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## Solemnity to end Year of St. Joseph

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## THANKFUL FOR THEIR PRIESTS



The students of St. Alphonsus Holy Name of Jesus in Tupper Lake have taken to heart this banner that hangs in the HGA hallway, reminding them to "Give Thanks to the Lord." They offered these reasons for exactly what they appreciate about Father Clement Rimonds, HGN and Father Douglas A. Decker: "Your service," "helping us to learn to be an altar server," "being our priests," "not getting mad if we make a mistake when we are an altar server," "letting us sing peppy songs in our choir," "sending us to Camp Guggenheim for FREE," "letting us carry the big cross," "being easy going," "being hilarious," "being cool," "being REAL tall," "being a little old, a little short, but still being fun," "coming here all the way from India to help Father Decker," "letting us pick an adult job to do in church after we made our confirmation," "making us laugh" and "I'm just grateful to have them for our priests!"

## UPGRADES AT GUGGENHEIM



Thanks to the generosity of *It's Our Church, It's Our Future Capital Campaign* donors, the decks attached to the main dorm at Camp Guggenheim have been replaced. In the process of completing the project, damage to the dorm structure was also identified and repaired. Two summers of work at the diocesan camp have enabled the diocese to complete a number of upgrades at the facility, upgrades that have made camp safer, more comfortable and ready to last into the future. Renovations and upgrades were also completed at the camp Lodge.

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## The lonely can find 'ally' in St. Joseph, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, St. Joseph's reassuring presence is an example for Christians who are called to care for the lonely and those who struggle in their lives, Pope Francis said.

In a society where relationships are constantly in flux, St. Joseph's life and example give "a clear indi-

cation of the importance of human bonds," the pope said during his weekly general audience Nov. 24.

"Joseph, with his life, seems to want to tell us that we are always called to feel that we are the guardians of our brothers and sisters, the custodians of those placed close to us, of those whom the

Lord entrusts to us through the circumstances of life," he said.

Before the general audience, the pope went to St. Peter's Basilica to meet with several large groups of pilgrims unable to enter the Paul VI audience hall due to their numbers, including a group led by the Vincentian Fathers who were in Rome to commem-

orate the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

According to a communique released by the Vincentians, the meeting was the "culmination and the continuation" of a year-long Italian pilgrimage with a statue of Mary the pope blessed last year to mark the 190th anniversary of the Marian apparitions to St. Catherine

Labouré.

It was during the second apparition, in November 1830, that St. Catherine said Mary told her to make medals of the image she was seeing — Mary, standing on a globe, with the words "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you" written as an oval frame around her.

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# Lessons in loving our enemies

Everywhere we turned, we saw someone wearing a different team jersey or hoodie.

My son and I traveled to Cincinnati this weekend to watch our beloved Pittsburgh Steelers take the field against the Cincinnati Bengals. In addition to an overnight stop in Buffalo, Jake and I visited the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

While it wasn't a super busy day at the Hall of Fame, there were probably a couple hundred people walking

around the exhibits, outdoor field and gift shop. Of those visitors, probably 85 to 90 percent were wearing clothing representing their favorite team. Browns, Bengals, Bills, Steelers, Packers, Giants, Cowboys, Raiders, Dolphins, Bears, Chiefs... They all had fans there.

While there was a little bit of playful banter between fans of rival teams, everyone seemed to be legitimately enjoying being around a bunch of football fans. Everyone was chatting at the

various exhibits. Since we were wearing Steelers hoodies, people kept pointing out Steelers-related items in exhibits we may have missed.

As we climbed back into my Jeep after our tour of the Hall of Fame, Jake exclaimed, "that was awesome!" When I pressed him to tell me about his favorite part, he said, "I loved talking to all the other fans. Everyone was being friendly. Even the Browns fans were nice to us. I didn't expect that."

While it was a bit sad to me that he expected people to bring their rivalries into the Hall of Fame, I loved that Jake noticed the joy that

came with camaraderie with others, including people who may typically be viewed as rivals or enemies.

As we made our way from Canton to Cincinnati, I reminded Jake that I still had to write my column, and I noted I had no idea what I was going to write about.

"Write about everyone loving their enemies at the Hall of Fame."

While we talk about faith in our home, and Jake attends faith formation classes and Guggenheim, he learned the joy that can come with loving one's enemies at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



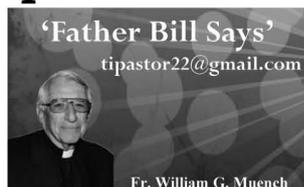
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## The patron saint of Advent

Advent – the beginning of a new Church year. This is often a bit confusing to some. For us Catholics, the new year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. We are talking here about the Church's liturgical year. Each year, we carefully follow the life of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as set out in the Gospel stories. For us, this all begins with the years that lead up to the Birth of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas. We call this Advent.

For me personally, the First Sunday of Advent is a reminder of all the things that I enjoy doing leading up to Christmas. There are the Christmas presents, the Christmas cards, the Christmas decorations and the Christmas donations that I like to make. I really do enjoy doing each of these things.

However, as you are aware, our Catholic Church becomes counter cultural during Advent – as it relates to our Masses and services. At Church, we put aside all the usual Christmas things – all those things that I do enjoy doing – and we celebrate Advent. We get very spiritual with our prayers and our



Fr. William G. Muench

Masses in order to prepare our hearts and minds spiritually for Christmas, when we will celebrate the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Advent means drawing closer to our Lord and putting our spiritual life in order so that we can again unite our lives with the Lord and allow Jesus to walk with us and guide us.

The patron saint for Advent is St. John the Baptist. John the Baptist dedicated his whole life to prepare the world for the coming of Jesus, not so much for the birth of the Lord but rather for when Jesus began his public ministry among the people of country. So, Advent is a perfect time to prepare ourselves each year for the whole experience that Jesus brought to our world and to ourselves.

I believe that John the Baptist in his time was most attractive prophet. Many people found him and his

message unique and exciting. The Jewish people knew well the story of the coming of a Messiah. John told them that this was the time. Many of the people were certain that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

You know the story but let me take a moment to remind you. John, as a youth, was a desert person. He dressed like a desert person. St. Matthew's Gospel tells us that John the Baptist wore clothing made of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. His message was simple, yet rather powerful. His vocation was to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his path. Now is the time to Repent.

John the Baptist's message touched the hearts of those who listened to his message. However, John made it very clear that he was not the Messiah. He preached, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

John preached a baptism of repentance. When they

came to John seeking his forgiveness and expressing their repentance as he was teaching along the River Jordan, John challenged them to change and live good lives – make their world a better place, find a new and holier life. To remind them of their repentance and commitment, John invited them to join him in the river and he baptized them by plunging them into the water. It was truly a perfect reminder. They would always remember this commitment to a change of life. They would always remember that they met Jesus and promised him. It was the day that they were baptized in the water of the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist – a day that he plunged them into the river's waters.

I have a special devotion to St. John the Baptist. I pray to him often that I may have the same power to lead others by my preaching to find a new and holier life to find Jesus and allow Jesus to lead them to peace and happiness. I pray that I can have the power of John the Baptist, who said of Jesus, "he must increase, I must decrease."

# Renovations upgrade Camp Guggenheim

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

**SARANAC LAKE** – Visitors returning to Camp Guggenheim in 2022 will see changes made at the facilities thanks in large part to the generosity of It's Your Church, It's Your Future Capital Campaign donors.

Though summer camp has not run at the facility for the past two summers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, work has been taking place at the camp both years.

"In some ways, COVID made completing the work easier, but it made other aspects much more difficult," said Deacon James Crowley, chancellor of the diocese. "We had a much longer construction season than normal because we didn't have to work around the Summer Camp schedule, but difficulties obtaining supplies – especially things like windows and doors – slowed our progress on portions of the projects."

At the main camp, ventilation was installed in all three main buildings – dorm, 'In' and dining hall.

"We added ventilation and fans to the peaks of the buildings to cool them off," said Deacon Crowley.

Many windows and doors were replaced, as well.

"New windows were installed in the bedrooms in the dorm last year," Deacon Crowley said. "We're replacing all the windows in the dining hall and replacing the crash doors in the dorms and 'In.' The crash doors open appropriately and have windows that allow people to see if someone is on the other side before opening. We're also replacing the windows in the lounges of the dorm. We had a three-panel aluminum window system. They looked like sliding glass doors and haven't worked in years. They're



New windows have been installed in the bedrooms in the Camp Guggenheim dorm. The window replacement was one of a number of projects completed at the camp over the past two summers.

being replaced with double-hung windows. Because of the supply issues, window work is will likely continue into the spring."

Also at the main camp, the decks on the dorm have been replaced.

"The initial idea was to level the decks," Deacon Crowley said. "As we started that project, it was discovered that the joists were rotted out. We opted to build two new decks of the same size but better constructed –pressure treated lumber and composite decking replaced untreated wood, and the new decks meet current code requirements for railing height."

When the original decks were removed, it also revealed unexpected problems with the dorm structure.

"The dorm was never

had to repair joists and some interior flooring."

Also at the main camp, work was done to update the living area above the garage.

"Most people will never see this work, but it was a big part of the project," Deacon Crowley said. "The upstairs of the garage – referred to as the rec building – was gutted. It used to have a bathroom and three bedrooms. Now, there are two large bedrooms up there, and each has a toilet room, a sink area and a shower room. Those areas are typically used by staff during summer camp. Now I can also see them great options for Family Camp."

In addition to the work at the main camp, work was also done at the lodge.

"There are two entry doors on the front porch of the lodge," Deacon Crowley said. "The entry closest to the boathouse now has a handicap-accessible ramp."

The lodge also now offers an additional restroom.

"There was a small room between the kitchen and dining room," he said. "That area now has a half bath and a broom closet. Previously, all bathrooms in the downstairs were accessible only by going through a bedroom. Now, we have a bathroom that's more easily accessible."

Deacon Crowley said the projects were funded

largely by the It's Your Church, It's Your Future Capital Campaign.

"Thanks to the generosity of capital campaign donors, we've been able to do a lot of work to make camp better, more accessible, safer and more comfortable," he said. "This ensures the buildings are ready to face the next 50 years. Is there more to do? Sure. But we've been able to address critical needs and improve the Guggenheim Center."

Deacon Crowley also noted that GYMO Architecture, Engineering and Land Surveying and Murnane Building have been "wonderful to work with."

"GYMO and Murnane worked with us to identify efficient and innovative repairs and upgrades that maintain the feel of the Guggenheim Center," he said. "When problems cropped up, they worked hard to make efficient and lasting repairs while controlling costs."

As the construction season comes to a close and work ends for the year, Deacon Crowley said he's hoping there's another change to look forward to at camp in 2022.

"The buildings are in shape and ready for the future," he said. "We're really hopeful that we'll have kids running around at camp next year!"



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# Supreme Court to hear Dobbs case

## Courtesy of the Respect Life Office

On December 1, the Supreme Court of the United States will hear oral arguments in the case of *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*. At issue is a 2018 Mississippi law that prohibits abortion after the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. The question before the Court is: Are all pre-viability bans on elective abortions unconstitutional? Nine justices will make this life and death decision in June 2022. What can we do?

## PRAYER

Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians across the country are praying for the *Dobbs* case. This is the case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade* – the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Together, we will pray for an outcome that protects millions of babies and their mothers. There are resources posted at [prayfordobbs.com](http://prayfordobbs.com).

## FASTING

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) began a prayer and fasting campaign, "On Our Knees," from October 2021 through June 2022. For the past 49 years, January 22 has been a date of prayer and remembrance for the loss of 50-60 million babies due to legalized abortion. Many travel to DC for the annual March for Life to commemorate the January 22, 1973 *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court decision that began abortion on demand in our country. In these next 9 months, make the 22nd of each month a day of prayer and fasting for the *Dobbs* case and our Supreme Court Justices. On the 22nd, fast from large meals or fast from social media or tv - something you normally enjoy daily.

## MASS, ROSARY, HOLY HOUR

On the 22nd of each

month, host a Mass, rosary or holy hour. Encourage your pastor to offer a "Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the gift of Human Life". Lead the rosary at your church with the intention of protecting all human life or sponsor a holy hour for life, remembering to pray for those on the Supreme Court.

Perhaps before the 50th anniversary of *Roe v Wade* (Jan 22, 2023), this deadly law that led to the loss of 50-60 million babies, will be reversed.

Much has changed since 1973 when *Roe v Wade* was decided.

## ULTRASOUND ADVANCEMENT.

We can now see a baby in the womb through advanced ultrasound technology. The term a "blob of tissue" no longer covers the lie that it's not a baby. In 1973, knowledge of prenatal development was very limited. Now we have a "window to the womb" where we can see that a heart begins beating at 15 weeks, brain waves are developed, there are eyes and teeth, fingers and toes.

Viability changes.

Viability is an arbitrary dividing line in abortion law. It's ever-changing. At the time *Roe* was decided, viability was usually week 28. Today we know that viability may occur at week 24, and there have been cases of premature infants surviving following a birth at 21 weeks. The defense of human life should not depend on such a vague standard.

## LEGAL PROTECTION

The United States lags behind most of the western world, where abortions are generally not permitted in the second and third trimesters. In this "Land of the Free" unborn children deserve the same equal rights under the law that all of us enjoy. It is doesn't make sense to exclude them from legal protec-

tion.

## WOMEN DON'T NEED IT

It was once thought that women needed abortion to achieve in life. Time has shown this is not true. The social and economic progress of women over the past 50 years hasn't been dependent upon access to legal abortion. Women can enjoy it all - motherhood and employment. NYS has one of the longest maternity leaves in the nation, 12 weeks at 67% pay. (Recently increased from 6 weeks and

50% pay.)

## BAD DECISIONS HAPPEN

The Supreme Court has overturned wrong decisions before and this one was a flawed decision. In 1954 *Brown v Board of Education*, the court overturned a ruling from 58 years prior (*Plessy v Ferguson*) that upheld racial segregation in public schools. *Roe vs. Wade* is a fatally flawed decision that should be overturned.

## WILL OF THE PEOPLE

Perhaps the most compelling reason of all is be-

cause it's what the American people want. Most Americans oppose the broad "right to abortion" under *Roe v Wade* which allows abortion for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy. 65% of Americans think abortion should be illegal in the second trimester, 81% think it should be illegal in the third trimester (Gallup). Our law was designed to be guided by the will of the people and it used to be guided by faith and morals as well.



## HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED?

### 1. The Background:

- **January 22, 1973:** *Roe v Wade* decision of the Supreme Court ushered in the era of abortion on demand in the United States.
- **2018:** Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation, when the baby has a heartbeat, eyes that open, ears that hear, and can move and kick. The law was challenged and the case, known as *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*, is being heard by the Supreme Court.
- ***Dobbs v Jackson*** is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of *Roe v Wade*. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance.
- **December 1, 2021** oral arguments for the case will be heard. A decision is expected in June 2022.

### 2. Our Response:

- **People of every faith** are coming together in a united effort to pray and fast for this intention in the coming months. [www.prayfordobbs.com](http://www.prayfordobbs.com)
- **For the past 49 years**, the infamous date of January 22 has been one of solemn prayer and remembrance for the tragedy of legalized abortion in this country.
- **In these next crucial 9 months**, from October until June let us make the 22nd of each month a special day of prayer and fasting for the *Dobbs* case, in the hopes that on its 50th anniversary (Jan 22, 2023) *Roe v Wade* will have been finally overturned.

### 3. Ideas for your Parish or Family:

- **Encourage** your pastor to celebrate the "Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" at all the daily Masses in your parish on the 22nd of each month.
- **Host** a special Mass, Rosary, or Holy Hour for Life on the 22nd of each month.
- **Limit yourself** to one meal and two smaller meals on that day, or fast from social media, videos, music or something else you like on the 22nd.
- **Pray** the rosary together with your family or a group of friends for this intention.

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# Immaculate Conception Mass to end year of St. Joseph

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Father Stitt noted that the Solemnity Mass will mark the end of a Year of St. Joseph that lasted longer than a year in our diocese.

"In the early days of the pandemic we did a diocese-wide Novena to St.

Joseph and shared it online," Father Stitt explained. "The Novena was in anticipation of Bishop LaValley's dedication of the entire Diocese to Joseph's patronal care. That was back on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1, 2020.

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 marking the 150th anniversary of his being named the Patron of the Universal Church. However, we in the Diocese of Ogdensburg have been honoring Joseph and seeking his intercession in a focused way for months prior. I'm not saying that the Vatican copied the Diocese of Ogdensburg or that Pope Francis copied Bishop LaValley, but it's easy for us to feel that way. The Holy Spirit is clearly taking the lead on this devotion."

Father Stitt also noted that the Year of St. Joseph built on the North Country's strong devotion to the saint.

"Catholics in the North Country have been close to Joseph for generations," he said. "We know of his care for each of us, we hear his name invoked in each Mass, and we have been blessed with the presence of our own dear Sisters of St. Joseph for well over a century. This special year of St. Joseph has hopefully increased that devotion.

He has also been a strong support for us in these tumultuous days. We've been encouraged to reflect on Joseph leading the Holy Family through the annunciation in Nazareth, the birth in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and losing Jesus in the temple. As the only sinner in the Holy Family, it is easy for me to connect with Joseph as we live through personal, religious, and political turmoil – turmoil that wasn't so different from what surrounded him. Throughout, he stayed focused on Jesus and Mary, and he trusted in the Lord."

Though the year devoted to St. Joseph is ending, our devotion to the saint doesn't, Father Stitt said.

"To conclude, I would invite Catholics, each time they hear 'blessed Joseph, her spouse,' in the Eucharistic Prayer to follow the example of Joseph. We can say with him, 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.'"

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## Bishop's Public Schedule

**Dec. 2** – 9:30 a.m. – Diocesan Department Head Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Noon – Lunch followed by Advent Day of Reflection for all Diocesan Staff at Wadhams Hall

**Dec. 3** – Noon – Mass at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg

**Dec. 4** – 10:30 a.m. – Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence

4 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Dec. 5** – 8 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Dec. 7** – 10:30 a.m. – Lay Employees' Retirement Committee Meeting in the Brzana Conference Room

**Dec. 8** – Noon – Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with the closing of the Year of St. Joseph at St. Mary's Cathedral

## Rest in Peace

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

**Dec. 1** – Rev. Charles Goulet, 1913; Rev. George J. Bouchard, 1967

**Dec. 2** – Rev. Charles Desrosiers, 1944; Rev. Joseph A. R. Cote, 1969; Rev. Joseph Fortier, M.S.C., 1970

**Dec. 3** – Rev. Michael O'Neil, 1899; Msgr. Walter Funcke, 1958

**Dec. 4** – Msgr. James Mackey, 1883; Rev. Alexis D. Medeville, O.M.I., 1884; Rev. Albert Chevalier, O.M.I., 1948; Msgr. Joseph Patrick Heslin, 1962; Rev. Charles A. Flaherty, 1974

**Dec. 5** – Rev. Michael Hallahan, 1891; Most Rev. Edgar P. Wadhams, D.D., 1891

**Dec. 6** – Rev. Edward F. O'Brien, 1936

## Protecting God's Children

**The Diocese of Ogdensburg** uses the training, Protecting God's Children for Adults. There are no live trainings scheduled. If you need to complete VIRTUS training, contact Jean Grizzuto, [jgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920 x 1413.

## Environmental Stewardship

### Wake up!

As we began our celebration of the Advent Season words like joy, anticipation, hopefulness, love, peace, may have spontaneously come to mind.

Yet in the same Season we may experience feelings of stress, anxiety, weariness with all the things we need to do to be ready for Christmas.

In the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent Jesus spoke about end times and told us not to become drowsy with the anxieties of daily life.

Thinking about end times can seem rather morbid and heavy.

However, rather than being depressing, it can be an invitation for us to consider how am I living my life NOW . . . A time to discern what is essential and what is not. In other words, 'Be awake!'

Not only does Scripture call us to consider what is essential, the current reality of COVID is imposing this question upon us also.

The pandemic continues to reveal to us our interdependence on each other around the world. When we face empty store shelves, higher costs for food, gasoline and heating, shortage of paper products, etc., we are faced with serious choices. How will we respond to the situation? Will we simply 'grin and bear it'? Or will this disruption of 'business as usual,' cause us to stop and ask questions like . . . do I really need this item? If so, how much do I need? How creative am I in finding healthier ways to eat? What simpler alternatives could I adapt to my normal practices as a consumer?

This disruption in our purchasing ability could be a blessing in disguise. We know that our present lifestyle is consuming far more resources than the planet is able to provide for everyone around the world.

We as consumers are 'blessed' for we can make choices that can have far-reaching effects on the lives of others. Living mindfully and lovingly within the limitations imposed by COVID can be a different way of bringing Christ's love into this Advent Season.

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## Rule protecting faith-based care agencies rescinded

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Nov. 18 rescinded a Trump administration rule that ensured faith-based social service agencies that provide adoption and foster care would continue receiving federal funding for services that follow their religious beliefs.

Opponents of the rule modification, put in place early this year in the waning days of President Donald Trump's term, said it allowed agencies to use religion to discriminate against potential foster parents.

But U.S. bishops praised the rule when it was implemented, saying it allowed faith-based social service providers "to continue partnering with the government to assist children in need."

In acting on the rule, HHS specifically rescinded waivers that allowed child

welfare agencies in South Carolina, Texas and Michigan to not place children with same-sex couples in accordance with their religious belief in traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra said the Trump-era rule was "a blanket use of religious exemptions against any person or blank checks to allow discrimination against any persons, importantly including LGBTQ+ persons in taxpayer-funded programs."

It is not clear how his decision will square with a unanimous decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Fulton v. Philadelphia* over the same issue.

The court ruled in favor of a Catholic social service agency, saying it should not have been excluded from Philadelphia's foster care program because, in

following church teaching on marriage, the agency did not accept same-sex couples as foster parents in accord with church teaching.

The court said the city of Philadelphia's anti-discrimination laws had put an unfair burden on Philadelphia's Catholic Social Services; the city barred the Catholic agency in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from placing any child in foster care or with an adoptive couple because the agency would not consider placements with same-sex couples.

Chief Justice John Roberts, who wrote the opinion, said the service agency "seeks only an accommodation that will allow it to continue serving the children of Philadelphia in a manner consistent with its religious beliefs; it does not seek to impose those beliefs on anyone else."

## Immigrant advocates see hope in Build Back bill

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Immigration advocates have seen promises for reform come and go, but many are hoping one of the best chances to provide some form of respite rests with President Joe Biden's ambitious Build Back Better legislation that the Senate will consider.

The measure, passed in the House of Representatives Nov. 19 and exclusively backed by Democrats, seeks almost \$2 trillion to address climate change, health care and a variety of social safety net programs.

At the moment, it includes provisions that would allow temporary

work permits for almost 7 million people who are in the country without legal permission, preventing them from being deported and allowing them to travel, but these provisions stop short of granting them permanent residency, which could eventually lead to citizenship.

Immigration advocates are looking for measures that would grant the type of path to citizenship provided by a program President Ronald Reagan spearheaded in 1986. That program provided what some called amnesty for 3 million who had entered the country without per-

mission before 1982 and it later led to citizenship for many.

Reagan was the last U.S. president to successfully rally bipartisan support in Congress to pass legislation that legalized, on such a grand scale, groups that had entered the country without permission to do so.

The House version would help those who have lived and worked in the U.S. without legal permission since January 2011, but analysts believe getting it approved by the Senate, even solely backed by the Democrats, will be a hard sell.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

### Change habits, protect earth, help others, pope says in book

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Despite the disappointing outcome of the COP26 summit on climate change, Pope Francis said he knows it is not too late for humanity to act to combat environment destruction and increasing poverty. The ecological crisis, the social crisis of poverty and exclusion and the health care crisis provoked by the COVID-19 pandemic are calling out "for us to change gear, to change bad habits in order to be able to dream, co-create, and act together to realize just and equitable futures," the pope wrote in the preface to the "Laudato Si' Reader." The book, available in print and as a free e-book from the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, includes the preface from Pope Francis, a message from António Guterres, secretary-general of the United Nations, and reflections by dozens of people involved in Catholic environmental, peace or charitable agencies, ambassadors, scientists, academics, young people, farmers and Indigenous people. The reader, published Nov. 23, comes just over six years after the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home."

### Archbishop: Arbery verdict advances justice

ATLANTA (CNS) – Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer said the convictions of three white men for the 2020 murder of 25-year-old Ahmaud Arbery "does not bring him back. It does not bridge the racial divide in our community. It does not bring to an end the sin of racism, but it does advance the work toward justice. Let us use this moment to rededicate ourselves to the intentional, difficult and uncomfortable work of naming and eradicating systemic racism," the Atlanta archbishop said in a statement Nov. 24, shortly after a jury found Travis McMichael, Gregory McMichael and William "Roddie" Bryan Jr. guilty on multiple counts of murder. "We continue to lift up the Arbery family in prayer as we join with countless others in grieving Ahmaud Arbery's death. The violent loss of life is a wound in our community – one that does not heal easily," the archbishop said. "We still have plenty of work to do in America to live up to the ideals of justice and equality that we say we represent," he added. "Let us use this moment to rededicate ourselves to the intentional, difficult and uncomfortable work of naming and eradicating systemic racism."

### Archbishop encourages youth at NCYC to 'keep the fire alive'

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) – At the closing Mass of the National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis Archbishop Charles C. Thompson encouraged the nearly 11,000 teens from across the country to return home with the fire of the Holy Spirit. "Let us go forth with that fire to more fully embrace the Lord's mission in bringing about the kingdom of God, striving always to be Christ-centered in all that we are about," said Archbishop Thompson. "Let us go and be disciples. Let us go and make a difference.... Let us take courage. His dominion is indeed everlasting. The glory of God shall not be denied." The Nov. 20 Mass in Lucas Oil Stadium celebrated the feast of Christ the King and came on the final day of the three-day conference in Indianapolis. Throughout NCYC, the youths were led through a meditation on the Apostles and Mary receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, symbolized by tongues of fire that came to rest above their head. Thus, the theme for the conference was, in English, "Ablaze," and in Spanish, "Enciende el fuego." During his homily, Archbishop Thompson called out at various times the theme in one language with his listeners responding with the theme in the other language.

## ADIRONDACK

**FIRST FRIDAY  
PRAISE & WORSHIP**

Lake Placid – Monthly praise and worship to be held.

**Date:** First Friday of the month

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes Church

**Features:** Music led by Joey and MC Izzo. Time for fellowship and snacks afterwards. Will be livestreamed on St. Agnes Facebook page.

**ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Lake Placid – Join us for an outdoor Christmas market.

**Date:** Dec. 4

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes School

**Features:** free hot chocolate, baked goods, craft vendors and a visit from Santa. There will be wreaths and Christmas trees available for purchase, a silent auction, raffle prizes and a gingerbread house contest!

**Contact:** email

admin@stagnesp.org for more information or if you are interested in vendor space.

## CLINTON

**CRAFT SHOW**

Morrisonville – Come to the North Country Christmas 9th Craft Show.

**Date:** Dec. 4

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

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

**Features:** Local vendors selling jewelry, quilts, crafts, candles, Adirondack items, wreaths and much more. Lunch available at Padre's Café. Take-out only.

**CRAFT FAIR**

Peru – Fall into winter craft fair to be held.

**Date:** Dec. 4

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

**Features:** One stop Christmas shop.  
**Contact:** For more information contact Judy Akey, 518-643-8716

**BRUNCH**

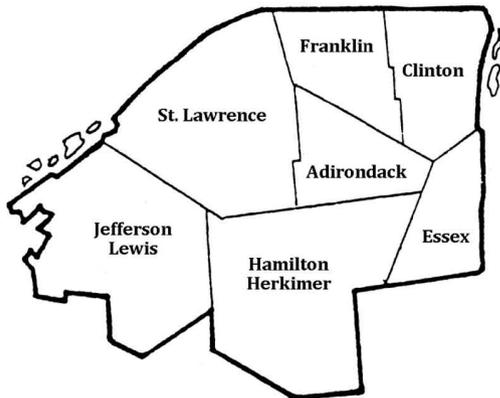
Lyon Mountain – Lyon Mountain American Legion to have brunch.

**Dates:** Dec. 5 and 19; Jan. 9 and 23

**Time:** 9 to Noon

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$7

**Menu:** Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, garlic parmesan wings, breaded mushrooms, homefries.



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

## ESSEX

**LATIN MASS**

Port Henry – Extraordinary Form Latin Mass to be held each Sunday.

**Schedule:** 1 p.m. on Sundays

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

**Features:** The traditional Latin Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Missal of St. John the XXIII.

## JEFFERSON-LEWIS

**HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY**

Houseville – A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

**Date:** Dec. 5

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

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

**Contact:** 315-348-6260

**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER**

Evans Mills – Indian River Knights of Columbus 7471 to have a spaghetti and meatball dinner.

**Date:** Dec. 11

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Seniors, \$8; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart

**Contact:** For more information contact 315-629-4678

## ST. LAWRENCE

**CRAFT FAIR AND BOOK SALE**

Gouverneur – St. James School to have a craft fair and book sale.

**Date:** Dec. 4

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Features:** Food and drink will be available. Over 30 crafters. Masks and social distance necessary. Admission is a donation.

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**

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

**Date:** Dec. 4

**Time:** 3:15 p.m.

**Features:** First Saturday Rosary Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions available. Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**LOVING AUTHENTICALLY**

Commissioned Lay Ministers and candidates are invited to this program that is designed to strengthen the participant's conviction about the truth, beauty and importance of church teaching on natural law and sexual morality.

**Schedule:** Two remaining dates: Jan. 29 at Emmaus Room, St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh; April 23 at St. Peter's Church, Lowville.

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Presenters:** Deacon John Fehlner & Dr. Maura Fehlner, Steve Tartaglia and other members of the Family Life Department.

**Features:** Must watch an 80-minute video prior to the event. Link to video will be sent after registration. Bring your own lunch.

**Contact:** Register at: [rcdny.org/lovingauthentically](http://rcdny.org/lovingauthentically). For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at [startaglia@rcdny.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdny.org) or call 315-393-2920

## AT THE MOVIES

**ENCANTO**

NEW YORK (CNS) – Will viewers be charmed by "Encanto" (Disney)? For the most part, the answer is probably yes, though this vivacious animated musical does include content that could be of concern for the parents of impressionable kids.

The setting, from which the film takes its title, is an enchanted enclave in Colombia. Long ago, this realm became home to Alma (voice of María Cecilia Botero), a then-young refugee mother who had recently been widowed when her courageous husband fell afoul of a band of soldiers.

Now, Abuela Alma presides as the matriarch of both her community and her family, the Madrigals, each member of which has traditionally received a supernatural talent on reaching the age of 5. All, that is, except Alma's 15-year-old granddaughter Mirabel (voice of Stephanie Beatriz) who, a decade back, awaited her gift in vain.

As Mirabel, strong-willed Alma and Mirabel's protective parents, Julieta (voice of Angie Cepeda) and Agustín (voice of Wilmer Valderrama), continue to wrestle with this misfortune, they find themselves threatened with a far worse one. A dark vision of the whole clan's doom granted years before to Mirabel's Uncle Bruno (voice of John Leguizamo) seems on the verge of fulfillment.

Amid colorful visuals and catchy songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda, the script, penned by Charise Castro Smith and Jared Bush (both of whom co-directed with Byron Howard), delivers worthy messages about community service, cooperation and family reconciliation. Yet "Encanto" may not be a good fit for the youngest moviegoers for a variety of reasons.

Along with the screenplay's strong emphasis on magic – including divination – and the vivid dangers through which Mirabel must pass, the movie also includes a slightly ambiguous treatment of religion.

Thus the namesake area includes a church whose amiable, briefly glimpsed priest is shown to be a local leader. Yet if the mystical is pervasive – the Madrigals, for example, live in a house that's essentially alive and that moves its elements around to protect and accommodate them – Christianity has only a marginal presence in the movie. That's an imbalance that might be hard to explain to small fry.

On the other hand, there's certainly no note of animosity against the faith discernable in the proceedings. Instead, Catholicism seems to be momentarily acknowledged as part of the culture, but then implicitly relegated to a state of mild-mannered irrelevance.

"Encanto" is preceded by a sweet-natured short cartoon, "Far From the Tree." The story of an overly curious young racoon, it includes some potentially scary moments, but is otherwise acceptable for all.

The film contains non-scriptural beliefs and practices and characters in peril. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II – adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association rating is PG – parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



## CALLED TO SERVE

## A deacon's journey from noise to silence

I grew up with noise. There was noise from the television, the phonograph and the occasional deafening noise coming from my transistor radio.

Deafening unless I had the ear plug in so Sister wouldn't know I was listening to the World Series during school or under my pillow so Mom wouldn't know I was listening to rock n' roll instead of sleeping.

My broadcasting career started as a disc jockey.

The disc jockey was the guy who played records on the radio, read commercials and announced the time and temperature. Announcer was a fancy name for a disc jockey. They did the same job, but an announcer was on the adult radio stations. They were

laid back and professorial in their application of the craft. Disc jockeys played 45 rpm records that had music pressed into the grooves. Loud music, according to the adults.

Perhaps you are wondering what all that has to do with the deacon at Mass. Stay with me.

Radio in my youth was all about noise. Noise that was constant. Noise that was uninterrupted. A break in the noise, we might call it quiet or silence, was the bane of every disc jockey. In the business those periods of silence were called "dead air." Dead air was unacceptable, not permitted, the disc jockey who allowed it to sneak into a broadcast was embarrassed and ridiculed by his peers.

Enter Sacred Silence. This former disc jockey had a hard time adjusting to the notion that there are parts of the Mass that encourage, even demand, silence. In formation for the diaconate, I became aware of the Church's direction for periods of silence during Mass. Silence was in opposition to everything I had been taught to do in broadcasting. I learned to adjust and found the silence during Mass to be refreshing.

The celebrant asks us at the beginning of Mass to think about the times we have been unfaithful to God and ask him to forgive us. The deacon should

pause before he recites the text of the Lord, have mercy penitential act to give us all time to silently examine our conscience.

A couple of times during Mass the celebrant says, "Let us pray." He should pause briefly before reading the appropriate prayer of the day.

We should silently consider what we have just heard from God after the first and second readings and after the psalm.

There is a period of silence after the homily. That's the time for all of us at Mass to think about Jesus' message in the Gospel and the thoughtful suggestions for us offered in the homily by the priest

or deacon.

We are not done with our periods of silent meditation on the joyous occasion of the Mass.

After receiving the Body of Christ, and perhaps Jesus' blood too, in Eucharist, we should return to our pew or seat and think about this marvelous experience. Jesus Christ and you are one. Jesus has offered himself to you and you have received him.

In silence, we have the opportunity to thank God and promise to carry him with us.

No noise. Only silence to be broken by the invitation, "Let us pray."

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## Saints in the making

*The following is an editorial titled: "Saints in the making," published online Nov. 10 by The Tablet, newspaper of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York.*

The Catholic Church thinks a lot about the past, the present and the future. It's not always clear which of the three is the focus of thought in a secularized society that rejects God. Such a culture loses the chance to unite people and transcend the whole human timeline through a religion that pursues enduring truth, justice, and compassion. God's not finished with us yet, and too many of us can't see God at work in one's neighbor.

November is Black Catholic History Month in the U.S., thanks to an idea advanced by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus in 1990.

As we seek out stories of Black Catholic history, we

can become more aware of the contemporary hunger for justice that can split races apart but which can also promote strong fellowship.

What makes it possible to flip from separation and resentment toward empathy and cooperation? One transcendent factor seems to be the ability always to see God in the other person. Those values and virtues consistently cherished by Catholics need to be seen in all people -- and in the noblest aspirations of our communities. We need also to see them in our experience of communion around the altar, where our "amens" bring us together and worshippers take in the humble hospitality of Christ who feeds us. We can expand on this unity through the parish experience, with homilies, music, prayer services, and candid discussions which recognize

fraternal friendship.

Another transcendent factor is the communion of saints, where we can find examples of God's total goodness shining through people's lives. These stories must be told.

Our shared awareness of the saints already canonized will rightly build our curiosity about saints not already declared. They too are reflections of us and our journeys -- folks we all can root for. This is the case of Catholic Black Americans who are on the path to declarations of sainthood. There are six Black Americans for whom canonization "causes" have been initiated, and they represent not only a chance for rooting together but celebrating together.

(They are: Mother Mary Lange, founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence; Sister Thea Bowman, the first African

American member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, and Julia Greeley, known as the city of Denver's "Angel of Charity" -- all three of whom have the title "Servant of God" -- as well as Mother Henriette Delille, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family, Father Augustus Tolton and Pierre Toussaint. The latter three have the title "Venerable.")

Their stories are fascinating -- tales of selfless individuals, some of whom shook off the bonds of slavery and transitioned to work tirelessly to improve the lot of the disadvantaged. Others immersed themselves so deeply in their faith that they earned the title "Servant of God" or "Venerable" -- steps toward consideration for beatification and canonization. These are extended-family heroes for whom love must replace any thoughts of separation or harm.

Perhaps the best sources of the message of these six deserving candidates to be the first African American saint are the Black Catholic congregations themselves, congregations that, with growing numbers, can do much to amplify that message. So the question is: Can more Black Catholics be encouraged to come to church, and how?

Pope Francis has issued a call to heed the needs and aspirations of the marginalized -- plus their wisdom and closeness to God. It's remarkable how this accompaniment, requiring trust, sacrifice and healing joy brings people together.

We need to be on the lookout for the openings where the church can offer discipleship that expands people's limited views on time and tribe, disillusionment, and hope.

Black Catholic History Month means a lot in a place like this.

# St. Nicholas and the joy of giving

It's common to look forward to the gifts we'll receive at Christmas. But as we learn about the life of St. Nicholas – from which we derive our "Santa Claus" – we will quickly find that it is more blessed indeed to give than to receive. As Christmas approaches, most of us spend time making lists of presents that we hope to receive. Advent is an appropriate time to learn about the life of St. Nicholas and to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Nicholas was born during the third century in a village located in modern-day Turkey. His wealthy parents raised him to be a devout Christian. Sadly, they died in an epidemic while he was still young. Nicholas obeyed Jesus'



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words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor." He used his whole inheritance to help the needy, the sick, and the suffering. The church recognized his total dedication to God and declared him Bishop of Myra while he was still a young man. Nicholas was known across the region for his generosity to people in need, his love of children, and his concern for sailors. You can find many legends about his life on the Internet and in library

books. This special day celebrates the stories of his generosity and goodness. The life of St. Nicholas has much to teach us. A saint of the Catholic Church, his Feast Day is December 6.

This Advent Season, challenge your family to approach Christmas by focusing on St. Nicholas as the model of giving. Rather than focusing on what you and the rest of your family may receive, think about what your family can give. In addition

to money, you can offer the gifts of time, talent or treasure for others here at home and for your mission family far away.

Ask family members to think of meaningful, non-material gifts they have received (a compliment, a word of encouragement, a helping hand, etc.) and to share the story of those gifts. Brainstorm ways in which each member of your family can give rather than receive – and to do so for the Missions. Ask each person to choose at least one way to give time, talent, and treasure for each week of Advent. Invite everyone to write down their good actions on small pieces of paper, notecards or self-stick notes and place them in a special place. Conclude your time to-

gether with the following Prayer for A Giving Heart:

Good and gracious God, You have always been so generous to us. Teach us what it means to give without expecting anything in return. Make each one of us grateful for all we have. Create in us, Lord, a heart that gladly gives. May the hope of Jesus be seen in our hearts, our words, and our actions, throughout this Advent Season. Help us remember the greatest gift shown to us – the Christ Child. Inspire us to respond to the needs of those around us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Reflection courtesy of SPOF national*

## OBITUARIES

**Brushton** – Laura D. Hiltz, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 26, 2021 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Dickinson.

**Chazy** – Bernard E. Perry, Jr.; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 29, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery.

**Chazy** – Irene M. (LaFountain) St. Louis, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 27, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Croghan** – Nichole S. Brown, 48; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 23, 2021 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Croghan** – Hilda "Ann" (Buckingham) Lee, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 24, 2021 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery, Belfort.

**Croghan** – Susan J. (Campeau) Weaver, 67; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 29, 2021 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Constance B. (Allen) Drollette, 75; Mass of Christian Burial May 20, 2022 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Glenfield** – Frederick A. "Fritz" Tucker, 79; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 24, 2021 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Dorothy M. Wade, 82; Services to be held at a later date.

**Henderson** – Barbara J. "Barbie" (Adams) Boyle, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 30, 2021 at Queen of Heaven Church.

**Lowville** – Phillip M. Bush, 93; Funeral Services Nov. 15, 2021 at Sundquist Funeral Home; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

**Lowville** – James A. Martin, 68; Mass of Christian Burial Dec. 1, 2021 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Vance Irving Boyea, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 23, 2021

at Notre Dame Church.

**Massena** – William P. Hammill; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 22, 2021 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Stephanie (Carbone) Thibault, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Dec. 4, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church.

**Morrisonville** – Barbara Jean (Caron) Chilton, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 23, 2021 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Janet Helen (Farrell)

Rabideau, 82; Mass to be held at a later date.

**Ogdensburg** – Francis E. "Frank" O'Donoghue, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 26, 2021 at Notre Dame Church.

**Port Leyden** – Charles M. Kirch, 62; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 22, 2021 at St. Martin's Catholic Church.

**Watertown** – Brooke L. (Robinson) McDowell, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 26, 2021 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Westport** – Gaynelle (Minnix) Gutierrez, 93; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 22, 2021 at St. Philip Neri Church; burial in parish cemetery.



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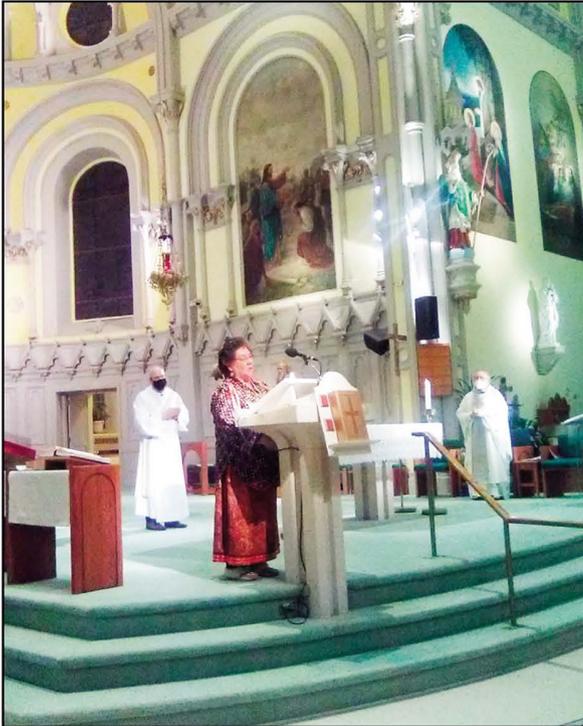
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## MASS OF RECONCILIATION & HEALING



Parishioners of St. Regis Mission participated in a healing and reconciliation Mass at St. Columban's Church in Cornwall, Ontario on Nov. 18. The Mass was a follow-up to the September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, held after the discovery of hundreds of graves at the sites of residential schools. St. Regis Mission Altar Rosary Society conducted a smudge ceremony and sang hymns in Mohawk. Pictured are Angela Gaudet, Dr. RJ "Dolly" McDonald, Bernice Lazore, Liz Sunday, Mildred White, Carole Ross, Judy Cole and Salli Ann Adams. Also, pictured in the back row are Father Tom Riopelle, pastor of St. Columban's and Deacon Guy Cote.

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