrection to new life. This is a fantastic reality. We are one with our Savior.

Baptism makes each of us one with God. I am united in a special way with Jesus Christ, not just as a follower, not just as a disciple. Baptism changes



my life; baptism leads me to new life with the Lord.

As the baptized, our life on this earth is all about discovering our new life – our life in the Lord. Lent – as with Baptism – is all about experiencing a death, a spiritual death, in our effort to find new life in Resurrection. Lent leads to Easter. Our baptism leads to Easter. There we shall all celebrate Christ's Resurrection and our Resurrection.

For the baptized, each Lent is important so we must do something for Lent, something good, something important. These weeks of Lent make our life better, even change who we are, even change our lives bringing us ever closer to the Lord. Lent is an ongoing process on our journey to the Lord. So, we give up something

for Lent and that is good. Each day that something we have given up reminds us that it is Lent, reminds us that this is our way to draw closer and closer to Our God. So, choose well. Do something that will bring you closer to the Lord.

Each of us must make our own choices – more prayer, Scripture reading, daily Mass – whatever it takes to transform our hearts and minds and draw us closer to the Lord. Do it!

Do you remember when we were children – it was usually chocolate that we gave up and, as I remember, it was painful. As I rule I didn't think about candy so much until I decided to give it up for Lent. I always wanted to cheat – and I did. I could always find a way – an excuse. However, that was a long time ago. Now I must approach Lent as a gift from the Lord. Lent brings weeks – several weeks - to consecrate to the Lord. This is a special time to make my life closer to my God, a special time to live the life of a baptized person.

Is there more? Of course! I have one more suggestion: offer your Lenten program up

for someone, someone in need, someone you love, someone in your family or a friend who is in need, maybe someone whose life has been confused, maybe a married couple going through a very difficult time who are possibly going to break up.

How about offering your prayers and Lenten good works up for our Bishop or your pastor or possibly, our Holy Father, Pope Francis?

Pope Francis has meant so much to the new life of our Catholic Church. We should and must pray that he continues to reformat our Church. I am certain he could use our prayers and support.

Pope Francis has already worked several reforms for the Church. His major reform has been a spiritual one – a conversion of hearts and minds – a change of attitudes. He, himself, has been our model – an example of humble prayerful lifestyle with a constant concern for the poor.

What a wonderful way to dedicate our Lent – that Pope Francis will continue to revitalize our Catholic Church.

## FOLLOW ME

# 'May the flame of faith be stirred'

Bishop LaValley's message for Lent

In the first Lenten message of his pontificate, Pope Francis asks us to reflect on a theme that motivates his deep spirituality, lived witness and prophetic teaching: the way of poverty.

He is inspired by the words of St. Paul: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

Jesus' self-emptying shows us how to love authentically. For our sake, he became poor. Indeed, such poverty is a telling characteristic of love. Our own self-sacrifice, self-emptying, is necessary if we are to follow Jesus.

This Lent we can resolve to make great strides in going the way of poverty, through our participation in the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as well as through our parishes' special Lenten activities.

Humble prayer and purposeful fasting lead us to charitable works and concern for the well-being of another.

The Holy Father tells us that "true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of Jesus' love." When we love as Jesus did, when we treat our neighbor as the Good Samaritan treated the man left half dead on the roadside, Christ's poverty takes on our flesh and we experience a happiness that no fleeting pleasure can rival.

Each of us has desert demons that hinder our

journey with Christ. We know them well: addictions, pride, jealousy, anger, selfishness, etc. We struggle to empty our lives of such sinfulness so as to make room for Christ and service of our neighbor.

Lent 2014 is a good time to reflect on my attitude towards others. For instance, am I pretty indifferent when it comes to concern for others? Is my philosophy of life: 'I take care of my own and that's enough'?

We recommit ourselves this Lent to seek holiness and grow in our love of Jesus expressed in our respect and concern for our neighbor.

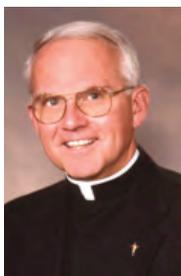
A faith that is lived only internally, with no signs of it reflected in the witness of our lives, is a hollow, shallow faith.

I pray that the flame of faith be stirred in each of us these next forty days so that we might make room for the life that Easter promises.

Through the graces and spiritual strength we receive from our participation at Eucharist and other Lenten devotional practices, God clears our vision and opens our hearts to see and respond to the needs of those around us.

As a pilgrim people, seeking to follow Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, we embrace this Lenten summons to strengthen our bond of self-emptying love and concern for our sisters and brothers.

Let us pray for each other this Lent and always!



Bishop  
Terry R.  
LaValley

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



Frances M. Hackett of Ogdensburg was honored with a papal blessing from Pope Francis on her 100th birthday Feb. 22. A resident of St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg, she was the guest of honor at a birthday party which opened with a Mass celebrated by Fathers Scott Belina and James Shurtleff. Mrs. Hackett was born in February 1914 in Louisville and grew up on a farm in Madrid where she was one of nine children born to Albert and Nellie Finnegan. She married Jack Hackett who died in 1972; they had two daughters, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. An active parishioner of St. Mary's Cathedral, she served as a CCD teacher, parish council member, member of the altar and rosary society, Eucharistic Minister, a volunteer at St. Joseph's and is the longest living member of the Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary.

## Guggenheim director named

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, has announced that Kelly Donnelly of Plattsburgh has been hired as camp director for the 2014 season of Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

Ms. Donnelly was raised in Tupper Lake, a member of St. Alphonsus parish. She received her bachelor's from Siena College in 2009 and holds a Master's degree from SUNY Potsdam.

After her undergraduate work, she spent a year volunteering with Franciscan Volunteer Ministry in Wilmington, Del., where she taught in a women's prison, an elementary school, and worked with migrant workers.

She enjoys volunteering and has gone on several mission trips.

Currently, Ms. Donnelly is in her fourth year teaching

English and Religion at Seton Catholic Central School in Plattsburgh, where she is also on the campus ministry team.

A member of St. Peter's parish in Plattsburgh, she volunteers for St. Peter's Soup Kitchen and Confirmation program.

She is also a frequent contributor to the *North Country Catholic* as a columnist for the diocesan newspaper's Young Catholic Voice column. Ms. Donnelly attended Camp Guggenheim as a camper from 1999-2005 and worked as a counselor from 2006-2009.

Deacon Dwyer said, "I look forward to working with Kelly this summer but also throughout the year as a valued contributor for youth ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Please pray for Kelly as she embarks on this new journey."



Kelly Donnelly

At the Blessed John XXIII Newman Center at Plattsburgh State University

# Home away from home... mom away from mom

By Shawn Ryan  
Staff writer

PLATTSBURGH - It's a home away from home, complete with a mom away from mom for SUNY Plattsburgh students.

But more than that, the Blessed John XXIII Newman Center at Plattsburgh State is a place for students and the "permanent community" alike come to celebrate Mass.

Campus minister Mary Skillan has been tending to the needs of Catholic and non-Catholic students alike for the past four years as Campus Minister at the Newman Center.

"Our mission is to help students stay focused on their faith at university, which can be particularly challenging at a secular university," she said. "We have the Newman Center here as a refuge, as a place to go to worship, we have Mass here on Sundays. If they need a quiet place to study, they can. We offer some types of programs to help enrich their faith

In a way the Newman Center is a one-stop-shop for most of a student's needs, both religiously and for that student who might be struggling with home-sickness.

"One of the things we use as a buzz-word around here is this is your Catholic home away from home," says Father Timothy Canaan, pastor



Campus minister Mary Skillan, front center, and Father Timothy Canaan, are shown with some of their college parishioners at the Blessed John XXIII Newman Center in Plattsburgh.

of the Newman Center. "We try to create that home environment.

"They have fellowship every Sunday night, and Mary sees to it that there's a home-cooked meal for them," Father Canaan said. "They love the alternative of having a home-cooked meal as opposed to institutional food every night. That's a draw for them, but it gives

them a place they can come and not only worship but have fellowship with one another."

It's that spirit of hominess that helps to keep some students grounded in their faith far away from home, he said, and helps to bring the occasional non-Catholic into the fold.

But the Newman Center is far from just a bastion for

college students. There is an active year-round community of worshippers for whom the Newman Center is their parish. Bringing the students and permanent community together is a mission of the Newman Center, one which Father Canaan and Ms. Skillan say happens very organically.

At various times during the year the Newman Center hosts gatherings during which members of the permanent community will cook, or bake cookies or other treats for the college students. The students' part is to clean up afterwards. While a home-baked treat might be the tangible outcome, fellowship is the intangible benefit.

Ms. Skillan is also in contact with other faith communities in the Plattsburgh area. If a student who isn't a Catholic comes to her looking for a place to worship, she will point them in the right direction to a different faith community.

They also offer sacramen-

tal preparation for students who may not have completed their sacraments prior to coming to college, including even first communion.

"That's the thing about campus ministry, it's never the same," Father Canaan said. "Because the students are always changing and their needs are always changing, we have to be adaptable.

"So we might be offering the same thing that was offered (in previous years) in a different way, or different night, or it's changed altogether," he said. "We have to listen to students and their needs, because that's where we're here for. We're here to serve them."

From a yearly trip to the March for Life in Washington, to volunteering at a local nursing home, to traveling regionally to see a motivational speaker, students involved in the Newman Center can get as immersed in the church and campus ministry as they feel comfortable.

As finals loom just around the corner, Ms. Skillan and Father Canaan will swing into high gear to help students survive the mental crush. First will come the "Blessing of the Brains," on the Sunday before finals. At the same time the permanent community will come together with Ms. Skillan and Canaan and put together goodie bags for the students.

"We usually make 100 bags, and if not all 100 bags are given out, what I'll do is I'll go out and the next day that I'm here and I will offer the rest of the bags to students, compliments of the Newman Center," said Skillan. "They hardly ever turn them down."

The Newman Center at SUNY Plattsburgh thus serves many ministries; religious home for the permanent community, home away from home for students, gathering place, quiet space, place of outreach, and many more.

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## PURSUING JUSTICE

# Preserving Catholic schools in NYS

## Second in a series

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the bishops of New York State and the hundreds of Catholics who participate in Catholics at the Capitol public policy advocacy day March 19 in Albany will lobby on five issues identified as priorities by the bishops.

Among the legislative priorities is to include education investment tax credits in the state budget.

(See advertisement on this page for information on the public policy day)

## Background

Catholic schools face a continuing economic crisis. A significant number of our schools have been forced to close and the solvency of others is increasingly threatened as fewer families are able to afford the dual burden of taxes and tuition.

The resulting cost of having to educate more children in public schools only exacerbates the financial crisis lawmakers are trying to solve.

A majority of the lawmakers support enactment of the Education Investment Tax Credit proposal, S.4099 by Senator Golden and A.1826 by Assemblyman Cusick, because it will support all families regardless of where their children attend school.

*Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture, even in those countries and cities where hostile situations challenge us to greater creativity in our search for*

*suitable methods.*

– Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013)

*No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation."*

– Pope Benedict XVI to Catholic educators, Washington, D.C. Thursday, 17 April 2008

## Message points

- The Education Investment Incentives Act is needed to help keep Catholic schools affordable for families which, in turn, relieve pressure on the state budget and produce a savings to taxpayers.

- The measure provides an equal level of support for public schools enabling public schools to restore, start or expand important programs for students.

- The bill is a win-win-win. Public schools win by seeing more private gifts to offset costs. Families win by having a true choice in where to send their children to school, especially low- and middle-income. And the taxpayers win by allowing religious and independent schools to stay open, saving billions of tax dollars per year that would otherwise be spent to educate the children in those schools in the public schools instead.

- The bill would enable individuals and businesses to increase their charitable giving to public schools and scholarship-making charities that help families send their children to independent and religious schools.

This would have a tremendous impact on private giving to education. It would not

take any money from public schools; in fact it would increase support to public schools.

- The bill also gives every teacher a tax credit for their out-of-pocket purchases of classroom supplies.

- The Senate has twice passed the measure and a

majority of Assembly members co-sponsor the bill. The time is right to enact it into law as part of the state budget.

- More and more families are forced to enroll their children in public schools, thus increasing the cost to the state and exacerbating the fi-

nancial crisis lawmakers are trying to solve.

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# Lenten regulations 2014

March 5, 2014 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.

## Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

## Fasting

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18). Fasting, that is, eating less, involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Lighter nourishment may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

## Prayer and Penance

The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter.

Parishes are highly encouraged to offer periods of Eucharistic Adoration during the Lenten Season, as well as, the traditional devotions of the Stations of the Cross and the recitation of the Rosary.

## Sacrament of Penance

During the Season of Lent, Bishop LaValley encourages parishes throughout the Diocese to dedicate Tuesday of the fifth week of Lent (April 8) to the Sacrament of Penance as part of "The Light is on for You" program.

In addition, parishes might want to adopt the model of dedicating one Lenten evening each week to providing occasion for the

Sacrament of Penance.

## Easter

All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year during the Easter season, which this year extends from March 9th, the First Sunday of Lent, until Trinity Sunday, June 15th.

## Marriage

Although other seasons are more suitable, the celebration of marriage and the Nuptial Mass are not forbidden during Lent, according to The Code of Canon Law. When liturgical rules permit, the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage may be used and the nuptial blessing may be given. However, you should advise the spouses and their guests to exercise proper restraint in accord with the penitential character of Lent.

## Obligation

All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law to do penance. The days set aside for fast and abstinence in Lent are special ways of doing penance and are an expression of unity for all the Church.

## Chrism Mass

A reminder that this year's Chrism Mass will be a special diocesan celebration on Thursday, April 10th at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Details pertaining to this event will be forthcoming.

## Funerals during the Sacred Triduum

On Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, Funeral Masses may not be celebrated. However, a Funeral Service consisting of the Liturgy of the Word and the Final Commendation may be held in Church.

## Bishop's Schedule

**March 5** – 9 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and Pastoral Visit to St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg

**March 6** – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**March 7** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

**March 8** – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**March 9** – 2:30 p.m., Rite of Election at St. Mary's Cathedral

**March 10** - Meeting for the Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People in Washington, DC

## Rest in Peace

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

**March 5** – Rev. Edward J. Murtaugh, O.S.A., 1951

**March 6** – Rev. Louis F. Lussier, 1915; Rev. John G. Craven, 1921

**March 7** – Rev. Alexander K. Klauder, 1934; Rev. Cornelius O'Mahoney, M.S.C., 1940

**March 8** – Rev. William B. Nyhan, 1914; Rev. William J. Reilly, O.S.A., 1925

**March 10** – Rev. Hector Mauriot, O.M.I., 1895

**March 11** – Msgr. Edmund Charles M. J. DePauw, 1911

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## Announcement

**Bishop Terry R. LaValley** has granted Father Scott Fobare a one year leave of absence for personal reasons.

## Environmental Stewardship

### Want to do something different during Lent this year?

The word 'lent' means 'springtime' for the soul. Jesus gives us three tools to assist us in working up the soil of our daily life.

In Ash Wednesday's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray, fast and share with others. (Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18) Is it possible that these three practices could bring about new life, not only in my spiritual life, but a 'springtime' in the lives of my brothers and sisters and in the environment as well? During the next weeks in preparation for our celebration of Easter, reflections will be offered on how two Catholic Social Teachings, namely, #4 Opt for the poor and vulnerable and #7 Care for God's Creation, are intrinsically woven in a seamless garment of our faith. As we become more in touch with how our lives are so interconnected with all of life, we will consider how our choices can make a difference in bring about the Kingdom of God here and now.

### Suggested Practice this week:

During one meal this week, after praying the Grace before Meals:

"Be mindful of each item that you are eating, savor its flavor, texture, color, and be grateful to God for the gifts of sun, rain, water, air and soil of the earth that produced it;

"Become conscious of where this food may have traveled, and who are the people who were part of its journey from the field, to your store, to your plate; then ask God's blessings upon them and their families.

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PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON  
 Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Chris McPhee of Rome, Italy, assistant general superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, meets Father David DeLuca of the MSC community in Watertown during Father McPhee's recent visitation to the United States.

# MSC community welcomes ass't superior general

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon  
 Staff writer

WATERTOWN – Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Chris McPhee is assistant general superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He is from Melbourne, Australia but has worked since 2012 at the MSC headquarters in Rome with Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Mark McDonald, Watertown native and general superior

Father McPhee is on a visitation to the MSC's United States Province with stops in Watertown, Center Valley, PA, Aurora, IL, San Diego and Palm Springs, CA.

His principal responsibility during his assignment in Rome has been the formation of men to become Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

His work has taken him to India, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. He will be focusing next on Central America.

"Men seek to join us for a variety of reasons," Father McPhee said, "but a true vo-

cation is witnessed by a heart on fire in love with God and a willingness to let God love in return.

"A true vocation is an intimate relationship with God," he said. "Developing that love is our goal in formation."

Father McPhee's visit to Watertown included discussions with Father Vincent Freeh, the area superior; Father Jonas Tandayu, pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; Father Pierre Aubin, pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont; Father David DeLuca and Brothers Peter Marceau and Jean-Paul Paradis all members of the MSC community based in Watertown.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart was founded in 1854 in France. The first MSC to travel overseas from France settled in Watertown in 1876.

Today the order has grown to 1900 missionaries working in 54 countries around the world.



Msgr John R. Murphy accepts a LifePak AED (defibrillator) and wall case for use at the Church of the Visitation, Norfolk. Monetary donations from a "Loot-N-Boot" conducted in the community made this life saving gift from members of the Norfolk Volunteer Rescue Squad possible. Pictured, from the left, are Tina Garrow, Barb Garrow, Terri Bump (all Rescue Squad members); Msgr Murphy, pastor; and Jean Gang, trustee.

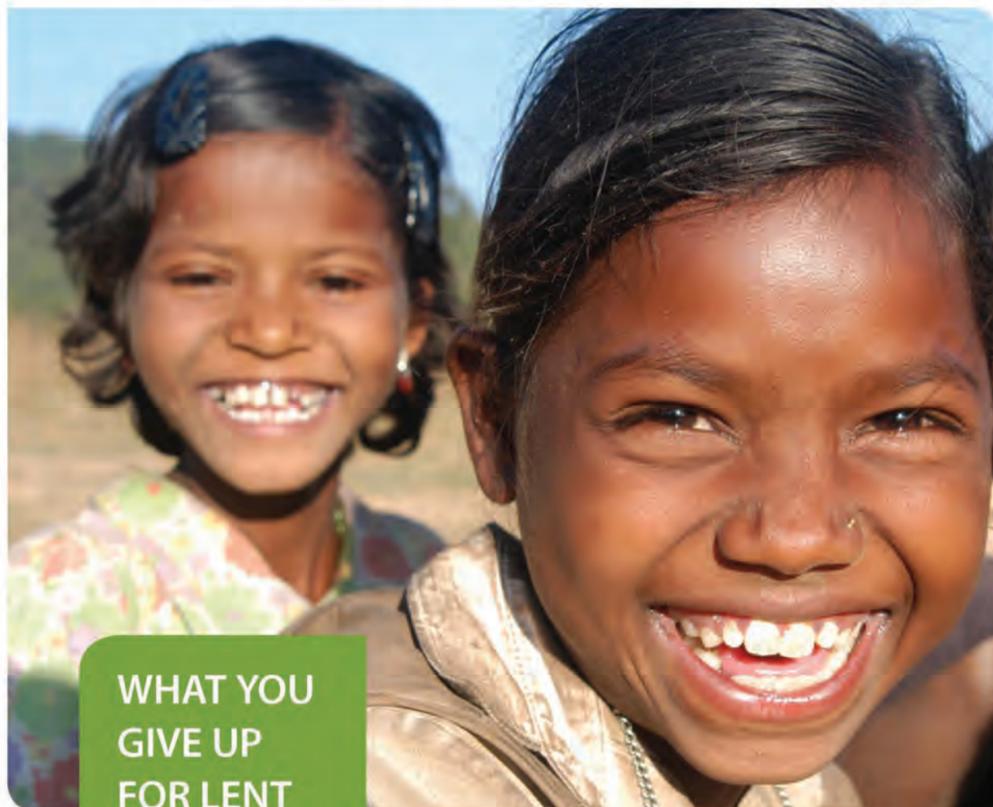


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 Bill Boulio, past grand knight of the Fr. James J. McGowan Knights of Columbus Council in Dexter presents Linda Gracey, school nurse at Dexter Elementary of General Brown School District, with donations from the council's "Coats for Kids" program. The knights purchased two boxes of coats in December and split them between the two elementary schools in the district - Dexter Elementary and Brownville-Glen Park Elementary.

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### Once a week during Lent:

- Read the Stories of Hope and learn how you are making a difference through CRS.
- Prepare and share simple meatless meals using the CRS Rice Bowl recipes.
- Put your Lenten offerings into your CRS Rice Bowl. You may also return your gift online.

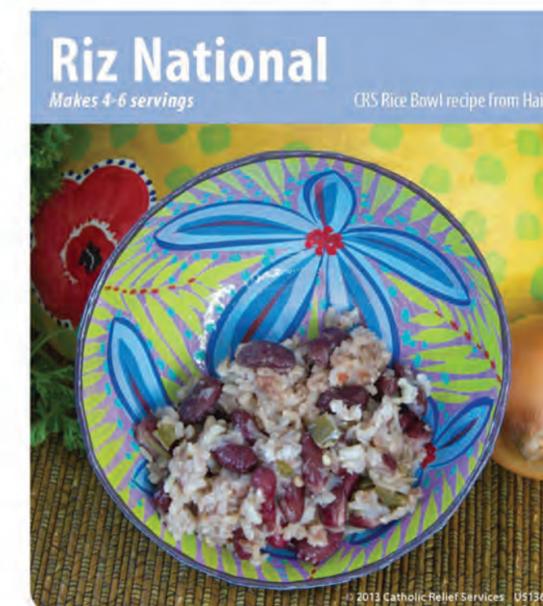
### These fun resources can help bring Lent to life for your family.

- Spend 5 minutes each day in prayer and reflection. The Daily Calendar includes reflections and activity suggestions for each day of Lent.
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- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 Tbsp Fair Trade olive oil
- 1 cup rice, uncooked
- 2 cans kidney beans, drained
- ½ tsp cumin
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp oregano
- ¼ tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 2½ cups water

Preheat oven to 350°F. Fry onion, garlic and green pepper in oil until tender. In a separate bowl, combine and mix all remaining ingredients. Add the onion mixture to the bowl and stir well. Pour mixture into a medium-sized casserole dish. Cover and bake until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender—about an hour. Stir before serving.

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*For divorced, remarried Catholics:*

## Cardinal outlines possible paths to Communion

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The Catholic Church needs to find a way to offer healing, strength and salvation to Catholics whose marriages have failed, who are committed to making a new union work and who long to do so within the grace of Communion, Cardinal Walter Kasper told the world's cardinals.

Jesus' teaching on the indissolubility of sacramental marriage is clear, the retired German cardinal said, and it would harm individuals and the church to pretend otherwise.

However, "after the shipwreck of sin, the shipwrecked person should not have a second boat at his or her disposal, but rather a life raft" in the form of the sacrament of Communion, he said.

Pope Francis had asked Cardinal Walter Kasper, a well-known theologian and author of a book on mercy as a fundamental trait of God, to introduce a Feb. 20-21 discussion by the College of Cardinals on family life. The Vatican did not publish the cardinal's text, but Catholic News Service obtained a copy.

The Catholic Church needs to find a way to help divorced and remarried Catholics who long to participate fully in the life of the



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING  
German Cardinal Walter Kasper arrives for a meeting of cardinals in the synod hall at the Vatican Feb. 21. Pope Francis had asked Cardinal Kasper, a well-known theologian and author of a book on mercy as a fundamental trait of God, to introduce a Feb. 20-21 discussion by the College of Cardinals on family life.

church, Cardinal Kasper told the cardinals.

While insisting - for the good of individuals and of the church - on the need to affirm Jesus' teaching that sacramental marriage is indissoluble, he allowed for the

possibility that in very specific cases the church could tolerate, though not accept, a second union.

From the first moments of creation, the cardinal said, God intended man and woman to be together, to form one flesh, to have children and to serve him together. But sin entered the world almost immediately, which is why even the Bible is filled with stories of husbands and wives hurting and betraying one another, he explained.

Christ, who came to set people free from the bonds of sin, established marriage as a sacrament, "an instrument of healing for the consequences of sin and an instrument of sanctifying grace," he said.

Because they are human and prone to sin, husbands and wives continually must follow a path of conversion, renewal and maturation, asking forgiveness and renewing their commitment to one another, Cardinal Kasper said.

But the church also must be realistic and acknowledge "the complex and thorny problem" posed by Catholics whose marriages have failed, but who find support, family stability and happiness in a new relationship, he continued.

"One cannot propose a solution different from or contrary to the words of Jesus," the cardinal said. "The indissolubility of a sacramental

marriage and the impossibility of a new marriage while the other partner is still alive is part of the binding tradition of the faith of the church and cannot be abandoned or dissolved by appealing to a superficial understanding of mercy at a discount price."

At the same time, "there is no human situation absolutely without hope or solution," he said.

Catholics profess their belief in the forgiveness of sins in the Creed, he explained. "That means that for one who converts, forgiveness is possible. If that's true for a murderer, it is also true for an adulterer."

Cardinal Kasper said it would be up to members of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family in October and the world Synod of Bishops in 2015 to discuss concrete proposals for helping divorced and civilly remarried Catholics participate more fully in the life of the church.

A possible avenue for finding those proposals, he said, would be to develop "pastoral and spiritual procedures" for helping couples convinced in conscience that their first union was never a valid marriage. The decision cannot be left only to the couple, he said, because marriage has a public character, but that does not mean that a juridical solution - an annulment granted by a marriage tribunal - is the only way to handle the case.

As a diocesan bishop in Germany in 1993, Cardinal Kasper and two other bishops issued pastoral instructions to help priests minister to such couples. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, headed by the then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, made the bishops drop the plan.

A similar proposal made last year by the Archdiocese of Freiburg, Germany, was criticized by Cardinal Gerhard Muller, current prefect of the doctrinal congregation.

Citing a 1972 article by then-Father Joseph Ratzinger, Cardinal Kasper said the church also might consider some form of "canonical penitential practice" - a "path beyond strictness and leniency" - that would adapt the gradual process for the reintegration of sinners into full communion with the church used in the first centuries of Christianity.

To avoid the greater evil of offering no help to the divorced and remarried, cutting them and most likely their children off from the sacraments, he said, the church could "tolerate that which is impossible to accept" - a second union.

"A pastoral approach of tolerance, clemency and indulgence," he said, would affirm that "the sacraments are not a prize for those who behave well or for an elite, excluding those who are most in need."

## Pope urges outreach to those whose marriages fail

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- Those who recognize marriage as a sacrament, a divine blessing and a reflection of God's love for humanity should have even greater sympathy for husbands and wives whose relationships have failed, Pope Francis said.

"See how beautiful this love is, how beautiful marriage is, how beautiful the family is and how much love and closeness we must have for our

brothers and sisters who have experienced the calamity of a failure in love," the pope said Feb. 28 at his morning Mass.

In the day's Gospel reading, Mark 10:1-12, Jesus tells his disciples that "what God has joined together, no human being must separate," and that divorcing a spouse and marrying another is committing adultery.

According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis' homily focused on marriage as part of God's plan for man and woman and as a reflection of God's faithful love. He repeated the Gospel passage, "For this rea-

son a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." But, the pope said, "when this love fails -- because many times it fails -- we must feel the pain of the failure and accompany those who have failed in their love. Not condemn them! Walk alongside them."

In the excerpts broadcast by Vatican Radio, Pope Francis did not mention the discussion about the family and the pastoral care of divorced Catholics that he had Feb. 20-21 with members of the College of Cardinals.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope: Anointing the sick doesn't bring bad luck, it brings Jesus

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Never hesitate to call a priest to bless and anoint sick or elderly family members, Pope Francis said. Some people worry receiving the sacrament of the anointing of the sick "brings bad luck" and "the hearse will come next," the pope said. "This is not true!" The sacrament brings Jesus closer to those in need, strengthening their faith and hope, he said Feb. 26 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. The pope thanked the estimated 50,000 people who attended the outdoor audience despite weather forecasts of rain. "You came anyway; you're courageous. Way to go!" he said, as the wind blew big gray storm clouds overhead. Continuing a series of audience talks on the sacraments, Pope Francis focused on the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, which, along with the prayer of the priest, expresses God's mercy and presence to those who are sick, suffering and elderly. Formerly known as extreme unction or "the last rites," it had once been seen as a ritual only for those who were in danger of or at the point of death. A more expanded use to provide spiritual strength and healing for the sick and elderly was promoted by the Second Vatican Council.

## Pope Benedict says it's absurd to question validity of his resignation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In a letter to an Italian journalist, retired Pope Benedict XVI said questions about the validity of his resignation are "absurd. There is absolutely no doubt regarding the validity of my renunciation of the Petrine ministry," the retired pope wrote in a letter to Andrea Tornielli, a Vatican correspondent for the newspaper La Stampa. Tornielli said he wrote to the retired pope Feb. 14 after reading articles questioning the canonical validity of his announcement Feb. 11, 2013, that he was stepping down. In the letter, Pope Benedict described as "simply absurd" doubts about how he had formulated his announcement to cardinals gathered for a meeting about canonization causes. According to the church's Code of Canon Law, "the only condition for validity of my resignation is the complete freedom of my decision," he wrote to Tornielli. Solemnly, in Latin, Pope Benedict had told the cardinals present: "Well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of St. Peter, entrusted to me by the cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of St. Peter, will be vacant and a conclave to elect the new supreme pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is."

## Panel, with lay members, to oversee Vatican finances

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In a move reflecting both his drive to reform the Vatican bureaucracy and his oft-stated desire to include laypeople in the leadership of the church, Pope Francis established a new pane to oversee the finances of the Holy See and Vatican City State. Another new office, to be headed by Cardinal George Pell of Sydney, will implement the panel's policies. The Vatican announced the changes would "enable more formal involvement of senior and experienced experts in financial administration, planning and reporting, and will ensure better use of resources," particularly for "our works with the poor and marginalized." The Council for the Economy will include "eight cardinals and bishops to reflect the universality of the church" and "seven lay experts of different nationalities with strong professional financial experience," the Vatican said. They will "meet on a regular basis and to consider policies and practices and to prepare and analyze reports on the economic-administrative activities of the Holy See."

# Pope: Sacrifice key to reaping wealth of God's love, fighting misery

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Courageously follow Jesus in seeking out the poor and sinners, and in making difficult sacrifices in order to help and heal others, Pope Francis said.

Christians are called to confront the material, spiritual and moral destitution of "our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it," the pope said in his first message for Lent, which begins March 5 for Latin-rite Catholics.

Saving the world will not come about "with the right kind of human resources" and token alms, but only "through the poverty of Christ," who emptied himself of the worldly and made the world rich with God's love and mercy, he said.

Released by the Vatican Feb. 4, the text of the pope's message focused on the theme of Christ's poverty, with the title: "He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich," which is from a verse from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Pope Francis said he chose the passage to explore what St. Paul's references to poverty and charity mean for Christians today.

There are many forms of poverty, he said, like the material destitution that disfigures the face of humanity and the moral destitution of being a slave to vice and sin, but "there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ."

People experiencing the spiritual destitution of believing they don't need God and can make it on their own "are headed for a fall," the pope wrote. "God alone can truly save and free us."

"The Gospel is the real antidote to spiritual destitution," he said, and the greatest treasure of all is "boundless confidence in God" and the desire to always do his will.

## Pope Francis delivers his first message for Lent

All Christians are called "to proclaim the liberating news that forgiveness for sins committed is possible, that God is greater than our sinfulness, that he freely loves us at all times and that we were made for communion and eternal life."

Spreading the joy of the Gospel, consoling broken hearts and offering real hope means "following and imitating Jesus, who sought out the poor and sinners," and by opening up "new paths of evangelization and human promotion" with courage, he said. Imitating Christ also includes confronting the abuses, discrimination and violations against human dignity, which often cause the material poverty suffered by those who lack the basic rights to food, water, work, development and "equal access to education and health-care," he said.

Sometimes the unjust social conditions that rob people of their dignity lead to moral destitution -- a kind of "impending suicide," he said.

Think of how much pain is caused by people, especially the young, when they turn to alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography or other vices because they "no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future," he said. "How many have lost hope!"

"By loving and serving the poor, we love and serve Christ," he said, but such service also entails conversion.

"When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing," he said.

While Lent is a time for "self-denial," don't forget that real sacrifice and poverty have a "dimension of penance" and pain, he said.

"I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt," he said.

"God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety," the pope said.

God operates according to "the logic of love, the logic of incarnation and the cross" -- to be with those who need him most, "to take upon himself the burden of our sins" and to comfort, save and free people from their misery.

"What gives true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of his love, Christ's poverty, which enriches us," he said.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the office which handles the pope's charitable giving, presented the Lenten message at a Vatican news conference.

The cardinal said the pope's message reminds people that their "bourgeois consciences" cannot be put to rest merely by "denouncing the lack of resources for others" or denouncing the structural underpinnings of poverty.

The only way to truly help people is to care for all their needs - spiritual, material and moral - the cardinal said, and not "pretend to solve a person's problems just because one has solved the problems related to his physical and material wellbeing."

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Lent: ready or not it's here. Why do we need it?

Whether you consider this good news or bad news, Lent 2014 has begun!

We will all agree that this winter has been one of the coldest and snowiest in memory. And now, Lent!

But remember, Lent marks the first sign of spring!

Why do we have Lent every year? Why penance? Why fasting? Why almsgiving? What does that have to do with me?

Many people fail to see the connection. "I'm not a

sinner" "I haven't done anything really bad since

Christmas! Except, maybe, to grumble about all the shoveling!

So why Lent?

We know the answer that the Church gives us, of course. We have to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

And the readings today should convince us that we really are sinners, and

that it's pretty arrogant of us to deny it!

The first reading from

Genesis goes back to basics....the story of the sin of our first parents.

Notice how Satan cleverly persuades Eve that God would be jealous if they "became like gods"? Eve falls for it, and decides she knows better than God. To disobey God is pretty arrogant—and Adam is just as guilty as Eve—and so are we all! The saying, "Pride goes before a fall" is so true.

We need Lent to get rid of our arrogance that we're really not sinners!

The second reading from St. Paul to the Romans tells us that "just as through the disobedience of one man

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## READINGS

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

(and one woman), the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous";

There it is! Righteousness is an ongoing process of entering more fully into the gift that comes through our sharing in the Passion and Death of Jesus.

The Gospel is the story of Satan's attempts to trap Jesus into arrogance!

Satan tempts Jesus to throw himself down from the peak of the Temple. What a show!

Everyone will know that He is really God! But Jesus has come to save us as a Man just like us. His divinity show through later in the Resurrection. But for now, He must be obedient "even unto death".

Through fasting, almsgiving, good works, and prayer, we will walk with Jesus on his way to Easter victory. That's why we need Lent every year.



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## AT THE MOVIES

# NON-STOP

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Tired of airport pat-downs? They're nothing compared to the severe smackdowns administered by troubled air marshal Bill Marks (Liam Neeson) as he slams his way through the popcorn thriller "Non-Stop" (Universal).

Though Marks' rough ways - together with a bit of risqué humor - set this turbulent trip off limits for kids, most grownups will likely handle the bumps along the way without much difficulty. Haunted by a family tragedy, Marks has a drinking problem - as well as an explosive temper - and is barely holding on to his job when he's assigned to protect a typical overnight flight from New York to London.

All sense of routine goes by the wayside, however, when an anonymous pas-

senger sends Marks a text threatening to kill one of his fellow travelers every 20 minutes until a hefty payout is wired into his bank account.

Marks swings into action, but he's bewildered to find that his unknown adversary is making it appear as though Marks himself is the one doing the killing. That account, for instance, turns out to be in the marshal's name.

Marks enlists the help of sympathetic newfound acquaintance Jen Summers (Julianne Moore). Seated next to each other, the two have been chatting in a mildly flirtatious way.

He also draws on the aid of veteran stewardess and longtime friend Nancy (Michelle Dockery).

But mutual mistrust -- Just who is Jen? How well does Nancy really know Marks? -- hampers the trio's efforts to identify and stop the perpetrator. The rapid pace and

frequent plot twists of director Jaume Collet-Serra's thriller divert attention from its improbabilities.

As with Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," genuine suspense pervades the proceedings because every single person onboard is a potential suspect. Marks, however, is no Hercule Poirot; he relies far more on his big white knuckles than his little gray cells.

Without incurring the guilt of spoilers, the solution to it all can be said to involve a surprisingly laudable goal pursued in a deeply immoral - and thoroughly crackpot - manner.

So to the degree that this jump across the puddle carries any ethical cargo, it's the familiar maxim that good ends do not justify sinful - much less homicidal - means.

The film contains considerable harsh but mostly bloodless violence, brief



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Liam Neeson stars in a scene from the movie "Non-Stop."

nongraphic sexual activity between incidental characters, some adult references, numerous uses of profanity,

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## THREE CHEERS FOR SCHOOL CHOICE!



SCHOOL PHOTO

The entire student body of St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga (pre-k through grade eight) is pictured during

Catholic Schools Week. The students and faculty members each wore yellow scarves to advertise National School Choice Week.

## ADIRONDACK

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Lake Placid** – Rummage sale to be held.

**Date:** March 15

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes School Gym

**Features:** Reserve a table for \$20, sell and keep the profits or donations can be dropped off at St. Agnes School.

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Kathleen Murphy at 518-523-3771 or at info@stagneselementary.com

## PARISH NURSE TRAINING

**Lake Placid** – Mercy Care of the Adirondacks will offer the Foundations Course for Faith Community Nursing for Parish Nursing.

**Date:** April 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22

**Trainer:** Sister Catherine Cummins, RSM, Ed.D., R.N.

**Features:** Open to registered nurses of all faiths no cost to participants but pre-registration is required. The parish nurse offers assistance in obtaining community services, helps with understanding diagnoses, medications and diagnostic tests, brings nursing experience and faith to the service of others.

**Contact:** To register for the course or request more information, please contact Sister Catherine Cummings at 523-5582 or ccummings@adkmercy.org.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

**Saranac Lake** – A Catholic Men's Group meets on the first Saturdays of the month for a time of fellowship, prayer, and discussion.

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

**Place:** St. Bernard's Chapel

**Features:** Mass followed by coffee and refreshment, discussion and prayer.

**Contact:** Fr. Mark Reilly, 518-891-4616

## CLINTON

## SETON CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

**Plattsburgh** – The annual open house for grades 7-12 of Seton Catholic Central School has been set

**Date:** March 13

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

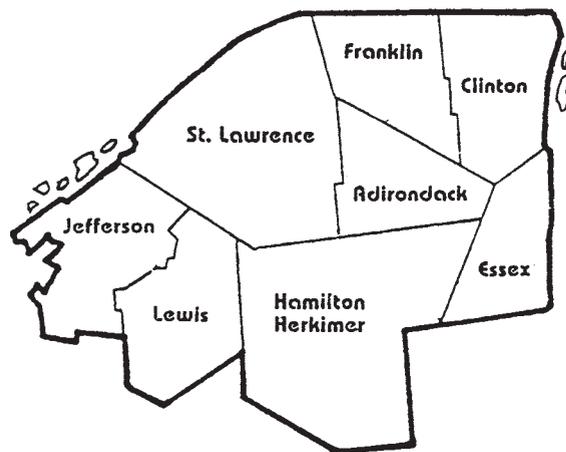
**Features:** Science fair, school tours, information sessions, art and club displays.

**Contact:** Call 561-4031 for more information

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

**Peru** – The Catholic Daughters' of the Americas, Court Saint Monica of the St. Augustine Parish will be having their Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

**Date:** March 15



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

**North Country Catholic**, PO Box 326,  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 6:30

**Place:** St. Augustine's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 4-12, \$5; under 3, Free

**Features:** Corned Beef or Ham. Take-outs will be available. Music will be provided by Don McBrayer of Don-Yo DJ Service and Website Design, George Schnob and Elisabeth Churchill and dancing by Dierdre O'Callaghan and Taylor Morse.

## SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER

**Plattsburgh** – There will be a spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit the Seton Catholic "40 Days of Hope" Project.

**Date:** April 5

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7

**Place:** Seton Academy

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$5 (no additional cost for Take-outs)

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Treadwell Mills** – St. Alexander & St. Joseph's Church will hold a Pancake Breakfast.

**Date:** April 6

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$6; Children 12 and under, \$3; under 5, Free

**Features:** All you can eat pancake, real maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, coffee, orange juice or milk.

## MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

**West Chazy** – Annual all you can eat pancake breakfast to be held, sponsored by St. Joseph's Men's Club.

**Date:** March 9

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Place:** Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$6.50; Children 6-10, \$3; under 5, Free

## PARISH DINNER

**Plattsburgh** – Our Lady of Victory to have a spaghetti dinner.

**Date:** March 15

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 6:45

**Place:** Our Lady of Victory Parish Gym  
**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Kids, \$5

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Mooers Forks** – The Mooers K of C Auxiliary will be sponsoring a rummage sale.

**Schedule:** March 21 – 22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; March 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Ann's Church Hall

## LENTEN ADORATION

**Plattsburgh** – St. Peter's Church will offer weekday adoration during Lent.

**Schedule:** Beginning Ash Wednesday after the noon daily Mass and end with Benediction at 7 p.m. on Wednesday of Holy Week. Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Fri after 7 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m. Mon, after 7 a.m. Mass to 9 p.m.

**Contact:** To sign up for adoration, call the rectory at 563-1692 or stop in the Chapel anytime during adoration hours.

## QUILTING CLASSES

**Ellenburg Center** – The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop is holding classes

**Through the Year Wall Hanging:** March 15, 22, and 29; Rita Breen, Instructor; Cost: \$40 for all 3 classes. Call or email to reserve a spot by March 1. Class size is

limited to 7.

**Sew Together:** any Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3. This is a quilting group designed to share ideas, help fellow quilters, teach beginners. Bring a bag lunch if you come for the day.

**Contact:** The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop, Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, 7270 Star Road, Ellenburg Center, 518-594-3253, olaprayerhouse@gmail.com

## HEALING MINISTRY

**Morrisonville** – The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's announces the addition of Living Waters Healing Ministry to the Parish.

**Date:** First Thursday each month

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

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

**Features:** Healing Mass, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Plattsburgh** – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**Place:** St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

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

**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

## ESSEX

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

**Elizabethtown** – St. Elizabeth's will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

**Date:** March 16

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 6

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$11; Children under 12, \$5  
**Features:** Corned Beef or Ham. Take-Outs after 1:30 p.m. Raffle tickets available

## FRANKLIN

## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

**Bombay** – St. Joseph's Church will be holding a St. Joseph's Day Mass and meatless cover dish dinner.

**Date:** March 19

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

**Features:** Fr. Thomas Higman will be the homilist. All are invited to join after Mass for a St. Joseph's Day table. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share; only request is that with the tradition of this Table, the dishes are meatless.

## JEFFERSON

## LENTEN LOOK AT VATICAN II

**Evans Mills** – St. Mary's Parish will hold a Lenten Look at Vatican II

**Date:** 4 successive Wednesdays begin-

ning March 12

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Program:** *Lumen Gentium* will be the focus of presentations by Father Tom Kornmeyer, pastor, and Deacon Pat Donahue. A one-hour talk on some aspect of the document will open each session followed by 30 minutes of questions and discussion, then Benediction.

**Registration:** All are asked to register by March 9 at 629-4678.

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

**Watertown** – St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

**Date:** March 27

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5/ quart, meatballs \$.75

**Features:** Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers

## GOOD FRIDAY WALK

**Watertown** – A Good Friday Walk is to be held.

**Date:** April 18

**Time:** 8:55 a.m.

**Place:** Beginning at St. Patrick's Church

**Features:** Snow or rain or shine we would like to have as many people, from as many churches, join us for this Walk of Faith. The entire "Carrying of the Cross Walk" takes approximately two hours.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Watertown** – Holy Family Church is holding holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

**Schedule:** Monday through Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.),

## LIFERIGHT MEETING

**Watertown** – Liferight of Watertown meets third Wednesday of the Month.

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

**Features:** The office has materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

**Contact:** Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## SHELVES NEEDED

**Canton** – St. Mary's is in the process of starting a Gabriel Project ministry and need deep shelving units and or book-cases for the supply room.

**Contact:** Linda Trill at 315-212-9918 or St. Mary's Church at 315-386-2543

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# The Season of Lent

From the Director's desk  
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ  
Diocesan Mission Director

As Lent approaches, I'm sure you will spend many quiet moments reflecting on Christ's tremendous sacrifice of love for us.

Imagine, a love so complete, so unselfish, so unsparring, that He willingly gave His life, so that you and I might know the promise of eternal salvation.

"To sacrifice ... to share ... to serve others" ... This commitment is at the very heart of our Catholic faith, and within the heart of every missionary disciple. It is in serving others that we discover the best within ourselves, and we feel closest to God.

During Lent, more than any time all year, we are challenged to "give up" our hearts to God; to do something more, to take action beyond ourselves, to help someone else, to hear the cries of those others who are in need.

Through your generous and selfless support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you make a lasting, indeed an eternal difference, in the lives of those most desperate among us.

Your hands and heart give medicine to the sick ... food to the hungry ... faith to the hurting.

The certain knowledge of God's love and eternal life to those who are lost and without hope! From Africa to Asia, from Oceania to Latin America, your gifts support the mission Church, and directly serve the hungry, the abandoned, the poor, the forgotten.

Please, may I ask you to consider an especially generous Lenten donation for the Missions today? Lent is a very serious season for some very serious action by all Christians. As you know, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies which are the Holy Father's principal support system for the Missions of the Catholic Church.

This is the greatest of all works ... the direct propagation of our Faith to the poor and neediest. But we urgently need your prayers and your help.

"Give it up for Lent," they say. Yes, and give it to God by way of His most needy. Such charity, such goodness, literally goes to the ends of the earth. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with a beautiful Easter Season.

Through you may He do the same for countless souls half a world away.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)

## OBITUARIES

**Brasher Falls** - Alexander A. Razis, 65; Funeral Services March 1, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**Cadyville** - Rebecca L. (Metevier) Provost, 48; Funeral Services Feb. 26, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Canton** - Theresa Desmond, 75; Funeral services Feb. 22, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

**Gouverneur** - Gloria Landers; Funeral Services March 1, 2014 at St. James Church.

**Houseville** - Santo J. "Sam" D'Ambrosi, 85; Funeral Services Feb. 26, 2014 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in the Old Glendale Cemetery.

**Keeseville** - Theresa (Bexio) Floyd, 83; Funeral s Feb 26, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

**Lake Placid** - David E. Baker, 73; Funeral Feb. 26, 2014 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy.

**Lake Placid** - Henry Karl, 83; Funeral Services Feb. 24, 2014 at St. Agnes Church; burial in North Elba Cemetery.

**Lowville** - Doris McGrath Capra, RN; Funeral Services Feb. 28, 2014 at St Peter's Church.

**Lowville** - Richard J. Vanyo, 73; Funeral Services July 3, 2014 at St. Peter's Church.

**Malone** - Edward C. LaMay, 55; Funeral Services Feb. 25, 2014 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Malone** - Richard "Joe" Yando, 82; Funeral Services Feb. 28, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Mooers Forks** - Patricia (Hinerth) Underwood, 74; Funeral Services Feb. 27, 2014 at St. Ann's Church.

**Norwood** - Rene J. Pelletier, 83; Funeral Services Feb. 27, 2014 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville.

**Ogdensburg** - T. Lillian (Deluise) Douglas, 83; Funeral Services Feb. 24, 2014 at Notre Dae Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Peru** - Arlene Frances (Herdman) Tetrault, 85; Funeral Services Feb. 24, 2014 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Catherine Elizabeth (La-Porte) Beckwith, 77; Funeral Services Feb. 24, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Virginia M. Daniels, 96; Funeral Feb. 26, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Annette St. Onge Facteau, 103; Funeral Feb. 27, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Viola May (Jock) Gagnon, 92; Funeral Services Feb 24, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

**Plattsburgh** - James C. Gilpin, Sr., 69; Funeral Services Feb. 24, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Saranac Lake.

**Plattsburgh** - George L. LaTulipe, 91; Funeral Services March 1, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Rena M. (LaMar) Seymour, 95; Funeral Services March 1, 2014 at St. Peter's Church.

**Saranac Lake** - Albert E. Stunzi, 73; Funeral Services March 3, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church.

**Watertown** - Anna B. "Annie" (Resseguie) Houghtaling, 79; Funeral Services Feb. 27, 2014 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Sulphur Springs Cemetery.

**Watertown** - Joan A. (Luffman) Morris, 69; Funeral Services Feb. 28, 2014 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

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## ST. LAWRENCE

## FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY

**Gouverneur** – There will be a Fish & Shrimp Fry every Friday during lent.

**Date:** March 7 to April 18

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. James School

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available, phone ahead for faster service and deliveries 287-0130.

## LENTEN PROGRAM

**Norfolk** – The Catholic Parishes of Norfolk, Norwood & Raymondville are holding a Lenten program.

**Schedule:** Tuesday mornings: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 Starting with 9 a.m. Mass, light social, presentation and ending around 11:30 a.m.

**OR: Thursday Evenings:** March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 starting with 5:30 p.m. Mass, light social, presentation and ending around 8 p.m.

**Place:** Church of the Visitation

**Features:** Lenten program will be based on the spirituality of Matthew Kelly. The four signs of a Dynamic Catholic, transforming people one at a time... are you willing to let God transform you?

## LENTEN STUDY: "CONVERSION

**Ogdensburg** – The Evangelization Committee of St. Mary's Cathedral is holding a Lenten study series for Ogdensburg area parishes.

**Date:** Wednesdays, Feb. 19-April 9

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8

**Place:** Bishop Brzana Hall

**Program:** In this DVD series, presented by Bill O'Brien, Father Robert Barron shares six stories of conversion from the Gospels. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Price:** Workbooks are available for \$12

## K OF C BRUNCH

**Norfolk** – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

**Date:** March 9

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

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs available

**Menu:** Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Homefries, Ham, Sausage, Toast, Muffins, Juice, Coffee.

## 5K WALK/RUN

**Massena** – The 2nd Annual Glory in our Hearts 5K Walk/Run to Remember will bring together walkers and runners, for a heart healthy fundraiser to support the 2014 outreach activities of the Glory in our Hearts Foundation.

**Date:** May 3

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Robert Moses State Park Picnic Area at Barnhart Island

**Features:** Stroller and child friendly 5K event. Visit website at <http://www.glo-ryinourhearts.org/5k.html> for info.

## DINNER AND SHOW

**Ogdensburg** – Notre Dame Altar & Rosary is sponsoring a bus trip to the Syracuse Oncenter.

**Date:** June 4

**Cost:** \$120 per person (includes show ticket, bus fare, and dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant.)

**Features:** Performance of Million Dollar Quartet. at 7:30 p.m.. Inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time.

**Contact:** Call Cherie @393-5050 or 393-7158 or Joyce @528-1819.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**Massena** – Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** Sacred Heart Convent

**Features:** A gathering of those who have had a recent loss of a loved one.

**Contact:** 315-769-3137

## NOVENA FOR MILITARY

**Ogdensburg** – Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel at a new time.

**Date:** Tuesday afternoons

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

## LATIN MASS

**Potsdam** – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr.

Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

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

## COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community

IMMACULATE HEART CENTRAL SCHOOL  
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LENT 2014

Date	Place	Time
MARCH 9	SUMMIT VILLAGE WATERTOWN	7:00 P.M.
MARCH 16	ST. CECILIA'S ADAMS	7:00 P.M.
MARCH 21	ST. JOHN'S PLATTSBURGH	8:00 P.M.
MARCH 22	ST. BERNARD'S SARANAC LAKE	7:30 P.M.
MARCH 28	ST. JOSEPH'S MALONE	7:30 P.M.
MARCH 30	ST. PAUL'S BLACK RIVER	7:30 P.M.
APRIL 4	ST. JAMES GOUVERNEUR	7:30 P.M.
APRIL 6	ST. CRYIL'S ALEX BAY	8:00 P.M.
APRIL 12	ST. PIUS X LOUDONVILLE	7:30 P.M.
APRIL 13	HOLY FAMILY NAZARETH, PA	7:00 P.M.
APRIL 14	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST OTTSVILLE, PA	8:00 P.M.
APRIL 15	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ	8:00 P.M.
APRIL 16	ST. ROSE OF LIMA NEWTOWN, CT	8:00 P.M.
APRIL 18	ST. PATRICK'S WATERTOWN	8:00 P.M.

[www.ihcschools.org/spiritual-life/mystery-players](http://www.ihcschools.org/spiritual-life/mystery-players)

free lunch program again.

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** Noon

**Features:** Free hot lunch

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Massena** – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday morning.

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 10

**Place:** St. Mary's Family Room

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Ogdensburg** – St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

**Time:** 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## 2014 YOUTH RALLY

**Watertown** – 2014 Youth Rally to feature Kelly Colangelo and Ryan Grant.

**Date:** April 26

**Place:** Immaculate Heart Central Jr. Sr. High School

**Cost:** \$25 includes lunch, snacks and a gift

**Features:** Grades 6-12 and liturgy with Bishop LaValley

**Contact:** your parish for a registration form or call the Youth Office at 315-393-2920 ext. 1411. [www.rcdony.org/youth](http://www.rcdony.org/youth)

## WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

**Ogdensburg** – Women of Grace Retreat to be held again for a spirit filled weekend retreat.

**Date:** June 27-29

**Place:** Wadhams Hall

**Speaker:** Johnette Benkovic, founder and president of Living His Life Abundantly

**Features:** The weekend will be filled with the celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration, prayer, talks, music, and sacred sisterhood. The theme of the retreat is To Jesus Through Mary... "For Such A Time As This..." (Esther 4:14). Throughout this weekend, Johnette will unfold the truths of authentic femininity leaving a lasting imprint on the minds, hearts, and souls of those in attendance.

**Contact:** To learn more about attending this weekend or Women of Grace, contact Mary Dillenback at [marydillenback@twcny.rr.com](mailto:marydillenback@twcny.rr.com) or call 771-1377.

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