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## Foundation report 2025

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have been invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as pilgrims on earth, serving those around us and living by our Heavenly Father's values.

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## DOVS DONATION



The Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (DOVS) held a luncheon with Bishop Terry R. LaValley as speaker. At the end of the luncheon, Bishop LaValley was presented with a check for \$5,000 for the Bishop's Fund. Pictured are DOVS officers Rose Preston, Anne Miller, Phil Shatraw, Connie Randall and Cathy Russell.

## MORE NEED AT PANTRIES



Volunteer David Gulin unloads a shipment of canned goods for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry of Andre Besette Parish, in Malone. Many volunteers like Gulin are working harder than usual to keep up with a surge in people seeking aid following cutoffs and delays in food stamps and home heating aid.

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# Pope: 'Be challenged' by those who suffer

By Victoria Cardiel  
Catholic News Agency

Pope Leo XIV said we should "allow ourselves to be challenged" by the presence of those who suffer "without fear of abandoning our own security" during an audience this week with the general chapters of two women's religious congregations with strong missionary outreaches.

The two orders present were the Religious of Jesus and Mary, founded by St. Claudine Thévenet, and the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, known as the Scalabrinians, who are dedi-

cated to the pastoral care of migrants and refugees.

During his Nov. 6 address at the Apostolic Palace, the Holy Father noted that both congregations, though they originated in different circumstances, were founded "out of the same love for the poor."

Specifically, he noted that St. Claudine Thévenet and the Religious of Jesus and Mary served "young women in difficult situations," while St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, and Venerable Don Giuseppe Marchetti, founders of the Scalabrinians, served migrants.

The pope urged the sisters to spend these days "humbly listening to God and in courageous attention to the needs of others."

"This requires courage, so as to let ourselves be challenged by the presence of those who suffer, without fear of abandoning our own security, and to venture, if the Lord asks it, onto new paths," he noted.

The pope also highlighted the profound harmony between the guiding themes chosen by both congregations for their chapters: "Jesus himself drew near" (Lk 24:15) for the Religious of Jesus and Mary, and "Wherever you go, I will go" (Ruth 1:16) for the Scal-

abrinian missionaries.

"These are complementary themes," the pope affirmed, "because they express the dynamics of your foundations. Indeed, they bring together God's initiative and our response."

"During these days," the pope said, "may he always be at the center. Give plenty of space, then, to prayer and silence throughout the course of your work ... the most important insights are gained 'on our knees,' and what matures in the meeting rooms of the chapter needs to be sown and sifted before the tabernacle and in listening to the word."



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# Cheat, cheat, never beat

I'm only cheating myself.

Using a popular app on my iPhone, I track my diet - calories, protein, carbohydrates, fiber... I have goals I target for some of the key metrics tracked.

Every day, I weigh, measure and record nearly everything I eat. Until I don't.

Almost every night, I eat one small snack - a small pack of nuts and dried fruit, a banana, a handful of grapes, or - once in a great while - a small cookie. Even if I

logged these snacks, I'd usually be under my calorie goal or only the tiniest bit above it. But I still don't log them.

It's irrational.

Maybe it's guilt; night snacking isn't the best habit. Maybe it's a desire to have my app numbers appear better than they really are. But failing to log the food is only cheating myself.

I'm the only one who loses in this equation (or doesn't lose when my goal is to eat at a calorie deficit and drop a few pounds).

Darcy L.  
Fargo

Talking to one of my health providers about my diet, I thought about those unrecorded night snacks. I didn't mention them.

Thinking about that conversation later, I realized I do something similar in my relationship with the Lord.

I would love to be better at surrendering my life and all that happens in it to the Lord. Sometimes, I'll surrender a situation to the Lord. I'll stop worrying - or at least worry a lot less - about things outside of my control. I'll surrender them to God.

Until I don't.

Then, often when some

problem arises, I take back that surrender, and I immediately return to being filled with anxiety and worry, and/or I try to exert control where I have none.

I give up the peace of surrendering to Christ, and I opt to lean into stress and worry.

It's irrational.

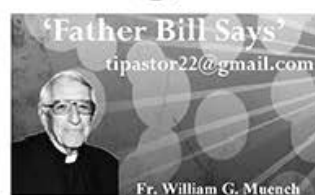
I've spent some time this week and plan to continue praying for the grace to be the version of me that God is calling me to be and the fortitude to do so honestly and fully. I've prayed to stay in his peace.

Because otherwise, I'm only cheating myself.

## Living with gratitude

November begins with All Saints and All Souls - two feasts that remind me of my Heavenly support. When I turn to God in prayer - to all my favorite saints, even to my many loved ones who are now with God - I remember well how they are constantly supporting me. This month of November reminds me that this is now a special time for gratitude. The Church constantly reminds me to recognize that my best response now is gratitude. St. Paul writes in his First Letter to the Thessalonians: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing - give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I know that each time I turn to God in prayer my first thought must be gratitude. Scripture reminds me that everything is gift. Gratitude must be my natural response to God's goodness. It leads



me to humility, trust and joy. I know that our best prayer is the Holy Eucharist. The very word means gratitude. Every time I go to the altar to celebrate Eucharist, every Mass is a prayer of gratitude. All who join me at Mass are offering gratitude to our Lord and Savior as we gather around the altar of the Lord for Eucharist. We are all about to be transformed as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist; we are blessed with holiness, and we are on our way to becoming saints. For this, we must be most grateful.

With the Lord's guidance, we are also called to bring our gratitude to others. Every step of our lives involves the kindness and support of oth-

ers - family, friends, mentors. In gratitude, we are led to recognize the image of God in those who help us. This reminds us to be generous in return. Thank you is a form of love; we are connected in a special way.

Gratitude is not just a feeling; it is a way of living. It teaches us patience, kindness, forgiveness and joy. Our gratitude to others is so transformative. St. Therese of Lisieux wrote this: "What most draws down graces from our dear Lord is gratitude, for if we thank him for a gift, He is touched and hastens to gift us with ten more." Even in times of hardship, when we look with grateful eyes, even trials can reveal God's hidden grace.

A grateful spirit leads to happiness. I have noticed that many writers today focus on happiness. They usually begin by encouraging gratitude. Our gratitude to God and to others

transforms us and leads us to a real happiness. I remember ages ago that someone encouraged me to develop a Gratitude Notebook. I was to jot down each evening what I was grateful for on that very day. This has become powerful reminder of how grateful I must be.

So, let me finish with a Prayer of Gratitude: *Loving Father, you are the giver of every good gift. For the breath of life, for faith that sustains me, for the people who care for me and the grace that guides me, I give you thanks. Teach me to live each day with a grateful heart to see your hand in the beauty around me, to recognize your love in those who help me and share that love with others in kindness and joy. May my gratitude become praise, my praise become service, and my service bring glory to your name. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



# Pantries see more need after SNAP cutoff

By Keith Benman  
Contributing Writer

Parish food pantries across the Diocese of Ogdensburg are working to keep up with surging demand brought on by the cutoff of federal food stamp benefits to families and the elderly.

Regular funds for the federal government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly called food stamps, ran out Nov. 1 because of the government shutdown. Courts have now ordered the Trump administration to fund the program. As of press time, there was no determination on when program recipients would receive the food assistance.

"A lot of people with a little bit of help from SNAP, and what they make, were able to make ends meet," said Father Scott R. Seymour, director of Catholic Charities for the diocese. "But now they can't."

Many of the people who receive food stamps are the working heads of families, according to local food pantry operators. Other food stamp beneficiaries are the elderly, often on fixed incomes. Left without food stamps so far this month, those are the people now streaming into food pantries to register for monthly food packages or ask for immediate food aid off the shelf.

Since Nov. 1, households coming in for food aid at the Good Samaritan Food Pantry at André Bessette parish in Malone have surged to 25 to 30 per day as opposed to an average of about 20 per day previously, accord-



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(Above) Maintenance supervisor Chadd Charland, left, and his father, Deacon Brent Charland, take a load of canned goods into the Good Samaritan Food Pantry of André Bessette Parish, in Malone. (Right) Paul McCarthy, left, Phil Ashley, middle, and Deacon Thomas Proulx begin to sort a truckload of food at St. Peter's Outreach Food Pantry in Massena. The food is donated by local grocery stores participating in the Food Rescue Program.



ing to Susan Perkins, St. André Bessette parish business manager.

As of the beginning of the month, 227 households were signed up with the food pantry for a regular monthly food distribution pack containing enough for several days of meals. In those households are 129 children. But with 1,389 households in the town of Malone receiving food stamps, Perkins expects the numbers signed up at the food pantry to increase dramatically.

"We just believe without SNAP the ones that haven't been coming in will come," Perkins

said.

At the St. Peter's Outreach Food Pantry in Massena, it's the same story. The phone was ringing off the hook on both phone lines there in the first days of the month as people sought food assistance to make up for food stamps many would have received by now.

Generally, the slowest time for the food pantry is early in the month, according to food pantry director Elaine LaPage. But on Tuesday, 30 people came in to sign up for regular monthly food packs or seeking other aid. That compares to about a

dozen that might come in daily at the beginning of a typical month.

Food pantry operators expect that surge to continue all the way through at least the month of November.

Food stamps are not the only way the government shutdown is hurting families, according to Father Seymour. Some states, including New York, have warned distribution of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Funds will be delayed. That program, commonly known as HEAP, uses federal funds to help pay heating costs for families and many of the elderly

in the North Country. The delay comes just as the winter heating season is starting.

And in the Watertown area, civilian employees at Fort Drum are not getting paid. Father Seymour said some have sought aid from Catholic Charities. All of the above government shutdown effects are creating crisis situations for many families.

"That's been our experience so far," Father Seymour said. "A lot of people that are struggling with basic necessities - not just food insecurity, but fear of electrical shut-offs, a lack of fuel - people are dealing with all those things."

Because the food stamp cutoff story has been in the news, people are calling food pantries offering donations, more is being left in collection boxes at churches, and grocery stores are also stepping up donations.

"I think people, when you hear that children are going to go hungry, that really strikes a chord," LaPage said.

In response to the federal food stamp cutoff, Gov. Kathy Hochul released \$65 million in emergency funds to help shore up supplies at food pantries across the state. Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Malone received \$2,300 of that money, according to Perkins. St. Peter's Outreach Food Pantry, one of the largest in the North Country, received \$25,000.

"We need to think about others and not just ourselves," Father Seymour said. "We need to put others and their basic needs first. We all need to work together and come together."



# Charismatic Mass offered in Malone

Next Mass will be celebrated Nov. 23  
at 2 p.m. at Notre Dame Church

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff Writer

On Pentecost Sunday, Mary Haas attended the Charismatic Mass at St. André Bessette Church in Malone.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I wanted to find out," the longtime parishioner relates. "I wanted to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit more fully."

She was not disappointed.

"My experience that day brought me to tears," she said. "There was great joy as I experienced God in a new way and had a new sense of feeling the presence of the Spirit. I knew that there was something there, and that I am on the right track in going after it. Each time I go, I feel so much more alive! I love the music and experience the presence of God at a whole new level. For the whole week after, words of those songs keep going through my mind. What a joy to be in an atmosphere of so much praise!"

Haas also notes that she was "intrigued by speaking in tongues."

"While I was being prayed over, I could hear the woman nearest me speaking unknown words," she said. "This was new to me, but completely peaceful. It was also a freeing experience - asking for help, letting go, and knowing that whatever happens, happens."

Haas said attending the Charismatic Masses has become important to her.

"I was definitely touched by being there, and at the two subsequent Charismatic Masses we've had," she said. "I can't not go. Each time one is announced, it is 'Yay! Another one I can go to!' It is hard to explain the joy of a whole community of believers

all praising God!"

Haas's experience echoes the miraculous events of the first Pentecost. After Jesus' Ascension, the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem awaiting the promised Holy Spirit. The second chapter of Acts describes what happened that day: A driving wind, after which tongues as of fire rested upon each of Apostles, who "began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them."

This proclamation was heard, each in his own language, by those in the large crowd that day. All were "amazed at the marvels God has accomplished." This was followed by Peter's discourse, and his call to all present to reform and be baptized. Acts 2:41 records that some 3,000 were baptized that same day.

In Acts, 3, Peter and John meet a man crippled from birth.

"I have neither silver nor gold," Peter tells him, "But what I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazorean, walk!"

Peter helped him to his feet. The man began to walk, and all who saw were astonished.

"He went into the Temple with them, jumping about and praising God!" (Acts 3, 8.)

This gift has persisted throughout the history of the Church, which recognizes healing as an authentic charism, or gift of grace. Tales abound of saints whose prayers for the sick were answered by God in very powerful ways. In fact, proof of miracles is necessary for both beatification and canonization.

Even now, we continue to pray for the sick - individually, in Prayers of the Faithful and through the anointing of

the sick.

Healing Masses continue to be important. Often, after a Charismatic Mass, prayer teams are available to pray for healing for those who seek it. This prayer is accompanied by the laying on of hands as Jesus instructs in Mark 6,16.

Eve McGill, now a parishioner at St. Alexander's in Morristown, can speak to the importance of this healing dimension. She has been involved in the Charismatic Renewal since 1978.

At that time, a Charismatic prayer group met in the Upper Room at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, where she had the privilege of going through the Life in the Spirit seminars.

"When they prayed over me for the baptism in the Holy Spirit," she recalls, "I rested in the Spirit. Soon I was involved in music ministry and praying for people."

Years later, Jeannine Nichols, who had been blessed with a healing gift, became extremely ill. McGill recalls that "while praying for her one day, I heard 'Will you answer my prayer?'"

The next day, McGill visited her friend. Nichols shared with McGill her conviction that God was calling Eve to the healing ministry.

"Jeanine (Nichols) confirmed that I was the one to succeed her in this work," McGill said. "It was a most humbling experience."

After Nichols died in 2007, McGill and a friend talked with their pastor at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, Father John Yonkovig, about healing ministry.

"Our ministry really started under his blessing," McGill explains. "Providentially, Father John had just learned of a training opportunity downstate. He sent us for intensive training through Francis MacNutt's School of Healing Prayer. At our prayer group and at healing Masses, many

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## What does that mean?

**CHARISM** - A charism is a special grace. Whatever their character - sometimes it is extraordinary, such as the gift of miracles or of tongues - charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace and are intended for the common good of the Church. (CCC, 2003)

**PRAISE** is the form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It lauds God for his own sake and gives him glory, quite beyond what he does, but simply because HE IS.... By praise the Spirit is joined to our spirits to bear witness that we are children of God... Praise embraces other forms of prayer and carries toward him who is its source and goal, one God, the Father, from whom all things are and for whom we exist. (CCC 2639)

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** - This term refers to a movement of the Holy Spirit that began in 1967 when various charismatic gifts were given to groups gathered in prayer to the Holy Spirit. The depth and newness of this experience of the power of God, and the charisms which are his gift, were life-changing for millions of people. Prayer groups grew up rapidly in parishes across the country and around the world.

## IS CHARISMATIC RENEWAL REALLY CATHOLIC?

Absolutely! Catholic Charismatic Renewal has been faithful to, and under the guidance of the Church, from the very beginning. Popes - Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis I - approved and encouraged this movement of the Spirit in the Church. These pontiffs were also pleased to welcome Renewal leaders to Rome. None doubted that Charismatic Renewal was a gift from God to the Church. It came as an answer to the prayer of Pope John XXIII as he convoked the Second Vatican Council:

Renew your wonders in our time, as though for a new Pentecost, and grant that the holy Church, preserving unanimous and continuous prayer, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and also under the guidance of St. Peter, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen. (Humanae Salutis)



# Sister M. Stephanie Frenette died Nov. 3

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister M. Stephanie Frenette, a Dominican Sister of Hope, was celebrated by Bishop Terry R. LaValley on Saturday at 9 a.m. in St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh.

A memorial Mass and burial will take place at the Dominican Sisters of Hope, 299 North Highland Avenue, Ossining, on November 18 at 11 a.m.

Sister Stephanie, 84 of Plattsburgh, peacefully took the hand of the Lord on November 3, 2025.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 11, 1941, her birth name was Barbara Ann, and she was the oldest of three children born to Irene and Arthur Frenette, whose roots were from Mooers Forks, New York, and Winooski, Vermont. For the first 16 years of her life, Barbara Ann (Sister Stephanie) lived in Detroit and Royal Oak, Michigan. For her senior year of high school, she attended the prep school at Dominican Academy in Fall River, Massachusetts.

In 1959, at the age of 18, she decided to enter the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Fall River, Massachusetts. During the next three years of postulancy and novitiate, she also taught at Dominican Academy as well as began her pursuit of a bachelor's degree at Providence College during the summers.

In 1962, Sister Stephanie was assigned to St. Peter's School in Plattsburgh. Following her time as a classroom teacher,



Sister M. Stephanie Frenette

she also taught religious education in multiple parishes in the North Country, including Altona, Chateaugay, Chazy, Ellenburg, Mooers, Mooers Forks, Sciota and West Chazy.

In 1972, Sister Stephanie was transferred to teach at St. Bernadette's School in New Haven, Connecticut, for five years. She then returned to St. Peter's School in 1977, continuing to teach for many more years in first grade, second grade and Pre-K. In fact, Sister Stephanie actually taught every grade level from Pre-K to grade 12, either in school classroom teaching or in Faith Formation/Catechetical programs. One of her greatest contributions to thousands of children was teaching them to read and sharing her love of God through her

catechetical programs. She was also well known for wanting to take the most difficult and/or challenged children in her classroom.

After teaching, she became a home health aide for a few years until medical issues forced her to retire.

Along with her congregational responsibilities as infirmarian, she also served as a Hospice volunteer, a Eucharistic Minister at St. Peter's and a multi-year traveler and Leadership Team member of the North Country Mission of Hope.

In 1995, Sister Stephanie, along with hundreds of her Dominican Sisters, became a founding member of her present congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Hope.

Among her many interests, she loved to travel, preferably by car so she could "see more," loved to go on Mission to Nicaragua, where she had a strong commitment to the disabled orphans, was a wonderful listener and loved hearing from her past students. Her greatest and most cherished moments were when she was with children.

In addition to her parents, Sister Stephanie was predeceased by her nephew, Shawn Watson; and her niece, Aimee Frenette.

She is survived by her brother Larry Frenette; her sister Joan Koson; nieces, Heather Frenette, Michele Brooks and family; her nephew, Michael Watson and family; and sever-

al grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. Sister Stephanie is also survived by Sister Debbie Blow, her lifelong soul friend and Sister Debbie's family, who loved Sister Stephanie as their own.

Donations in Sr. Stephanie's memory may be made to North Country Mission of Hope or to the Dominican Sisters of Hope.

The Executive Director of the North Country Mission of Hope, Deacon James Carlin, captured the true essence of Sister Stephanie.

"It is with great sadness that I let you know that after a very long illness, Sister Stephanie passed from this life early this morning. Sister Steph is not listed as a founder of the Mission of Hope, but was from the beginning a driving force in moving the Mission forward and in establishing the heart and soul of the work of the Mission. Sister Steph was an unrelenting force for justice and charity, always holding us accountable to those principles. Sister Stephanie will be sorely missed; however, her example and life will be a legacy that lives on in everyone she touched and in the work of the Mission of Hope."

"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors, for their good deed go with them."

Arrangements have been entrusted into the care of the R.W. Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 69 Court Street, Plattsburgh.

## Charismatic Mass in Malone

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came forward willing to pray for those in need. Eventually we had 27 people who made up six to seven prayer teams."

After moving to Morrisville some years ago, McGill continued this work when then-pastor Father Scott Seymour offered Healing Mass-

es. These prayer teams now generously travel to Malone to join in the Charismatic Masses and to pray with those seeking healing.

After his first year as pastor at St. André Bessette, Father Seymour was approached by a parishioner who said, "We haven't had

a prayer group or a prayer meeting in a long time!"

Speaking with the parishioner, Father Seymour sensed a real need; after praying and talking with McGill, he decided to begin with a Charismatic Mass on Pentecost - which had "an amazing turnout,"

the pastor said.

Masses were offered in September and October.

"Worship is not only an obligation," explains Father Seymour. "It is also a response in love. People need to encounter Jesus. Every Mass is a call for you personally, to welcome Christ

into your whole being."

The next Charismatic Mass in Malone will be Sunday, November 23, at 2 p.m. at Notre Dame Church.

The 2026 schedule includes Life in the Spirit Seminars, May 8-9 (registration required) and the Mass of Pentecost on May 24."



# The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg

*Building A Bridge For The Future*



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# Build a Bridge for the Future

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And now 18 years later, the Foundation continues to be an important instrument for the growth of our Church and a valuable means to *Build a Bridge for the Future*. Since its establishment, fifty-eight endowments have been created in the Foundation. These are listed in this insert along with their beneficiaries. Parishioners, families, businesses and organizations continue to make planned gifts to the Foundation as a means of support for our parishes, Catholic schools and other ministries and funds in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Please take a moment to review our annual report to learn more about the Foundation's mission and how it functions.



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

We are very grateful to the members of our Board of Directors for their wise stewardship in overseeing the investments and dividends of its funds along with all those parishioners, families, businesses and organizations who have had the foresight to establish and contribute generously to the Foundation. These endowments are a perpetual source of revenue for the future works of the

Church.

If you have not already, I encourage you to consider developing an estate plan for the benefit of your loved ones. The Foundation is a valuable means for you to begin a legacy for the next generations.

Wishing God's blessing to you and your loved ones, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

## The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg *Passing Our Living Faith to Future Generations*

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Foundation is to pass our living faith to future generations by financially supporting the charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works of the Catholic Community of the Diocese of Ogdensburg by accepting donations or endowment funds from donors and the administration of these funds.

In fulfilling its mission, The Foundation will:

- Provide estate planning and charitable giving information and assistance.
- Provide gifting vehicles in which the Church or related entities are the designated beneficiary.
- Provide responsible and financial management and distribution of earnings that further the mission of the Catholic Church.

Catholics are called by God to protect human life, to promote dignity, to defend those who are poor, to strengthen the Church and to seek the common good. The Foundation exists to help Catholics live out this sacred mission of the Church, through the wise stewardship and thoughtful sharing of their financial resources.

The Foundation will provide permanent endowments and memorial funds for donors who want to give lasting support to parishes, schools, religious and social service ministries in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

### HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS

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<b>Wills &amp; Bequests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Real estate</li> <li>• Personal property</li> <li>• Percentage of estate</li> <li>• Remainder of estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bequest will be held in perpetuity and invested to fund The Foundation needs as designated by the donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible estate tax deduction</li> <li>• Opportunity to make perpetual gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable Gift Annuities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon the death of the donor or last surviving annuitant remaining assets generate interest income for The Foundation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible estate tax deduction</li> <li>• Opportunity to make perpetual gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Insurance Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name The Foundation as policy owner and/or beneficiary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives full face value of policy upon death of the donor, or may receive current surrender value prior to donor's death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to make substantial future gift to The Foundation at current manageable cost</li> <li>• Income tax deduction for value of the policy when transferred</li> <li>• Premium payments may be deducted as gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Real Estate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home</li> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Vacation Home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives the proceeds from the sale of the property at your death or sooner if so desired by the Donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be given with life use</li> <li>• Can be given without incurring tax on the appreciation</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable Remainder Trusts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> <li>• Real estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives substantial future gifts to support the work of The Foundation and the charities named by the donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable or fixed income</li> <li>• Option to defer income</li> <li>• Income tax deduction</li> <li>• Reduction of estate taxes</li> <li>• No capital gains tax on appreciated gift (or deferred in some instances)</li> </ul>
<b>Retirement Plan/IRA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name The Foundation as beneficiary of death benefit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant gift upon death of donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to make a major gift</li> <li>• Estate and income tax savings</li> </ul>
<b>Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any of the above types of gifts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final beneficiary(ies) will have a perpetual source of revenue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a lasting gift that is a permanent legacy of your faith</li> </ul>

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622 Washington St., Ogdensburg  
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### The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024

	6/30/2025	6/30/2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 143,420	\$ 277,029
Accrued Interest	11,462	11,454
Investments at Fair Value	8,079,964	7,644,436
Prepaid Expenses	1,159	-
Property Held for Sale	69,373	-
Charitable Gift Annuities	1,852	1,852
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 8,307,230</b>	<b>\$ 7,934,771</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	(138,961)	(129,944)
With Donor Restrictions	8,446,191	8,064,715
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>8,307,230</b>	<b>7,934,771</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 8,307,230</b>	<b>\$ 7,934,771</b>


\*\*The Foundation's IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt Form Tax, is available for inspection upon request\*\*




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Mount Saint Mary's Seminary



Deacon Tyler Fitzgerald  
4th Theology  
Saint Vincent's Seminary




Deacon Dennis Omongi  
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Saint Vincent's Seminary



Kevin McCullough  
3rd Theology  
Saint Vincent's Seminary

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according to your  
Word."  
(Luke 1:26-28)



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- The Priests Retirement Fund
- The Priests Disability Fund
- The Bishop's Fund
- Any Ministry or Program of the Diocese
- Catholic Charities
- Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg
- St. Joseph's Nursing Home
- Any Diocesan institution of your choice



## ***Endowments Established in the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc.***

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 Catholic Charities Endowment – Corporate purposes  
 Society of the Sisters of St. Joseph Endowment – Corporate purposes  
 Society of the Propagation of the Faith Endowment – Corporate purposes  
 St. Joseph's Home Foundation Endowment – Corporate purposes  
 Catherine Aurelia Endowment – Bishop's Charities and Religious Works  
 Reverend Anthony A. Milia Endowment – Support of the Diocesan Archives  
 Building For Tomorrow Endowment – Operating expenses of the Catholic Community of Alexandria  
 Education of Seminarians Endowment – Funding to the annual operating budget  
 Faylene LeRoux Endowment – Support of Catholic Education  
 Formation For Ministry Endowment – Parish financial assistance and annual operating budget  
 Guggenheim/Hughes Endowment – Support of capital needs of Guggenheim Center  
 Leona Schlafly Endowment – General purposes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg  
 Reverend James Meehan Endowment – Special care of priests  
 St. Mary's Cathedral Endowment – Support of general operations  
 Joseph & Joyce Sylvester Endowment – General operating needs of St. Anthony's, Watertown  
 Guggenheim Maintenance Endowment – Maintain the main camp building, boathouse and grounds  
 Spratt Memorial Endowment – Support capital needs  
 St. Alexander's Catholic Education Endowment – Support of Catholic education at parish  
 Alice Austin Trust Mass Endowment – Masses at St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor  
 Lawrence R. Robinson Trust Mass Endowment – Masses at St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor  
 St. Augustine's Church Endowment – General purposes of St. Augustine's at Peru.  
 Margaret Brothers Endowment – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point  
 Victor West Endowment – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point  
 St. Mary's Champlain NY Endowment – Support of St. Mary's Church  
 Reverend W. Cyril Rapin Endowment – Support of disabled priests  
 Good Samaritan Endowment – Christian charity to the people of the North Country  
 Holy Family Strauss Educational Endowment – Promote Catholic education  
 Deacon Adam Crowe Scholarship Endowment – Education of Seminarians  
 William Cornish Endowment – St. Henry's Church, EWTN, Diocese  
 Donald J. Grant Endowment – General purposes of RC Community of Brownville & Dexter  
 St. Lawrence Church Endowment – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls  
 St. Patrick's Church Shamrock Endowment – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls  
 Queen of Heaven Church – General purposes of Queen of Heaven Church  
 Church of St. Patrick/Stumpf Family – Catholic Education  
 ME Walton Good Samaritan Endowment – Needs of parishioners at St. Cyril's and St. Francis Xavier  
 Special Care of Priests Endowment – Funding for annual operating budget  
 Alice Austin Mass Endowment – Masses at Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson  
 St. Francis of Assisi Endowment – 50% Diocese, 50% Covenant House  
 William L. Patnode Endowment – Education of Seminarians  
 Gertrude J. Tyo Endowment – Education of Seminarians  
 Chapin, McCarthy, LaBelle Families Endowment – General purposes St. Augustine (North Bangor)  
 Chapin, McCarthy Families Endowment – General purposes St. Martin de Porras, Peru (Missionary Projects)  
 St. Patrick's & Mother Cabrini's Shrine of Peru, NY Endowment – General purpose of Shrine  
 Thomas and Ann Fiacco Endowment – IHC, Watertown for use of tuition assistance to students in need  
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 Bishop Brzana Chapter Vocations – emergency medical/dental assistance to active Seminarians  
 Brian E. McManus & Alison E. McManus Endowed Scholarship Fund in Memory of Dorothy W. McManus – Tuition assistance for students of financial need at St. Agnes Catholic School  
 Halsey J. Seguin Memorial Scholarship Fund – to benefit poor students of St. Bernard's Catholic School as they see fit  
 Education of Seminarians/St. Joseph's Home Endowment – Education of Seminarians & St. Joseph's Nursing Home Foundation general purposes  
 Leonard J. Furnia Endowment Fund – Support of Education of Priests & Seminarians  
 Saint Ignatius Special Needs Endowment Fund – special need grants for extra ordinary, emergency, one-time situations  
 Francis & Constance Kehoe Memorial Endowment Fund – Education of Seminarians and Graduate Studies for Clergy of the Diocese of Ogdensburg  
 The Leary Family Endowment Fund – General purposes Trinity Catholic School, Massena NY, and St. Peter's Parish, Massena NY  
 The Lamb Trust Fund (St. Agnes School) – annual scholarship or scholarships for St. Agnes Catholic School students or such other purposes as the school to determine.  
 The Gawdun & Walsh Family Endowment Fund - 50% Continuing Education of Priest and 50% Education of Seminarians.  
 The Lantier Family Endowment Fund – maintenance of the Blessed Mother Statue dedicated to Rosie J. Lantier at St. Cecilia Church, Adams NY.  
 Dr. Eulogio and Mrs. Joan Rectra Family Endowment – Catholic Charities



## Environmental Stewardship

**A serious change**

Following All Saint's Day and the end of daylight savings time, a darker, more overcast and drearier time of year begins. Though we may get warmer days, the decreased intensity of light, the persistent spells of cloudy weather and the shortness of daylight trigger changes in nature and within our bodies.

Many individuals are keenly aware that they experience both a physical and mental change at this time of year, just as in most forms of life in this region. There are obvious changes to the appearance of hardwood trees along with alterations to their internal workings. Similarly, bugs, birds, wildflowers and other organisms experience changes in their behavior and body chemistry during this second half of autumn. Big game hunters know well that the behavior of bucks change significantly as Veteran's Day approaches, as they enter their breeding period.

The changes occurring all around us can impact individuals who are closely attuned to nature. The reduction in daylight and gloomy weather can trigger feelings of depression. Spending time outdoors during daylight hours can be helpful. Walking is especially beneficial when the urge to sit on the sofa and just watch TV sets in. And if you must stay inside, try not to watch the news too much; it might be better to sit with a set of rosary beads, read some scripture, or talk to God and tell Him your concerns. He is always listening.

You are a fundamental part of nature, and your changing health needs must be addressed during this season. Should you realize that you are becoming overly depressed and coping with life's basic issues is becoming a real challenge, it is wise to contact a medical professional for advice on how to deal with the mental and emotional issues that can develop with the dwindling sunlight. When caring for creation, it is crucial to care for yourself first.

## Bishop's Public Schedule

**Nov. 10-13** — United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, Maryland  
**Nov. 16** — 8 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral  
**Nov. 17** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral  
**Nov. 19** — 10 a.m. — Lay Employees' Retirement Committee Meeting followed by Lunch at Bishop's Residence

## Rest in Peace

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

**Nov. 12** — Deacon Garry N. Burnell, 2023  
**Nov. 13** — Rev. S. Alphonse Vollmer, 1931; Rev. Victor Van den Hende, 1939; Most Rev. Francis J. Monaghan, 1942  
**Nov. 14** — Msgr. Edward Joseph Pierce, 1980  
**Nov. 15** — Rev. Medard Zywicki, M.S.C., 1980  
**Nov. 16** — Rev. Alexis Trudeau, O.M.I., 1885; Rev. Martin C. Mullen, 1904; Rev. John Henry O'Rourke, 1930; Rev. George C. Egan, O.S.A., 1957; Rev. John H. McCloskey, O.S.A., 1957; Rev. J. Lee Snow, 2003; Rev. George F. Sykes, 2007; Rev. Roland G. Gonyo, 2011  
**Nov. 17** — Rev. Edward V. Murphy, 1907; Rev. George D. Boucher, 1954; Rev. Romuald A. Wolski, O.F.M. Conv., 1976  
**Nov. 18** — Rev. Edward J. Shea, O.S.A., 1931

## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is able to schedule sessions of the training, Protecting God's Children for Adults. This required training addresses child abuse, the methods and means by which abusers commit abuse, and the five steps to prevent abuse from occurring and stop it from continuing. To arrange for training, call 315-393-2920 or email [jgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rcdony.org)

## To Report Abuse

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

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## OBITUARIES

**AuSable Forks** — Lorraine Alice (Fontaine) Willis, 98; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 6, 2025 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

**Brasher Falls** — Raymond C. Cook, 55; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 12, 2025 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** — Cory White, 45; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 10, 2025 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** — Roland M. Dominic, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 15, 2025 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Brainardsville Cemetery.

**Edwards** — Elizabeth (Ramsey) Ashley, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 10, 2025 at Sacred Heart Church.

**Henderson** — Elizabeth Jane Clark Phillips, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 7, 2025 at Queen of Heaven Church.

**Indian Lake** — Elizabeth A. (Buchanan) Cannan, 62; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2025 at Miller Funeral Home.

**Norfolk** — John F. Shepard, 89; No services at this time.

**Plattsburgh** — John "Jack" Brady, 94; Memorial Services to be held at a later date.

**Plattsburgh** — Roberta A. (LaFountain) LaDue, 71; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2025 at Brown Funeral Home.

**Plattsburgh** — Marlene T. (Barcomb) McCormick, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2025 at Brown Funeral Home.

**Redford** — Donald Slyman, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 7, 2025 at Church of the Assumption.

**Rouses Point** — George William Letourneau, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 6, 2025 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** — Mary Agnes Cyr Seifried, 99; Memorial Mass in spring at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Watertown** — John D. Amedeo, 77; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 8, 2025 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Delia A. (Campbell) Cumoletti, 60; Graveside Nov. 7, 2025 at Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Beverly Eunice (Netto) DeMar, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 7, 2025 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Joseph Jude Rusin, 74; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 6, 2025 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Waddington** — Larry D. Dalton, 75; Graveside Services Nov. 18, 2025 at Brookside Cemetery.



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# Vatican nixes Mary's 'Co-Redemptrix' title

By Hannah Brockhaus  
Catholic News Agency

The Vatican's doctrinal office said Nov. 4 the title of "Co-Redemptrix" is not an appropriate way to describe Mary's participation in salvation.

In Mater Populi Fidelis ("The Mother of the Faithful People of God"), the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) said when an expression requires frequent explanation to maintain the correct meaning, it becomes unhelpful.

"In this case, the expression 'co-redemptrix' does not help extol Mary as the first and foremost collaborator in the work of redemption and grace, for it carries the risk of eclipsing the exclusive role of Jesus Christ," according to the doctrinal note, released Nov. 4.

Pope Leo XIV approved the document, signed by DDF prefect Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, on Oct. 7.

Mary's contribution to human salvation, specifically the title of "Co-Redemptrix" ("Co-Redeemer"), has been a point of theological debate for decades, with proponents calling for Mary's role in redemption to be declared a dogma but critics saying it exaggerates her importance and could damage efforts for unity with other Christian denominations.

In a preface to the note, Fernández wrote that the document responds to questions the dicastery received in recent decades about Marian devotion and certain Marian titles, and clarifies which are acceptable.

"There are some Marian reflection groups, publications, new devotions, and even requests for Marian dogmas that do not share the same characteristics as popular devotion," the cardinal wrote, adding that some Marian devotions, expressed "intensely through social media," can sow confusion among Catholics.

"This text also aims to deepen the proper foundations of Marian devotion by specifying Mary's place in her relationship with believers in light of the mystery of Christ as the sole mediator and redeemer. This entails a profound fidelity to Catholic identity while also requiring a particular ecumenical effort," Fernández wrote.

In addition to "Co-Redemptrix," the

document also addressed at length the Marian title "Mediatrix" or "Mediatrix of All Graces," analyzing related Church teaching on Mary's role as intercessor.

The DDF concluded that "some titles, such as 'Mediatrix of All Graces,' have limits that do not favor a correct understanding of Mary's unique place."

The dicastery encouraged the use of other expressions for Mary, specifically titles referring to her motherhood, including "Mother of God" and "Mother of the Faithful People of God."

"She is the mother who gave the world the author of redemption and of grace, who stood firm at the foot of the cross (cf. John 19:25), suffering alongside her son and offering the pain of her maternal heart pierced by the sword (cf. Luke 2:35)," the document said. "From the Incarnation to the cross and the Resurrection, she was united to Christ in a way that is unique and that far surpasses any other believer."

Emphasizing that Mary was saved by her son, Jesus Christ, "in a particular and anticipatory way," the document explained that "Mary's incomparable greatness lies in what she has received and in her trusting readiness to allow herself to be overtaken by the Spirit."

It warned that "when we strive to attribute active roles to her that are parallel to those of Christ, we move away from the incomparable beauty that is uniquely hers."

Experts on Mariology have held different positions on the title "Co-Redemptrix," as have different popes.

At a presentation at the Jesuit Curia in Rome on Nov. 4, Fernández emphasized Pope Leo XIV's support for the doctrinal note but said "there is no doubt that this document will not please some people."

He explained that note was intended to help Catholics avoid either exaggerating or underrating the importance of devotion to Mary.

"We care for the people's faith without complicating it with issues that are not among the concerns of the vast majority and that add nothing essential to their love for Mary," he added.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Vatican to release new document on polygamy

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith will publish a new document on marriage in the context of ongoing discussions about polygamy in Africa. The document, titled "We Two: In Praise of Monogamy. Doctrinal Note on the Value of Marriage, Exclusive Communion, and Mutual Belonging," will be released at the end of November, the dicastery's secretary, Father Armando Matteo, said Tuesday. Matteo said the work is connected to a request made during the Synod on Synodality for African bishops to prepare a statement on polygamy. African bishops themselves, he noted, asked the Holy See for guidance on the issue. The Synods on the Family in 2014 and 2015 — though largely dominated by questions of divorce and remarriage — also saw significant interventions from African bishops on the pastoral challenges of polygamous marriages. A press conference will be held at the Holy See Press Office when the document is released later this month.

## Pope talks two-state solution with Palestine's president

Pope Leo XIV received President Mahmoud Abbas of Palestine for an audience in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace on Thursday, almost a month after the truce agreement in the Gaza Strip came into effect. According to the Holy See Press Office, during the meeting "it was recognized that there is an urgent need to provide assistance to the civilian population in Gaza and to end the conflict by pursuing a two-state solution." This is the first in-person meeting between Leo XIV and the 90-year-old Palestinian leader, who was also received at the Vatican by Pope Francis on Dec. 12, 2024, and on prior occasions. Abbas spoke with Leo by phone on July 21. The conversation focused on the evolution of the conflict in the Gaza Strip and the violence in the West Bank. Thursday's meeting coincides with a time of intense diplomatic activity surrounding the Palestinian issue, marked by more than two years of war in Gaza and increasing violence in the West Bank as well as by renewed international recognition of the State of Palestine, including by France and several other European countries.

## Diocese breaks ground on center honoring Archbishop Sheen

The Diocese of Peoria in Illinois on Oct. 19 broke ground for a cultural center honoring Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The Spalding Institute is being transformed into "The Fulton J. Sheen Experience," an expansion of the Sheen museum, which has been open since 2008. The new center has an estimated construction cost of \$9 million to \$11 million, all of which is being raised from private donations. Visitors will be able to see interactive exhibits, artifacts, and large archives of television and radio work from the archbishop's life. "We are thrilled to transform the historic diocesan high school building into this new facility," Bishop Louis Tylka of Peoria said in a press release. "We believe this project will draw even more visitors to the city to grow in their knowledge and love of the man who is arguably Peoria's greatest son and through his witness draw closer to Jesus Christ."



## CLINTON NORTHERN FRANKLIN

## CRAFT FAIR

Chazy – Sacred Heart Church to have a craft fair.

**Date:** Nov. 22

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

**Place:** Parish Center

**Features:** Great craft festival with a variety of craft vendors. Hot lunches available, baked items, silent auction. Handicapped accessible and free admission.

**Contact:** For more information contact Sharon Nephew 518-578-2666

## SOAKING PRAYERS SESSIONS

Plattsburgh – Soaking prayer Sessions to be held the first Monday of each month.

**Date:** Dec. 1

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 3 and 6 p.m. to 8

**Place:** Newman Center

**Features:** Praise and worship followed by soaking prayer. Led by Eve McGill, Living Waters Ministry. All are welcome.

**Contact:** evemcgill@charter.net 518-645-2648

## FIRST FRIDAY

Champlain – St. Mary's to have Mass, Exposition and Benediction every first Friday of the month.

**Date:** Dec. 5

**Schedule:** 9 a.m. Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 11 a.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## HOT DINNERS

Malone – St. André Bessette Parish to offer free community hot dinners.

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 5

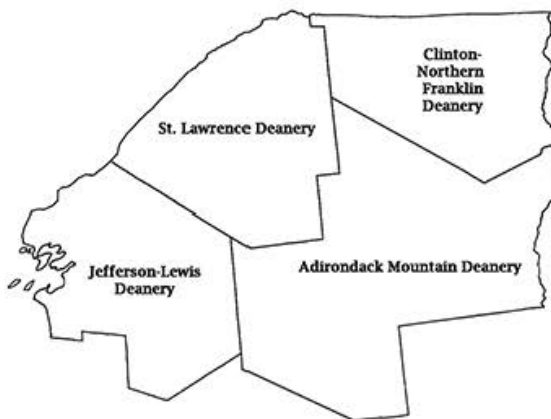
**Place:** St. André Outreach Center

**Features:** Food is prepared by the BOCES Culinary Arts Students. Eat in only.

## JEFFERSON-LEWIS

## HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY

Houseville – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.



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Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,

Ogdensburg, NY 13669

e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

**Date:** Dec. 7

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

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

**Contact:** 315-348-6260

## SPAGHETTI &amp; MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – The Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus will be having a spaghetti & meatball dinner.

**Date:** Dec. 13

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

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

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

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

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Carthage – Pancake Breakfast to be held in support of Augustinian Academy, sponsored by the Carthage K of C Father John Cosmic #291 and Ave Maria Circle.

**Date:** Dec. 14

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

**Place:** St. James Community Room

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$8; Children under 10, \$5; Family of 4, \$30

**Menu:** Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Sausage, Baked Goods, Juice, and Coffee

**Contact:** For more information call 315-493-3224

## RAFFLE

Constableville – Raffle to be held for youth and Faith Formation activities.

**Date:** Drawing Dec. 21

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's after Mass

**Cost:** Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

**Features:** First-place winner will receive a Virtual Reality Headset, the second-place winner will receive a 50" smart television and the third-place winner will receive a ten-inch tablet.

**Contact:** They can be purchased after the 10am Mass, from various St. Mary's parents, by calling the Parish office at 315-348-6104 or by going online to <https://catholicparishesofslc.weebly.com/church-offering--raffles.html>

## ST. LAWRENCE

## PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Ogdensburg – To commemorate Veterans Day, the Legion of Mary will be praying the Patriotic Rosary.

**Date:** Nov. 9

**Time:** Noon

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

**Features:** We cordially invite all our parishioners AND fellow Catholics throughout the diocese to join us in praying for all our

Veterans--- active, retired, and deceased--- as well as for the needs of our country.

## MONTHLY BRUNCH

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

**Date:** Nov. 9 (Second Sunday of each month)

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

**Place:** Father Amyot Parish Center

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

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

## RAFFLE

Potsdam – The Potsdam Knights of Columbus Council 340 will be having a raffle.

**Date:** Dec. 17

**Time:** 7 p.m. (winners need not be present)

**Cost:** \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20

**Features:** First Prize, Cutco Knife; Second Prize, Syracuse Mets Family Fun Pack; Third Prize, Stay and Play at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino; Thirty or more additional prizes.

**Contact:** For more information contact Grand Knight Michael Lahendro at [mlanhendro@hotmail.com](mailto:mlanhendro@hotmail.com) or [joecatholictebo@gmail.com](mailto:joecatholictebo@gmail.com)

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Ogdensburg – The Vocations Committee for the Catholic Churches of Ogdensburg, Heuvelton and Lisbon is planning a Trivia Night.

**Date:** Jan. 2

**Time:** Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia starts at 7 p.m.

**Place:** Martin Fieldhouse

**Features:** All funds raised will be donated to the Diocese of Ogdensburg to help offset the miscellaneous college costs for the seminarians. Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition in a contest of general knowledge across a variety of topics! Teams of up to 6 will compete for the bragging rights and the Grand Prize. All

players are eligible for door prizes! Mulligans will be sold at the door.

**Contact:** More rules and registration at [www.ogdensburgcatholics.net/trivia](http://www.ogdensburgcatholics.net/trivia) or email [vocationsarenotrivial@rcdony.org](mailto:vocationsarenotrivial@rcdony.org)

## ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

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

**Date:** Dec. 6

**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Place:** Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

**Features:** Rosary with devotions

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

**Date:** Dec. 6

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

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

## MENS GROUP

Massena – Men's group to meet the first Saturday of every month.

**Date:** Dec. 6

**Time:** 9 a.m. Mass with meeting to follow

**Place:** Sacred Heart Church

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## LIVING WITH HOPE

Saranac Lake – The Respect Life Office will be have a discussion to learn more about NYS Physician Assisted Suicide Bill and Canada's MAID.

**Date:** Nov. 29

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$10 donation requested

**Features:** The theme will be "Dying with Christ, Living with Hope". When we make a commitment to die with Christ, we can truly live with hope. Discussions feature theologians and health-care professionals giving perspectives on suffering, grief, dying and our Christian duty to care.

**Contact:** Registration: <https://www.rcdony.org/livingwithhope>

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# King David actor discusses conversion

By Francesca Pollio Fenton  
Catholic News Agency

Michael Iskander, the actor who portrays King David in the hit Prime Video series "House of David," announced earlier this year that he had converted to Catholicism. Born and raised as a Coptic Orthodox, he does not see his conversion as a rejection of his roots; instead, it is "answering a calling from God."

The 24-year-old actor, who was born in Egypt but came to the United States as a child, sat down with CNA for an exclusive interview in October and spoke candidly about his recent conversion and faith.

Iskander's journey toward Catholicism started several years ago when he happened to stumble into St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Although tourists filled the historic cathedral, Iskander went in, sat down in a pew, put his head down, and felt "as if nothing existed."

"I looked at the altar knowing that's where the Eucharist lies and I'm like, 'I want the Eucharist.' And I remember feeling this moment of extreme holiness," he recalled. "I was like, 'This is where the Eucharist is.' And I put my head down and I started weeping for an hour straight — not praying, nothing, just weeping. And it

felt like nobody else was there except for me and God."

He credited that day with planting the seed of his interest in Catholicism. From then on, he began attending Mass. As he learned more about King David in preparation for the show, that interest, which became a calling, kept growing.

"I was like, 'This is home, God is calling me here,' and it just kept getting louder and louder and louder," he said.

After he finished filming Season 2 of "House of David," Iskander got in contact with a priest in his area to go over questions he had about Catholicism. After a nearly two-hour conversation, he told the priest he wanted to convert.

Because the Catholic Church recognizes sacraments from the Coptic Orthodox church as valid, Iskander took part in a profession of faith during a Mass for him held on Aug. 21.

One part of the Mass in particular stood out to Iskander: when the priest read the responsorial psalm, which was Psalm 89 and included the verses that talk about the anointing of David.

"He's reading this and I'm thinking, 'Father, thanks for setting that up. That's very sweet. Thanks.' And so he goes up for the homily and he goes, 'So just in case you're

wondering, Michael, if I chose that for you, no. You happen to pick the day where this is the reading ... so I think God is trying to speak to you and telling you that you are home,'" he recalled.

Iskander added: "It was just a beautiful day and I felt like I was home ... It felt like the prodigal son who returned and his father accepted him with open arms."

The Catholic actor said playing the role of King David has impacted his faith "in every way," sharing that reading Scripture affects how he portrays the Jewish king.

"I inform everything about David from Scripture and looking at not only his great moments but his tough moments," he said.

"The more you keep reading about him, the more the more we understand David; the more we ponder about the actions that he took, the more we understand his heart. He truly was a man who loved God with every part of his being," Iskander added. "And just like all of us, we fall and we falter, but David is one who came back and recognized his mistakes and recognized his sins in front of God and asked for forgiveness and repented."

The actor explained that one of the biggest ways his faith has been impacted is in learn-

ing why God chose David yet rejected Saul, reflecting on the humble heart of David and the prideful heart of Saul.

"God chose David because of his humble heart. And a humble heart is a heart that's willing to follow God. It's a heart that's willing to listen to him and do as he commands," he said. "A prideful heart is going to choose my wants, my needs, my selfish desires over him. A selfish heart is going to place yourself even with God, which is what happened with Saul, [and is] ultimately why he was rejected."

Iskander added: "Once that clicked, I was like, 'Oh, it's not about me. It's about him. I need to follow him and I need to listen to his commandments and I need to put myself aside. I need to not think about myself.' And really it's freeing. It's a freeing thing to just put yourself aside and live for Christ."

"I think that's the most beautiful thing, to put ourselves aside and to live for him. So, thinking about that and understanding that in my life, I just need to follow God and follow his commandments and follow what he wants for me," he said.

Season 2 of "House of David" is streaming now on Prime Video with a Wonder Project subscription.

## Around the diocese

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Questions contact Colleen Miner at [cminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cminer@rcdony.org)

### FOSTER GRANDPARENT

Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors and friends to children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. They are placed in a classroom serving

with a child or children who are in need of emotional support, development of basic learning skills, friendship, companionship, encouragement, individual attention and unhurried help. The program currently has 40 volunteers and serves more than 100 kids. To volunteer, you can live in one of the following counties. Franklin, Essex County, Clinton County, St. Lawrence County or Jefferson County

**Contact:** Melissa Howard, Vol-

unteer Coordinator at (518) 359-7688 or E-mail: [mhoward@catholiccharities.org](mailto:mhoward@catholiccharities.org)

### NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

#### ADVENT DAY RETREAT

Canandaigua - Advent Retreat: "Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent Meditations on the Virtue of Hope" to be held.

**Date:** Dec. 13

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

**Place:** Notre Dame Retreat

House

**Cost:** \$60

**Features:** Christ calls His disciples to be lights of the world and salt of the earth — to do so means that we live with hope in a world that so often seems hopeless and full of despair. As we approach the conclusion of the Holy Year of Hope and prepare for the great Feast of the Nativity, spend a day meditating on this most important spiritual virtue — Hope.

**Contact:** For more information email Nancy Lynch at [info@notredameretreat.org](mailto:info@notredameretreat.org) or visit [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org)





## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

## Considering the end

November 16

Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Malachi 3:19-20a

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

Msgr. Robert  
H. Aucoin

A famous line from the movie "Pacific Rim" is this: "Today, we are canceling the apocalypse." Would that it would be that easy! Brad Pitt in World War Z speaks about the end of the world in the form of some kind of virus that pits humanity against humanity as people are transformed into Zombies. Then, the superheroes like Thor, the man of steel and a host of others reappear on occasion to save the world from whatever may be lurking to bring about its premature demise. Who says we don't care about the end of the world and who can save us?

However, the language of scripture can lead one to think about the end of

the world as have novelists and film producers. "Lo, the day is coming like a blazing oven...", "the Lord comes to rule the earth...", "nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom" and "you will be hated by all because of my name."

Our many natural disasters and tragedies can make us wonder what the end will be like. Especially in these situations or when we have personal crises in our lives, we wonder why this is happening to us, what have we done wrong, why is God punishing us.

First of all, we should not confuse the fictional, natural and supernatural. My first examples from the movies are obviously fictional. Fiction enters

the danger zone when the author has mastered the art of making the fictional seems real. About 25 years ago, The Davinci Code illustrated that reality.

Natural disasters occur and have always occurred. We should never imagine God as the chief puppeteer pulling the strings in the background creating these natural disasters. Some may ask: "Why doesn't God prevent them from happening?" Well, that is almost like asking: "Why doesn't God prevent me from sinning? Why doesn't God make me re-

alize how dumb I can be sometimes? Why doesn't God make me rich?" Even worse: "Why doesn't God do what I tell him to do?"

The supernatural is real but defies our categories of human thought and understanding. Jesus in the Gospels clearly tells his disciples not to be anxious about loss or suffering. Whenever we need to face a life crisis, he will be with us to guide our understanding and response.

As a Church, November is an interesting month. We began by celebrating All Saints and All souls. The liturgical year ends next week with the celebration of Christ the King. In civil society, we are caught up in preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. But, just as the church year comes to an end, in just two weeks we will be lighting the first candle of our Ad-

vent wreath, the flicker of flame that reminds us again about the enduring presence of God in our lives.

Prophets of doom predict destruction, turmoil, distress and the collapse of civilization as we know it. Jesus' prophecy is 100% different. No matter what occurs around us, the essence of Christ and his message must endure in us and must be spread through us. The disciples of Jesus know that crisis is never welcome, but when it happens, crisis can purify and unburden us to start again.

Always, for the true disciple of Jesus, if the end is near, a new beginning is not far away. We pray that the message of Jesus may always propel us, not into oblivion and chaos as is so often portrayed in fiction, but into the reality to which he calls us each day.

## CALLED TO SERVE

## Why do we do that? - Part 1

A non-Catholic colleague of mine attended a Catholic funeral Mass years ago and afterward made the comment, "You Catholics sure stand-up and sit-down a lot."

Guilty! We do.

"But" I argued, "there is a good theological reason every time we rise or sit."

Fortunately, he did not press the issue, or I would have to make good on my statement.

In fact, all the prayers, all the moves called for in the Roman Missal have some scriptural or traditional basis for inclusion.

So, when another friend proposed I devote a column to some of the quietly spoken words in the Mass, I could understand his suggestion.

Over the next few weeks, I'll try to unravel the "why" behind some of the signs, words and gestures in the Mass.

There was a little book published in German in 1979 that dealt with this very subject. I read the English translation, thank you. Some of the thoughts in this series of columns belong to the author, Balthasar Fischer.

Phil, the Catholic friend who suggested this column, asked me specifically about the dialogue that occurs between the deacon and the celebrant just before the Gospel.

The deacon asks for the celebrant's blessing. The celebrant responds, "May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips, that you may proclaim

his Gospel worthily and well, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The deacon signs himself with the Sign of the Cross as the priest blesses him.

If there is no deacon present, and the priest will proclaim the Gospel, the priest bows before the altar and says, "Cleanse my heart and my lips, all mighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel."

The Gospel is unique among the scripture readings at Mass because Jesus speaks to us directly. We stand for the Gospel reading be-

cause it is the Words of Jesus Christ. The deacon or priest may sing the words of introduction and then we all make the Sign of the Cross, "In my mind, on my lips, and in my heart" that the message will reach us.

At the conclusion of the day's reading, the Gospel reader kisses the Book of the Gospels as a sign of love for the text found in the inspired writing of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The Gospel reader quietly says these words, "Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away."

We all sit after the

Gospel to hear from the homilist how the scripture readings and Gospel can be applied today.

The Deacon carries the Book of the Gospels in the opening procession and from the Altar to the Ambo (the lectern used by the readers.) at some Masses. Others include candle bearers for the procession to the Ambo. Occasionally incense is used too.

The Gospel proclamation is the highlight of the Sacrament of the Word and one of the most significant moments in the Mass.

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

Deacon  
Kevin Mastellon



# Ursuline Sister Joan McCarthy died Nov. 5

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sister Joan McCarthy, a beloved member of the Ursuline Community formerly known as Mother Mary John, on November 5 at the Ursuline Province Center in New Rochelle. Burial followed in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Sister Joan died peacefully at Andrus on Hudson on October 29, 2025.

She entered the Ursulines in 1947, having graduated from the College of New Rochelle. Sister Joan taught at Blessed

Sacrament School, New Rochelle, St. Jerome's School and St. Philip Neri School in the Bronx, and at The Ursuline School, New Rochelle. Her later active years included parish ministry at St. John's in Beacon, New York, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Pelham Manor, St. Joseph's in Malone, and 17 years of service to the city of New Rochelle at the Hugh A. Doyle Senior Center. She had been in administration for the Ursulines as superior, provincial councilor and novice director.

Sister Joan was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1925, the third child of Mary McKenna McCarthy and Joseph Francis McCarthy. She is predeceased by her brothers, Edmund, John, and Joseph; and her sister, Mary Rogers.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Mary Ehler, and several nieces and nephews.

Donations in memory of Sister Joan may be made to the Ursuline Provincialate Development Office, 1338 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804.



Sister Joan McCarthy

## Our Lady of the Lepers

In the remote highlands of Vietnam, a broken statue of the Virgin Mary and the quiet resilience of people with leprosy reveal a profound mission of healing, dignity and faith.

Father Tri's mission in Kon Tum has led him to a special devotion for Our Lady of Mang Den, a mysterious statue with a missing nose and broken hands was discovered by accident after the Vietnam War.

The image, a replica of Our Lady of Fatima, was brought to the area during the war in 1971.

The small statue was damaged due to bombings and eventually forgotten, when the surrounding area became desolate as the people in the villages left. The image remained there, lost in the jungle until 2006.

The government had gone into the highlands to develop roads, but the Virgin had other plans. When reaching within a mile of the site of the lost statue, excavation machinery con-



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tinuously broke down for unknown reasons.

"During road construction, machinery kept breaking down near a hidden spot in the forest. Eventually, workers found a statue buried in the weeds, its face deformed, its hands missing.

They tried to restore it, but the repairs never held."

People began to see a deeper meaning. Our Lady, just as she has in countless apparitions, seeks to resemble those who need her most.

"She was like the people in the leprosy colonies - disfigured, rejected, but still full of grace. That's why they call her Mother of the Lepers. They know she understands."

Leprosy is not just in the Bible and not just in

Vietnam

Leprosy, also known as Hansen's Disease, may sound like a condition from biblical times, but it is still a painful reality for thousands of people today, particularly in some of the world's poorest and most isolated commu-

nities.

In the Gospels, Jesus encounters and heals people with leprosy - a term then used broadly for visible skin conditions that caused social and religious exclusion. In ancient Israel, lepers were shunned, declared ritually unclean, and forced to live apart from society.

Today's leprosy, Hansen's Disease, is a chronic infectious illness caused by a slow-growing bacterium, Mycobacterium leprae.

It primarily affects

the skin, nerves and eyes, and if left untreated, can lead to deformities, nerve damage and disability. Many lose limbs after living with this painful disease for years.

But there's good news: leprosy is now curable with regular multidrug therapy over six to 12 months. The World Health Organization provides treatment for free, yet many people living in remote or marginalized communities still go undiagnosed and untreated or live in shame and fear.



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# Supreme Knight: 'Men need a mission'

By Kate Quinones  
Catholic News Agency

At the Symposium on Young American Men in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 3, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly of the Knights of Columbus said that young men are "lost" and need "purpose and mission."

The symposium highlighted the mental health crisis, social isolation, digital addiction, and other struggles young men face today.

Panelists — including Sen. James Lankford, R-Oklahoma; Sen. Ruben Gallego, D-Arizona; Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas;

and other experts — discussed ways to address these challenges by helping young men build community.

"Many young men are lost and disconnected," Kelly said in an opening statement at the beginning of the symposium. "Many come from broken families with fathers who are not a real part of their life. Many are drowning in the depths of the internet and social media."

Kelly, who heads the Catholic fraternal organization Knights of Columbus, pointed to loneliness and isolation as a challenge for young men.

"It's increasingly clear

that millions of men no longer have friends who they can count on and who can spur them on to excellence," Kelly continued. "More than a quarter of millennials say they have no close friends, and the rise of artificial intelligence has millions of young men looking for friendship in chatbots."

Ellen Carmichael, founder of The Lafayette Company, the communications group hosting the symposium, said there is an "urgent need" for action.

"Recent incidents of political violence and growing national concern about young men's so-

cial isolation have underscored what we already knew: This conversation cannot wait," Carmichael stated.

"We are hardwired as men for purpose and mission," Kelly said, noting that the Knights of Columbus is centered on Christ and service to local communities.

"We are trying to tackle what the surgeon general recently called the epidemic of loneliness and isolation," Kelly noted. "We're giving men the kind of community they truly need, and we will continue to help America's young men find meaning and mission in

life."

"We've always known that men need meaning in life and that a man's ultimate meaning comes from his personal relationship with others and with God," Kelly said.

"Friendship is the key," he said. "Christ did his ministry through friendships ... he assembled 12 friends, imperfect people."

In a panel on the role of faith in rebuilding community, Kelly said young men "have had enough" of what the culture offers them and "are really yearning for more of an institution and yearning for moorings."



## Adoration in the Diocese of Ogdensburg

The following is a list of Adoration hours and sites across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. If your parish offers Eucharistic Adoration or if this information is incorrect email [news@rcdony.org](mailto:news@rcdony.org)

**Holy Angels Church, Altona**  
After 8 a.m. Mass Dedicated to Vocations and the church

**St. Patrick's Church, Brasher Falls**  
Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**St. Mary's Church, Canton**  
Tues. 4:10 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ending with Divine Mercy Chaplet

**St. Vincent of Paul, Cape Vincent**  
First Friday of the month

**St. James Church, Carthage**  
Wed., 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thurs., 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
First Friday, 10:15 a.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday morning

**St. Mary's Church, Champlain**  
First Fri. 9 a.m. Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11 a.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay**  
Wed. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Adoration  
First Friday 8:30 a.m., Communion  
Service followed by Adoration for Vocations

**All Saints Church, Chaumont**  
First Thursday of the month 3 p.m.

**Sacred Heart Church, Chazy**  
At various times as needed, please contact parish 518-846-7650

**St. Mary's Church, Clayton**  
First Fridays after 9 a.m. Mass

**St. Francis of Assisi, Constable**  
Second Fri. of the Month, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**St. Mary's Church, Constableville**  
First Fridays 6 p.m.

**St. Stephen's Church, Croghan**  
First Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. including prayer for Vocations

**St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora**  
Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m. before noon Mass

**St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabethtown**  
Tues. after Mass 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg**  
Monday after 5:30 p.m. Mass

**St. Mary's of the Fort, Fort Covington**  
Tues. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. except when it's a First Saturday

**St. James Church, Gouverneur**  
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. every second Sunday

**St. Hedwig's Church, Houseville**  
First Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass

**Immaculate Conception, Keeseville**  
Sun, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid**  
Tues. 10 a.m. to 5:20 p.m.  
Vocations and Divine Renovation our of our parish are emphasized

**St. James Major, Lake Pleasant**  
7:30 a.m. before 8 a.m. Mass on the First Sunday.

**St. Peter's Church, Lowville**  
First Friday of the month with intention to Vocations

**St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain**  
First Friday of the month after 9 a.m. Mass

**St. Peter's Parish, Massena**  
Held at Sacred Heart Church  
Thursday 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.  
First Friday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks**  
after 8 a.m. Mass Dedicated to Vocations and the church

**St. Augustine Church, North Bangor**  
Thurs. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**St. Andrew's Church, Norwood**  
Fri after 8:30 a.m. Mass until noon

**St. Mary's Cathedral Parish, Ogdensburg**  
Entryway for the Deacon Winter Chapel  
Thurs. before First Friday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Adoration each Wed. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Fri. 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**St. Augustine's Church, Peru**  
Every Friday following 8 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.

**St. John's Church, Plattsburgh**  
Holy Family Basement  
Wed., Thurs., Fri., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Church, Port Henry**  
Mon. after Mass 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**St. Martin's Church, Port Leyden**  
Rectory Chapel  
Wed. Mornings after Mass for 30 minutes

**St. Mary's Church, Potsdam**  
Tues. 12:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
First Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Church of the Assumption, Redford**  
Tues. & Thurs. 11 a.m. before noon Mass

**St. Ann's Church, St. Regis Falls**  
First Sat. after 4:30 Ant. Mass

**St. Andrews Church, Sackets Harbor**  
Fri. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Tupper Lake**  
Monday 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Holy Family Church, Watertown**  
Monday's following noon Mass

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown**  
1 hour prior to Mass, First Friday of the Month

**St. Anthony's Church, Watertown**  
First Sun. of the Month 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Church, Watertown**  
Every Thurs. after Noon Mass until 7 p.m.

**St. Ann's Church, Wells**  
Half an hour after Sunday Mass every Third Sunday of the month.

**St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy**  
First Friday after 9 a.m. Mass until 11 a.m.

**St. Philip Neri Church, Westport**  
(Memorial Day - Columbus Day)  
Fri. after Mass, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro**  
Full Holy Hour on First Fridays (before Mass Winter/after Mass Summer)