

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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‘Happy Lenten journey’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Wishing all Christians a "happy Lenten journey," Pope Benedict XVI said fasting, almsgiving and prayer are traditionally suggested for Lent because they have proven to be effective tools for conversion.

Lent is a time "to accept Christ's invitation to renew our baptismal commitments"

in order to arrive at Easter in a new and stronger state, the pope said at his weekly general audience March 9, Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent for Latin-rite Catholics.

"This Lenten journey that we are invited to follow is characterized in the church's tradition by certain practices: fasting, almsgiving and

prayer," he said.

"Fasting means abstaining from food, but includes other forms of self-denial to promote a more sober lifestyle.

"But that still isn't the full meaning of fasting, which is the external sign of the internal reality of our commitment to abstain from evil."

with the help of God and to live the Gospel," Pope Benedict said.

In the church's tradition, he said, "fasting is tied closely to almsgiving" and is the sign that after having given up an attachment to things and to sin, the Christian has embraced good works.

It's time to
renew your
subscription

The annual *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign begins March 19-20 in all the parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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Archbishop Timothy Dolan, left, and Msgr. Dennis Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, congratulate Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, the 2010 recipient of the Bishop Mugavero Award from the New York State Council of Catholic Charities Directors. Sister Donna, diocesan director of Catholic Charities since 1995 was honored March 7 in Albany for "significant contributions in charity and justice."

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MONTH OF SPECIAL SAINTS

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



Catholics take a break from Lenten penances to celebrate St. Patrick, above, on March 17, and St. Joseph on March 19



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Be a 'friend' -renew!

Hmm... I wonder if Bishop McEntegart would want to be a "friend" of the new *North Country Catholic* Facebook page if he were around today...

Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, launched this diocesan newspaper 65 years ago on March 3, 1946.

He believed that "in troublous times like these, Holy Mother Church is most anxious to have us use every appropriate means to promote the Christian way of life.

"Mindful of the great influence of the printed page," the bishop wrote, "She urges us to make full use of the press in building up the unity of thought and action so dear to the heart of Christ."

Our founder certainly couldn't have predicted that "every appropriate means" in 2011 would include pages on the Internet as well as pages in print.

His successor, Bishop LaValley is not surprised at all.

Our 14th bishop is just as anxious as our fifth to use every means possible to spread the good news of the Catholic Church in northern New York.

So, as we prepared for the annual *North Country Catholic* Campaign Sunday March 20, the NCC staff - with great support from Ian Fawcett, the diocesan IT coordinator - launched a new website at www.northcountrycatholic.org

and that brand new page on Facebook.

After 65 years, we remain committed to our mission of serving as a source of information, evangelization and unity for the 104,000 Catholics who call the North Country home.

We have no intention of leaving our young Catholics behind.

If they are getting their news on social media sites – and many of them are – we will be there too.

But first, our Catholic news will appear in the Catholic paper.

Here is where readers will find all their favorite features week after week. Here you will be supported in your faith by the writings of Bishop LaValley, Sister Mary Eamon and Msgr. Whitmore.

Here is where you'll get the first look at the young people in our Catholic schools and religious education program learning and living their faith in extraordinary ways.

When Bishop McEntegart wrote to the people of the diocese about the paper he said, "The first edition of the *North Country Catholic* will be published on March 3. It is our earnest desire and prayer that this and every successive issue will enter every Catholic home in the Diocese."

It's good to know that he and Bishop LaValley and I are all on the same page!

Please renew this Week.



**Mary Lou
Kilian**

Welcome Spring

Enjoy the renewal of spring with a subscription to the *North Country Catholic*, the newspaper for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Let Yourself Be Amazed

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

Matthew's Gospel speaks of Jesus' face as brilliant as the sun, his clothes, as shining as alabaster. Can you imagine how amazing this was for the apostles? What did they experience?

Take some time this week to reflect on how the Risen Lord has amazed you

It was on the Mount Tabor that Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of the glory of Jesus before His suffering and death. This glimpse of glory was to strengthen the faith of the apostles as they walked with Jesus on this journey of suffering and death, a glimpse of their own fate later as they proclaimed the Gospel.

This glowing light of Jesus from the experience of the Transfiguration was also an anticipated experience of His approaching darkness of His suffering and death. The apostles heard the voice of the Father confirm the identity of Jesus: "This is my Beloved Son; listen to Him."

Jesus knew that being the glory of the only-begotten Son of God meant not only light but the darkness of rejection and betrayal. Our walking with Christ in faith often casts a shadow of darkness in our Christian life.

But our faith tells that the darkness cannot shut out the light of Christ who has overcome the darkness of sin, sickness, suffering, and death. Christ is our hope whose Divine Truth is revealed to us through the spoken word of the Father.

We, too, are the beloved children of the Father, brothers and sisters to Christ and to one another.

The glow and the light may not be evident in the midst of our sufferings and trials, but we have the assurance of Jesus' words: "Rise and do not be afraid." We, too, will share in the glory of the Risen Lord and we do now, but not fully.

Surprises-both joyful and difficult are part of the mystery of life.

Amazing happenings can overwhelm us at times.

And there is nothing so constant as change! Changes are inevitable.

We will be experiencing some changes in the celebration of the Mass beginning in Advent, 2011. The Roman Missal is the book that gives the instructions and texts for the celebration of the Mass.

The priest will have some new texts to pray and there will be certain parts of the Mass done by the Congregation that will change.

These changes can be an opportunity to stop and reflect on the deeper meaning of our participation in the Mass.

As the worshipping assembly of the Church, our participation in the celebration of the Liturgy must be whole, active, and conscious.

Pope Benedict XVI said "When we contemplate the Sacred Host, His glorious transfigured and risen Body, we contemplate what we shall contemplate in eternity, where we shall discover that the whole world has been carried by its Creator during every second of its history."

We are changed, transformed, transfigured in the image of the Risen Lord.

By our actions, we have the power to change the world.

With the power of the Risen Lord within us, let us be open to the changes in our lives, in the Liturgy, and be amazed at what God can do for us as the Body of Christ.

Take some time this week to reflect on how the Risen Lord has amazed you.

FOLLOW ME

Please accept my invitation to subscribe to the NCC

Sixty five years ago this month, Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, launched the *North Country Catholic* to foster "a growing sense of unity and common interest among the faithful" of northern New York.

Since then, every bishop of the Diocese has relied on the *North Country Catholic* to be a source of information, evangelization and unity for the 104,000 members of our Catholic family.

Our diocesan newspaper is certainly the most effective tool we have to spread the news of the Catholic Church from Lake Champlain to the St. Lawrence River and all points in between.

Throughout 2011, as our diocese explores how to strengthen our Catholic Family of Faith, our diocesan newspaper will serve as an invaluable source of inspiration and education in these efforts.

The *North Country Catholic*, through its dedicated staff, helps us to celebrate our

faith as informed parishioners.

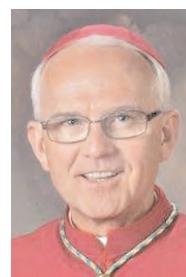
This weekend the annual *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign begins in all the parishes of the diocese. I know that those who subscribe to the *North Country Catholic* enjoy reading the timely and relevant articles on prayer, scripture, Church and religious news that are featured every week.

If you are a current subscriber of the *North Country Catholic*, please renew your subscription in this week's campaign.

Why not consider obtaining a subscription as a gift for a family member?

I invite those who don't currently subscribe to consider how important it is today to be an informed Catholic Christian and allow our diocesan newspaper to be a vehicle to help them and their families grow in faith.

I hope that you accept my invitation to welcome the *North Country Catholic* into your home.



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

REMEMBER, YOU ARE DUST



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop LaValley presided at Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Above, he places ashes on the forehead of Jesse Sovie.

Faith workshop to be held in April

The Office of Evangelization is sponsoring a follow-up Faith Formation workshop with the theme "What does it mean to be an evangelizing parish family."

To explore what it means to be an evangelizing parish family

The workshop, to be held April 3-9 across the diocese will focus on how to evangelize parishes, what does that mean, and to offer practical strategies, resources and programs.

Parishes are encouraged to send their evangelization team or their contact person for evangelization activities in the parish, parish leader ministers, coordinators, facilitators, and participants of their faith sharing groups.

(St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, director of the evangelization office, reflects on the purpose of the workshop on page 8.)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Lewis Deanery

April 3, St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville, 1 p.m. to 3

Jefferson Deanery

April 3, SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown, 6 p.m. to 8

St. Lawrence Deanery

April 4, Trinity Catholic School, Massena, 7 p.m. to 9

Franklin Deanery

April 5, Holy Family School, Malone, 7 p.m. to 9

Clinton Deanery

April 6, St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh 1 p.m. to 3 AND 7 p.m. to 9

Adirondack Deanery

April 7, Holy Ghost Parish Center, Tupper Lake, 6 p.m. to 8

Essex Deanery

April 9, St. Patrick's Parish Center, Port Henry, 10 a.m. to 9

Hamilton-Herkimer deanery

May 15, St. Mary's Church, Indian Lake Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH?



Parishioners of St. Stephen's in Croghan, Susan Sauer, Patty Flint and Yvonne Kirscher share with Father Daniel Chapin, pastor, and Father Robert Decker, pastor at St. Hubert's Church, Star Lake and St. Francis Solanus, Harrisville "What Does It Mean to Be Church: A Family of Faith" in their own parish setting. They were participating in a Feb. 20 Workshop on that theme. A follow-up workshop on the theme "What does it mean to be an evangelizing parish family" begins April 3 in sites across the diocese. St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, diocesan director of the evangelization office, writes about both workshops in an article on page 8.

Ecumenical service planned

WATERTOWN - Bishop Terry R. LaValley Will preside an a Lenten ecumenical service April 10 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

The theme for the program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. is Celebrating our Unity.

Further information is

available from Father Daniel Chapin, pastor in Croghan and diocesan director of ecumenical ministry, 315-346-6958.

Crosses for the Fallen

By Lorraine Turgeon
Director of Religious Education
for the Catholic Community of Moriah

PORTE HENRY- During Lent, the Jr. High Group at the Catholic Community of Moriah is hard at work bringing awareness to the community of the great losses that the United States has endured with the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The young people are also uniting the parish in praying for the families of American men and women who have not made it home alive.

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are the longest wars in American history - longer than WWII or Vietnam. But it can be said that the biggest difference in these wars is the engagement of the people here at home.

During WWII, it was evident that there was an evil element in the world and the attitude of Americans was one of support and sacrifice for good to prevail.

During this current conflict in Afghanistan and Iraq we as a nation are not so united and awareness of the daily loss of American life is rarely discussed. During WWII, my mother tells me stories of how her commu-



PHOTO BY FATHER SCOTT FOBARE

The junior high group of the Catholic Community of Moriah has undertaken a Lenten project to honor military people serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Shown during a March 9 meeting as they prepare "Crosses for the Fallen" are (clockwise starting from end of table facing away from camera) Lauren Cross, McKenna Harris, Jordan Speshock, Lorraine Turgeon, director of religious education for the Catholic Community of Moriah; Joseph DeFelice, Noah Arevalo, Christian Harris, Jarod Garrison, Trevor McDougal, Billy Larrow, Tanner Whalen, Cameron Costello, Shelby McDougal and Blake Bigelow.

nity rallied together; she talked about rations and women taking on jobs that were more traditionally male jobs, and grandmothers knitting the gloves for soldiers.

But one of the most poignant stories for me is that she and her classmates, each day at 1pm, would all gather in the school yard, raise their arms as Jesus did

on the cross and would recite the rosary.

They, as most Catholics at the time, believed that prayer was essential in ending the war and bringing home their loved ones alive.

Our young people have grown up in an atmosphere that "seeing is believing". This kind of thinking can make it difficult for them to believe in God and in

prayer. But this Lenten season, with the dedication of all the members of our faith community they will be able to see the prayers that will be said for our soldiers and their families.

The Jr. High Group, put together "Crosses for the Fallen" packets, which include strips of paper, a list of soldiers killed in action and a request that everyone

puts the crosses together and says an Our Father for each soldier and his/her family.

A cross will be made for each of the 5,936 soldiers who has died up to this date. Parishioners are asked to bring back the completed crosses which will be hung in St. Patrick's Church during Lent.

On April 15 at 7p.m., the students will lead the community in the Stations of the Cross for Peace.

All community members are invited to attend to pray for peace in our world.

All Christians can come together to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to the cross. Our hope is that this event will be thought provoking, unifying and give young people a new awareness of the devotion that lies within the people of our community. Our youth group created 185 packets and ALL the packets were eagerly accepted by the parishioners who have committed to prayer and to return them to the church.

The soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom should never be forgotten, and we pray for their families who will love and miss them forever, we want to tell these families that we are with you.

Fidelis Care offers options for uninsured in SLC

CANTON- Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic health care plan, has announced that its facilitated enrollers will be available weekly at locations across St. Lawrence County.

They will work with the uninsured and inform them of the numerous options available to obtain low-cost, high-quality healthcare coverage.

St. Lawrence County has a significant population of uninsured individuals with nearly 14,500 of the county's 95,000 residents not having

coverage.

Of the county's almost 25,000 children under the age of 19, nearly 2,900 have no medical insurance.

Fidelis Care representatives will be on site every week at the following locations:

- Gouverneur Neighborhood Center, 15 Rock Island Street in Gouverneur Tuesdays from 8:30am to noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm

- Human Services Building, 80 State Highway 310 in Canton Wednesdays from 9:00am until 4:00pm

- Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg Thursdays from 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Representatives to be available weekly in three St. Lawrence county sites

Fidelis Care's facilitated enrollers are committed to making health care coverage as accessible as possible.

St. Lawrence County residents who are unable to visit

with a Fidelis Care representative on-site may request a home consultation by contacting Malissa Hale at 315-437-1835 ext 24547.

Fidelis Care offers free or low-cost health insurance through New York State's Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and Medicaid Managed Care programs. Members are covered for regular checkups, preventive care, hospital and emergency care, eye exams, dental care, and more.

In addition, Fidelis Care also offers a variety of bene-

fit options for seniors through Fidelis Medicare Advantage, Dual Advantage, Medicaid Advantage Plus, and Fidelis Care at Home programs, available in select counties.

To apply for enrollment in Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, or Medicaid Managed Care through Fidelis Care, please bring proof of age, income, and address.

Further information is available from Fidelis Care toll-free at 1-888-FIDELIS (1-888-343-3547) or visit fideliscare.org.

AT THE ANNUAL PUBLIC POLICY MEETING IN ALBANY

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

Bishop LaValley led the delegation from the Diocese of Ogdensburg as 1000 Catholics from across the state meet with legislators to discuss concerns of the Church - life, education and support for the needy



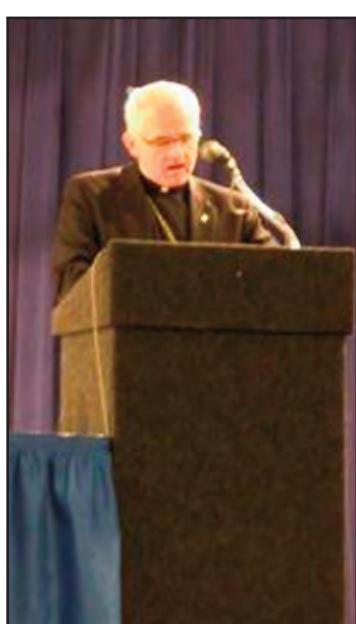
The program began March 8 with the celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Archbishop Timothy Dolan presided as the other bishops of the state and priests concelebrated.



Representatives from St. Joseph's parish in West Chazy made the trip to Albany. From left are Chris Fisher, Claudia Sanders and Father J. Roger McGuinness, pastor.



Senator Patty Richie, a newly elected Republican from the 48th district, met with a group from the diocese, including Bishop LaValley.



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER
Bishop LaValley, far left, made a special presentation to all the young people in attendance at the public policy day. He encourage them to continue their public support for issues of the Catholic Church. Among the high school students was this group from Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, Robert Spicer, Tyler Grable, Michael Hough, Hannah Connnelly, Chiara Alteri, Shane Garrabant, Santino Alteri, Brittany Donnegan. A contingent from Seton Catholic in Pittsburgh also made the trip to Albany.

The saints go MARCHing in!

In the midst of Lenten fasting, the church pauses to celebrate the feast days of St. Patrick and St. St. Joseph.

By Michelle Beagle
Staff writer

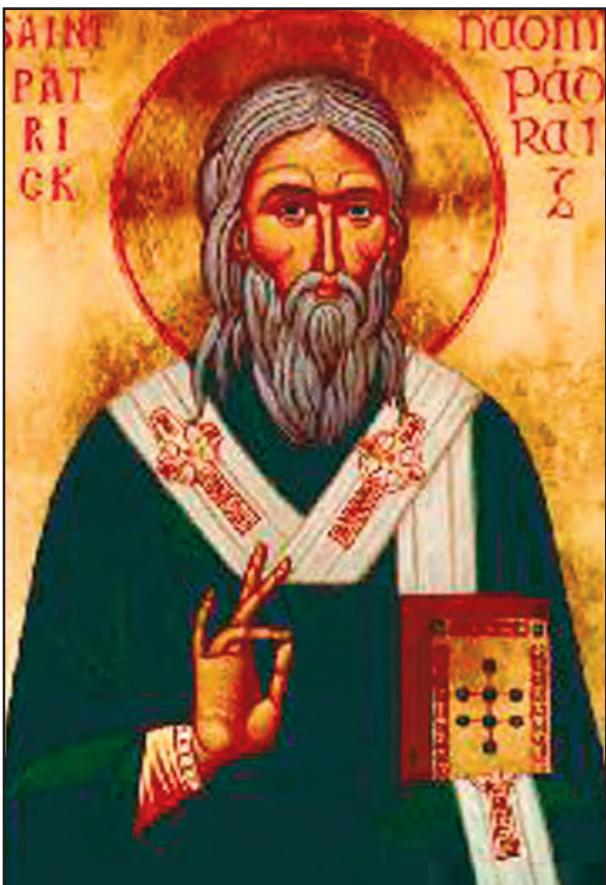
In the midst of fasting, self-examination, spiritual reading, prayer, and almsgiving in preparation of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection we have the opportunity to celebrate two saints' feast days.

St. Patrick known as the "Apostle of Ireland" was born to a wealthy British family during the fourth century. When he was sixteen his home was taken over by Irish raiders. He was taken to Ireland and enslaved for approximately six years.

While enslaved he worked as a shepherd and turned to God for comfort, becoming a dedicated Christian. According to his writings he heard a voice in a dream telling him to return to his homeland. Once he had escaped and arrived home he had a second dream.

This dream told him to return to the Emerald Isle as a missionary. After many years of study he returned as an ordained priest. Eventually St. Patrick would become a bishop.

Once he went back to Ireland he never left. St. Patrick planted the seed of Christianity deeply across the country and Ireland became a Catholic nation with St. Patrick as their universal saint.



St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland," is honored March 17

His compassion and logic was instrumental in teaching the Irish pagans. During the fourth and fifth centuries Ireland was a purely pagan culture practicing the Druid religion. The Druids based their belief system on the natural order of the earth. For them the shamrock was a sacred plant and grew abundantly. St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach about the Holy Trinity. It is said he taught the King Oengus using this method.

The pagans would light bonfires in spring as part of their rituals. In opposition, St. Patrick lit an Easter fire to symbolize God's light.

The Druids used the sun as a sacred symbol. In turn St. Patrick fashioned the image of the sun on a cross and thus the Celtic cross was formed. St. Patrick's sun represented Jesus.

In legend he is most widely known as the saint who drove snakes out of Ireland. This is possibly a metaphor since the Druids held snakes in high regard, and once St. Patrick successfully converted them to Christianity the snake was no longer a symbol.

Patrick's story of conversion and missionary life is chronicled in his writing called the *Confessio*.

March 17th is celebrated around the world with parades and parties. The Irish have observed it as a religious holiday for over a thousand years. Since the feast falls during Lent they would attend morning mass and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten restriction of consuming meat was waived and people would dance, sing, and feast. A meal of Irish bacon and cabbage would be served. In America its equivalent is corn beef and cabbage.

It has always been a religious holiday in Ireland, however in the 1970's the pubs were allowed to remain open and in 1990's the Irish government started pushing it as a tourism opportunity.

March 17th welcomes spring to Ireland and it is said to be the best time to plant potatoes in most of the country. The wearing of the green became part of the celebration with green symbolizing the Emerald Isle. Irish Soda Bread is made and served in many households. It is a reminder of a family's roots to Ireland.

St. Joseph's Day

March 19th celebrates St. Joseph's Day. St. Joseph is the spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus. St. Joseph was a carpenter, a humble and obedient man to God's call.

There is not much known about St. Joseph except what is written in the Gospels. He is the patron saint of carpenters, happy death, workers, fathers, unborn children, and the Universal Church. St. Joseph was a descendent of the House of David.

In the apocryphal book of James it is said that the eligible men met with the high priest to see who would be betrothed to Mary. In an angelic revelation the high priest was told that the one whose staff flowered was God's chosen.

Joseph's staff blossomed and thus the lily is associated with St. Joseph. He was obedient to God's call through all the ups and downs of being



St. Joseph, patron saint of carpenters, happy death, workers, fathers, unborn children, and the Universal Church, is honored March 19.

a husband and father.

He raised Jesus as his own. He was the head and protector of his family fleeing into Egypt to avoid Herod's wrath. He listened to God's voice and trusted. On St. Joseph's day a celebration that originated in Sicily during the Middle Ages after a drought is still carried on and celebrated throughout Italy, Central Europe and America by Italian Catholics.

That celebration is known as St. Joseph's Table (tavole di San Giuseppe). During a severe drought in the Middle Ages farmers prayed to St. Joseph and promised to help feed the hungry and poor if St. Joseph would provide.

After the rains they rejoiced and kept their word by feeding the hungry/poor. Each year on the 19th a feast and memorial banquet is set up to praise the Lord and give thanks to St. Joseph.

The tables are set up in a tier of three (the three symbolizing the Holy Trinity). Each table is unique to the person designing it however all are covered with white linen and decorated with flowers (lilies), a statue of St. Joseph and/or picture. Symbols include the monstrance, chalice, cross, bible, wreath, palms. Bread crumbs symbolize the sawdust of the carpenter shop. Various types of food are spread over the three tiers. No meat dishes are used. Fava beans are one of the main staples and the bread is woven into a staff shape.

A priest blesses the table and the celebrating begins. The food is then delivered to the poor.

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St. Mary's Academy in Champlain needs \$80,000

Efforts launched again to 'Save Our School'

By Shan Moore
Staff Writer

CHAMPLAIN — A student at St. Mary's Academy here handed Sister Marie Cordata Kelly an envelope with \$10 in it just recently.

Written on the outside was: "I was saving this for a ski trip."

Instead, the child wanted the money put toward saving her school.

"I just got another little envelope today," Sister Cordata said.

In it was \$1.46.

"He must have been giving me his allowance."

By June 1, the parochial school must raise \$80,000. Otherwise, it will close.

To date, \$20,000 has been raised.

It's déjà vu, Sister Cordata said.

In 2006, St. Mary's needed \$100,000 by year's end to stay open.

It wasn't looking good, for just 23 days from the deadline, the total raised was \$83,000.

So the nun wrote a letter to each family whose children

were students in the school, asking for \$186 from each to reach that all-important \$100,000.

They did it.

Now, the Enrollment and Fundraising Committee, made up of staff and families, has thrown itself into the effort to do it again.

Proposed fundraisers include a Zumbathon, Texas Hold'em tournament, spaghetti dinner, golf tournament, car wash ...

"We asked each family to be responsible for \$2,000," Sister Cordata said. "That way it doesn't land on a few."

A Save Our School raffle offers prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, with tickets priced at \$50. The winners will be drawn as soon as all 400 tickets are sold.

Those who give direct donations of \$50, \$100, etc., automatically have raffle tickets assigned to them.

An auction is set for April 30; items of all kinds, including gift cards to stores and restaurants are sought.

There are Save Our School containers in local stores and restaurants, students pass them around at various

events.

And the pupils keep handing over small amounts of cash.

A sixth-grader gave \$5; the little brother of the ski-trip girl scrounged up \$1.50.

Calvin Castine of Champlain took it upon himself to e-mail just about everyone on his contact list, asking them to each send in \$1 and then forward his request to their own contacts.

The campaign brought in \$500 in just four days.

One person sent \$1, Sister Cordata said. Others gave \$10, \$25; one contributed \$100.

Any gift helps, she said, no matter how small.

"I just thought it would be worth a shot," said Mr. Castine, who graduated in 1964 when St. Mary's included high school.

His own children attended the school and now his grandchildren are there -- third-graders Abram Eichler and Kelly Castine.

"It's a good environment," he said. "And the kids who come out of there always do well when they move on."

Right now, St. Mary's has

HOW TO HELP

Make donations to St. Mary's

Academy's Save Our School

fundraiser at:

www.stmarys@worldwordweb.com or mail checks to the school at 1129 State Route 11, Champlain, NY 12919.

Learn more about the many fundraisers and the school on the website or by calling 298-3372.

Call that same number to arrange to have a child spend a day or to tour the academy.

Mr. Castine noted, the financial burden would not be entirely lifted from St. Mary's Parish, which administers the academy.

"We'd still have to keep up the property and run heat in the buildings," he said.

And as for selling it, he added, "there isn't much of a market for these old school buildings."

Champlain Elementary, closed several years ago, sits empty just a short hop away.

And should the school shut down, eight teachers and staff that includes custodians, secretary, cafeteria help and others would lose their jobs.

So, too, would the principal.

She not only aims to see the school hurdle this financial crisis but is thinking about the future, too.

The fundraisers organized now could become regular events to supplement the revenue that comes from St. Mary's Bazaar each May, Sister Cordata said.

"We're hoping to fix it forever this time," she said. "We don't ever want to do it again."

Saints

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Often a sprig of green is hung over the outside door symbolizing that all are welcome to enter and dine.

In Italy and Central Europe this day is also celebrated as the beginning of spring. Farmer's light candles, place little shrines with a St. Joseph statue or picture in their gardens, and fields are blessed by a priest. In the evening bonfires are lit.

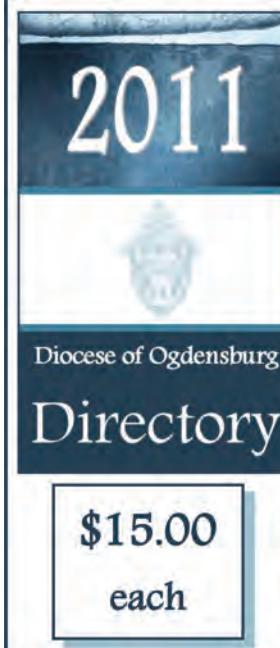
The day usually has a noonday mass with the celebrations following. In some areas where there is an Italian community processions will be held throughout the streets.

In Northern New York it is

said to start your tomato plants March 19 so they will be ready for spring transplanting. St. Joseph's day is also known as wearing the red. Some say it is because it is two days after St. Patrick's Day and the wearing of the green that red is worn. One theory was that the royal purple worn by royalty in those days used a dying process that made the garments look more scarlet.

St. Joseph and St. Patrick heard God's call and followed in trust. We too can learn from these two men as we take up the call during this holy season of Lent, opening our hearts and minds to God.

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Workshops explore 'family of faith'

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

To be Church is to be family, a family of faith. This was the focus of the recent Workshop: *What Does It Mean to Be Church: A Family of Faith.*

Anne Scanlan spoke to almost 300 participants on how the Church was formed through the lens of what is Matthew's Gospel from its roots and genealogy to the establishment of the Reign of God.

The call of the community is to gather together to love God and to love one another by being the presence of Christ through obedience to the Ten Commandments and to the lived-experience of the Beatitudes. Jesus welcomed

those who were not always welcomed in the community. He called them "blessed are you...." Jesus included "all", a gathering of blessing and to be a blessing for others.

First series draws 300 to sites across the diocese; second series begins April 3

The Church's prayer is framed after Jesus' prayer both individually and communally. Our prayer is always relational and connects with how we think and live. The Risen Lord continues His presence within the Church here and now.

We continue Jesus' mission to build the kingdom of God by preaching and living the Gospel message. To be a people of living faith was

Matthew's vision of becoming a community of believers, a family of faith.

How do we "be" Church in evangelizing our family of faith?

The mission of evangelization in our Church is very critical in our culture and world today. Pope Benedict XVI has established the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. The Council's task is to seek ways of reaching out to those nations who have received the Gospel message and now have become "de-Christianized".

Another focus of the Council is to seek new ways of understanding the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* so that the people will have a clearer understanding of their Catholic faith. T

he goal of the Council is to help "remake the Christian fabric of human society." Personal relationship with the person of Jesus Christ and witness to His love and truth is the key to true evangeliza-

tion. Pope Benedict has set the theme of this new evangelization for the next world Synod of Bishops in 2012.

Keeping in mind the direction of the Holy Father's urgency to re-evangelize these many countries where the Christian faith has declined or no longer practice their faith, the Office of Evangelization is sponsoring the next set of workshops around the Diocese with its focus on how to evangelize our parishes, what does that mean, and to offer practical strategies, resources and programs.

This workshop is open to all the parishes and parish members in the Diocese.

Parishes are encouraged to send their evangelization team or their contact person for evangelization activities in the parish, parish leader ministers, coordinators, facilitators, and participants of their faith sharing groups.

Small community faith sharing groups are a powerful catalyst for evangelization. More individual outreach can be accomplished from these groups and can make a difference in the life of the parish.

See complete schedule of the workshops on page 3.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

March 17 – 11 a.m., Council of Priests Meeting at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay.

March 18 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg; 3 p.m., Franklin & Adirondack Deanery Priests Gathering at Notre Dame Church in Malone.

March 19 – 11 a.m., Mass for St. Joseph's Day at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown.

March 20 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

March 21 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg; 3 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery Priests Gathering at St. Mary's Church in Canton.

March 22 – 11 a.m., Committee on Assignments Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg; 6:30 p.m., Dinner honoring the Immaculate Heart Central School National Honor Society at the Italian American Club in Watertown

Rest in Peace

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

March 16 – Rev. William A. MacDermott, 1913; Msgr. Noel V. Zimmerman, 1994

March 17 – Rev. Michael Froc, O.M.I., 1905; Rev. Francis X. Parisian, 1955

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March 19 – Rev. Andronique Blaignier, 1958; Msgr. Thomas J. Robillard, 2009

March 20 – Most Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, 1939

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Joe Scheve, lector, Eucharistic minister, and even a fill-in altar server at St. Mary's Church in Constableville, is also a very good cook. Here he's manning the stove at the Mardi Gras dinner on Fat Tuesday put on by St. Mary's Parish Council.



Alex Steele and Frankie Jo Besio, sixth graders at St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg, take some time out from working at the school's recent Fun Festival, to having some fun themselves.

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BISHOP TERRY R. LaVALLEY

Bishop Terry Ronald LaValley is 14th bishop

Loverde, now bishop of Arlington, Va., Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, now bishop of Palm Beach, and Bishop Timothy M. Dolan serving as presiding ordinary bishop.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, read the mandate from the Holy See stating Pope Benedict's desire that he should be ordained a bishop.

Three former Ogdensburg bishops took part in the ceremony - Bishop Paul S.

VICAR GENERAL
Archbishop gives amusing advice to the new bishop

From his friends
Four of Bishop LaValley's closest priest friends share their thoughts about their new bishop.
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PHOTO BY FATHER SCOTT FARABIA
As the ordination/installation rite for Bishop Terry R. LaValley concluded, he was escorted to the cathedral, the bishop's chair in St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan and Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the papal nuncio. Above, Bishop LaValley spends a moment in prayer before the liturgy of the eucharist continued.

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"The Catholic newspaper is not a superfluous thing but a necessary instrument for evangelization."

Pope John Paul II

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

US bishops support unions but also call for their cooperation

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Amid ongoing battles between Republican governors and organized labor in Midwestern states, U.S. Catholic bishops have echoed the long-standing church tradition of workers' rights. But they have also noted that there are no easy-fix solutions in today's battered economy. They have urged workers and government officials to work for the common good and called on the members of public employee unions to make sacrifices. The bishops' words haven't gone unnoticed. Just as this debate has stirred passions across the country, people have criticized the U.S. bishops for either being too supportive of unions or not supportive enough. Catholics on both sides of the issue also have weighed in on what's best for workers and the country as a whole. "Hard times do not nullify the moral obligation each of us has to respect the legitimate rights of workers," Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki said in mid-February, during angry protests in Wisconsin over the Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to curb public employees' collective bargaining power for benefits and increase the premiums they pay for health care and their pension contributions. After a three-week standoff that brought tens of thousands of protesters to Wisconsin's state capitol, the state's Senate Republicans passed the governor's plan March 9, bypassing Democratic senators who fled the state to block the legislation. The next day, the state Assembly passed a slimmed-down version of the bill that stripped nearly all collective bargaining rights from public workers. The country has been watching Wisconsin as a possible indicator of a larger trend since legislatures in Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Idaho, Tennessee, Kansas and Michigan also are looking at ways to curb union rights.

Cardinal places 21 Philadelphia priests on leave as inquiry continues

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) -- Continuing his response to the clergy sexual abuse scandal in the Philadelphia Archdiocese, Cardinal Justin Rigali placed 21 priests on administrative leave from their clerical assignments March 7. Parishes where the priests had been assigned were to be informed of the action at Masses on Ash Wednesday, and again at Masses the following weekend. The priests' placement on leave is not a final determination, according to a press release issued by the archdiocesan communications office. The action follows "an initial examination of files looking at both the substance of allegations and the process by which those allegations were reviewed," the statement said. Each case will be subject to a further review in a "thorough, independent investigation." Cardinal Rigali emphasized the nature of his action March 8. "I want to be clear," he said in a statement. "These administrative leaves are interim measures. They are not in any way final determinations or judgments." The unprecedented step to remove such a large group of priests responds to the Philadelphia grand jury's Feb. 10 report that called for the archdiocese to "review all of the old allegations against currently active priests and to remove from ministry all of the priests with credible allegations against them." Cardinal Rigali described the turmoil existing among Catholics in the archdiocese since the grand jury's report. He said the weeks since have been "difficult most of all for victims of sexual abuse, but also for all Catholics and for everyone in the community."

Quake damage keeps Japanese church officials from assessing needs

TOKYO (CNS) - Damage from a magnitude 8.9 earthquake and ensuing tsunamis were preventing church officials in Japan from assessing needs as tsunami warnings were issued for 50 other countries and territories.

Yasufumi Matsukuma, a staffer at the Japanese bishops' conference, told the Asian church news agency UCA News that most staffers would remain in the offices overnight because of suspended rail service and continuous aftershocks.

"In Tokyo, telephone lines are so busy that I cannot contact diocesan chancellor offices in Japan. Aftershocks have followed. The tsunamis are terrible and we cannot get any information concerning the church yet," he said.

Disruption of telecommunications has made it impossible for the conference's general secretariat to contact Sendai, near the quake's epicenter, and neighboring dioceses, he added.

Television and web video showed cars, ships and even buildings being swept away by a wall of water hitting Sendai, and CNN reported police discovered at least 200-300 bodies in the city. Initial reports from the Kyodo News Agency indicated 137 killed in the quake and tsunami, 539 injured and more than 350 missing, but those numbers were expected to increase.

A telegram sent by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, to Archbishop Leo Jun Ikenaga of Osaka, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan, March 11 expressed Pope Benedict's prayers and solidarity with earthquake victims and rescue workers.

"Deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic effects of the major earthquake and consequent tsunamis which have struck Japan's north-



CNS PHOTO/REUTERS/KYODO

People stand in Shinjuku Central Park after evacuating buildings in Tokyo, Japan, March 11. Buildings shook in the capital when a massive 8.9 magnitude earthquake hit off the coast of northeastern Japan.

eastern coastal regions, his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI assures all who have been afflicted of his closeness at this difficult time," the telegram said.

It also noted that the pope "prays for those who have died, and upon their grieving families and friends he invokes divine blessings of strength and consolation."

"The Holy Father also expresses his prayerful solidarity with all those providing rescue, relief and support to the victims of this disaster," the telegram said.

Daisuke Narui, executive director of Caritas Japan, said in a statement: "We are still collecting information at this point, but currently we are not able to communicate on the phone. Cell phones are also out of service."

Father Koichi Otaki of the Diocese of Niigata told Fides, the news agency of the Vatican's Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples: "A tsunami has hit our people ... a tidal wave has come to overwhelm our lives. We are still in shock over what has happened."

He said the diocese most

affected was Sendai. The priest added that Niigata Bishop Tarcisius Isao Kikuchi, president of Caritas Japan, said even though the Catholic community in the country was very small, "we will not walk away from our commitment and our solidarity with the victims."

A spokeswoman for Catholic Relief Services said the agency was on high alert in many countries in Asia, including the Philippines and Caritas Oceania, which is active in many islands in the Pacific.

This earthquake is the strongest since a magnitude 9.1 quake struck off Indonesia in December 2004. The quake and the tsunamis that followed left about 220,000 people dead or missing in more than a dozen countries around the Indian Ocean.

"We know from 2004 the devastating impact that these tsunamis can have," said Sean Callahan, CRS executive vice president for overseas operations. "As with all such disasters, CRS will help people recover from the emergency and stand with them as they recover."

Amid the penitential weeks of the Lenten season....

Priests assess the current state of confession

By James Breig
Catholic News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) - Msgr. Kevin Irwin says that hearing confessions is "one of the most humbling experiences of my priesthood."

The dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, he recently reflected on the current state of the sacrament of penance.

For years, surveys have shown infrequent - if any - use of the sacrament by Catholics. One recent survey found that 45 percent of Catholics who attend Mass weekly never go to confession.

Msgr. Irwin told Catholic News Service he suspects

there are several reasons for that, including "fear of what the priest might say and shame at what one has done or failed to do."

Father Rick Hilgartner, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Divine Worship, believes that some Catholics stay away because of "fear or embarrassment about a particular sin."

"I would offer, in reply, that there is no reason to be afraid. For others, there might be a false sense that confession is not really necessary, either because they don't think they have sinned, or they don't need forgiveness," he said. "(But) each of us has sin in our lives; it is part of what it is to be human."

Both priests see many reasons people should take ad-

vantage of confession. For one thing, Msgr. Irwin pointed out, it provides the opportunity "to assess where one is before God and each other" through an examination of conscience.

Other pluses of confessing, he said, include "naming what is good and wrong in one's life," and the opportunity of "gaining insight into the ways one should look at life and live."

Because they believe that priests are key factors in reviving the use of the sacrament, the two clergymen have advice for their peers.

"We need to reassure the faithful that the point of the sacrament is not to be chastised or punished," Father Hilgartner told CNS, "but to experience the healing love and forgiveness of Jesus. We need to be inviting and encouraging."

Likewise, Msgr. Irwin encourages clergy to "invite penitents to use the options in the rite of penance more fully, for example, by asking them to bring a Scripture reading with them to discuss as a lead-in to confessing sins."

He recommends that Catholics "go regularly to the same priest so that the rapport is easier, and the knowledge of failings and their severity can be assessed more adequately. When priests ask penitents what they might recommend as a penance, then what the penitent is asked to do fits their particular need."

As a result, the penance assigned by the confessor becomes "an antidote to what one confessed. Contrition is the most important part of the sacrament."

In preparation for confession, Msgr. Irwin suggested that Catholics "read and reflect on Chapter 12 of Paul's Letter to the Romans."

Father Hilgartner pointed out that "there are lots of resources, including a new iPhone app, that can be a helpful guide to the faithful



(CNS PHOTO/DON BLAKE, THE DIALOG)

Priests hear confession during the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington Jan. 24. Young people from across the nation packed the arena for the events held in advance of the annual March for Life.

through this process of reflection and examination. In general, it is good not only to reflect on the Ten Commandments, but also to look at significant relationships -- with God, with others and with self -- in order to identify what actions or inactions have been hurtful or sinful."

Confessors, he continued, should "listen attentively and respond as Jesus would, which might include some advice or encouragement."

Similarly, Msgr. Irwin urges priests to "act as a divine physician, diagnosing what is really wrong, guiding the penitent to see it and praying with the penitent over it."

Lent, he continued, provides a way for Catholics who have been away from the sacrament of penance to experience it again. "Communal celebrations of the sacrament seem to have taken hold as features of Lent and Advent," he noted. "These are often occasions for people who have not come for a long period to jump-start a

return."

In addition, such communal events help people "see that penance involves the community and is not just about themselves before God," he said.

Msgr. Irwin believes that Catholics who return to confession might be surprised at the changes that have occurred in the sacrament in recent years, such as the option of facing the confessor in the open, the reading of Scriptures and "a declaration of thanks for God's mercy."

His experience with penitents, Msgr. Irwin said, "is one of the most humbling experiences of my priesthood. When you hear of the burdens people bear, you are simply amazed, sometimes saddened, but always heartened that you can help to unburden them."



CNS PHOTO/KAREN CALLAWAY, CATHOLIC NEW WORLD

Father Tomasz Ludwicki hears a confession during a local pilgrimage in Munster, Ind., in this 2010 file photo. Catholics who return to confession might be surprised at the changes that have occurred in the sacrament in recent years, one priest-theologian told Catholic News Service.

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Pope: Catholic newspapers have 'irreplaceable' role

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

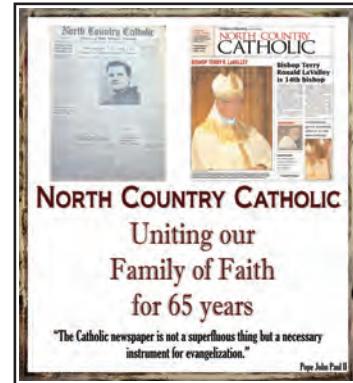
VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI said the Catholic press has an irreplaceable role in forming Christian consciences and reflecting the church's viewpoint on contemporary issues.

The printed newspaper, because of its simplicity and widespread distribution, remains an effective way of spreading news about local diocesan events and developments, including charity initiatives.

Despite the crisis in print media today, the Catholic newspaper still has a vital role to play in diocesan communications, the pope said. He made the remarks Nov. 26 to members of the Italian Federation of Catholic Weeklies, which represents 188 Catholic newspapers.

The pope said that while secular media often reflect a skeptical and relativistic attitude toward truth, the church knows that people need the full truth brought by Christ.

"The mission of the church consists in creating the conditions so that this meeting with Christ can be realized. Cooperating in this task, the communications media are called to serve the truth with courage, to help public opinion see and read reality from an evangelical viewpoint."



A primary task of the Catholic newspaper, he said, is to "give voice to a point of view that reflects Catholic thinking on all ethical and social questions."

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As "newspapers of the people," he said, Catholic papers can also favor real dialogue between different social sectors and debate among people of different opinions.

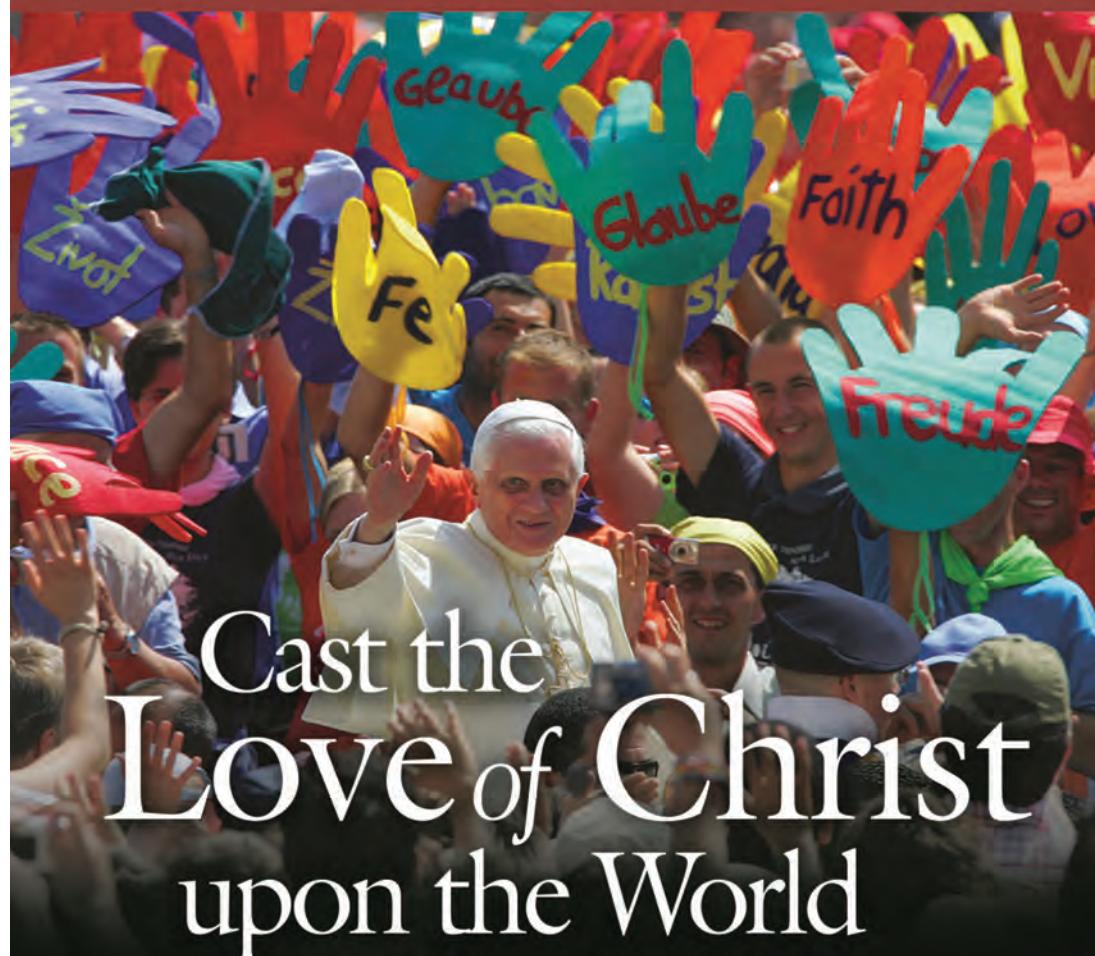
"By doing this, Catholic newspapers not only fulfill the important task of providing information, but also perform an irreplaceable formative function" in the education of "critical and Christian consciences," he said. The pope said Catholic journalists should give witness to their faith in their work. Their success as Catholic communicators will depend above all on their personal relationship with Christ, he said.

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**COLLECTION WEEKEND:
APRIL 2 & 3, 2011**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Climbing a mountain with Jesus and his disciples

During these six weeks of Lent, we're on a spiritual journey, hoping to be a better person by Easter.

Before Lent, we spent some weeks with Jesus on the Mount of the Beatitudes.

Today, we climb a mountain with Jesus and His disciples...a very special mountain traditionally called Mt. Tabor. How God loved mountains!

Remember, it was on Mt. Sinai that God had treated Moses like a friend, and had given him the ten commandments.

Before that, he had tested Abraham's faith on Mt.

Moria, as he was preparing to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

Today's first reading is about God's call to Abraham to found a great dynasty of believers.

In our second reading this week, Timothy reminds us that Jesus, by his death and resurrection, has saved us and has "called us to a holy life...according to His own design."

But back to Mt. Tabor. Here, Peter, James and John, will catch a glimpse of the glory of God. As they approach the summit, the three suddenly notice in change in the garments Jesus is wearing.



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

From a dusty brown and gray of a carpenter's garb, they become a dazzling white. The disciples then see two famous figures appear. They recognize Moses the Lawgiver, and Elijah the Prophet. They are both discussing something with Jesus.

Perhaps they were talking about his coming Passion. Peter is so overjoyed that he proposes that they stay here on this blessed spot.

Peter himself will build them tents!

Then suddenly a cloud comes between them and the sun, and a Voice thunders out, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to Him!"

No more talk of tents!

MARCH 20

Second Sunday of Lent

READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:19

ney? If we're really serious about Lent, we'll take the Transfiguration experience as Jesus intended.

As he taught a lesson in patience and hope to Peter, James, and John, so he teaches us to listen and wait, to listen intently to Jesus and His message. We have the advantage of knowing and believing in the Resurrection.

As Timothy tells us today, "Beloved: bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

This week, remember Jesus transfigured on the mountain as we attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour, or pray and work with the strength that comes from God.

In fear the disciples fall to the ground. Jesus calms them, and tells them not to be afraid.

The glory has faded, and they proceed down the mountain. Jesus warns them to keep quiet about all this until after His Resurrection. They proceed on their journey...a journey that will end on Mt. Calvary.

What does all this mean for us on our spiritual jour-



OUR READERS WRITE

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

(A poem for Lent)

The day was hot, the journey long.
The Pharisees would do him wrong.
So Jesus rested by the well.
Alone in prayerful reflection
Saddened by Jewish rejection,
He asked the Father what to do.
Then a woman unsuspecting
Of what Jesus was projecting
Came for water at the well.
When Jesus asked her for a drink
She had but little time to think.
She was Samaritan, but knew he was
a Jew.

Yet the sweetness of his manner
Invited her to chatter.
Quite trustingly she for him the water
drew.

In divine generosity, with no sign of
pomposity,

He offered her living water.
When he started his baptizing,
She underwent a chastising,
So gentle that she felt clean all over.
Jesus told her about her life,
Her five husbands and bitter strife.
It made her wonder if this were the
Messiah.

The stranger answered, so I AM.
Though her heart had often been bro-
ken

She was healed by the words he'd
spoken,

And she could not quench the fire of
the Spirit.

Purified and fortified,
She wanted Jesus glorified.
Outside the Jewish nation,
She was the first appointed
To bring news of salvation
From the Anointed One.

His apostles were returning.
In amazement they were learning
That Jesus had been speaking
With a woman!
Soon she returned with half the town
To meet this Jew of great renown
Who had given her truth and under-
standing.

The Father's will had been done
By his beloved Son.
The Spirit too brought comfort and
elation.

In his redeeming grace for all the
human race

The living water began to flow.
It washed the sinful and the holy,
The puffed up and the lowly.
Already it was steadily rising in
Galilee.

'Twas on the cross on Calvary
When from his side the water
Gushed and rushed to cover you and
me.

So this woman at the well
Had quite a story she could tell
About how she was chosen
To proclaim the Holy Name to her
people.

Still today we hear her say
From within the Holy Book
That Jesus is around us,
If we only we would look
Please, in my soul, sweet Jesus,
Let your living water flow.
With it I'll fill the emptiness,
Wherever I might go.

DEANNA HAGAN
HUNTERSVILLE, NC

Congress has now voted to defund Planned Parenthood to stop the multi-millions of taxpayer dollars being dumped into this fraudulent organization.

Nothing could be nobler than to "defend" the right-to-life of an innocent pre-born child than by "de-funding" its premier adversary, PPFA.

What a great day for America when Planned Parenthood is completely closed down and – "out-of-business!"

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Great news about clinic closing

Great news learning that "Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York has permanently locked the door at the Gouverneur clinic..."

Martha Stahl of PP reported "the permission was needed because the agency receives government assistance..." And everyone knows Planned Parenthood clinics cannot survive without federally funded grants.

Planned Parenthood's reputation of "lie and deny" has been exposed. Its so-called services have never been about "family planning," but rather about "eliminating" the pre-born child.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the *North Country Catholic*.

- Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.

- We cannot accept letters which support ideas which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

- Send letters to North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or e-mail to news@northcountrycatholic.org
- Join the conversation!

AT THE MOVIES

RED RIDING HOOD

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

A tipoff to the off-kilter portrayal of the church that mars "Red Riding Hood" (Warner Bros.) - an uninvolving update of the classic fairy tale - comes when an attendant gravely announces the arrival on the scene of "His Eminence, Father Solomon."

Such an ecclesiastical gaffe might be forgiven with a smile, did not Father Solomon (Gary Oldman) shortly turn out to be a cynical, sensual inquisitor. A priest renowned for laying lycanthropes low, he has come to the imaginary medieval village of Daggerhorn, where we lay our scene, to rid it of its resident werewolf.

(You can almost hear the pitch meeting: "He's not just a wolf, he's a werewolf!")

Said creature -- long held in check by the townsfolk's offering of a chained pig for him to devour every full moon -- has lately returned to the rampage, with fatal

consequences for the sister of the titular maiden (Amanda Seyfried) who here goes by the name Valerie.

Poor Valerie's life is complicated enough without marauding monsters to worry about. As the opening scenes reveal, she is caught in a love triangle with Peter (Shiloh Fernandez) -- the youth she has loved since childhood -- in one corner, and Henry (Max Irons) -- scion of the richest family in town to whom she has been unwillingly betrothed -- in the other.

Valerie, needless to say, lives only for romance, but her more practical-minded parents Suzette (Virginia Madsen) and Cesaire (Billy Burke) think hubby Henry will put food on the table. Where is a girl to turn for solace? Why to Grandmother's (Julie Christie) house, of course.

Father Solomon, meanwhile, has infected Daggerhorn with paranoia by announcing to the assembled citizenry that the wolf-man is no stranger, but someone in their very midst.

This might have been the departure point for an interesting study in mutual suspicion, along the lines of Arthur Miller's anti-McCarthy allegory, "The Crucible."

Instead, Father Solomon busies himself torturing a defenseless half-wit before setting his prosecutorial sights on Valerie, after deciding the girl in the harlot-colored hood -- who, it turns out, can communicate with his beastly adversary -- is a witch.

Peter and Henry put their rivalry aside and struggle gallantly to spring her from Solomon's clutches. (Even so, one doubts the appearance, anytime soon, of T-shirts reading "Camp Peter" or "Camp Henry.")

Though screenwriter David Leslie Johnson is to be commended for turning out a script virtually devoid of objectionable language, he has included a scene where only chance intervenes to prevent the physical consummation of Valerie and Peter's bond.

As directed by Catherine Hardwicke, moreover, the



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS
Amanda Seyfried stars in a scene from the movie "Red Riding Hood."

Catholicism, brief non-graphic premarital sexual activity and moderate but sometimes gory violence.

The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

ALSO PLAYING.....



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY
The characters Gribble and Milo are pictured in a scene from the movie "Mars Needs Moms." The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



CNS PHOTO/RELATIVITY
Topher Grace and Teresa Palmer star in a scene from the movie "Take Me Home Tonight." The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

ADIRONDACK**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER**

Lake Placid – St. Agnes School is holding a St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Date: March 15

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Comfort Inn Conference Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$8; Children 12 and under, \$6

Contact: 523-3771

RUMMAGE SALE

Lake Placid – St. Agnes School is planning a rummage sale.

Date: March 19

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

Place: School Gym

Contact: Reserve a table for \$20 to sell your stuff and keep the profits. Please call 518-523-3771 for more information

CLINTON**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Peru – The St. Augustine Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host a spaghetti dinner.

Date: March 19

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

Place: St. Augustine Parish Center

Cost: \$7.50 per person; Children 6-12, \$3.5; under 5, free

Features: Take-outs are available.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseeville – The Keeseeville Altar Rosary Society to sponsor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Mooers Forks – St. Ann's & St. Joseph's Confirmation Class is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner.

Date: April 3

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: To benefit Hannah's Hope for G.A.N.

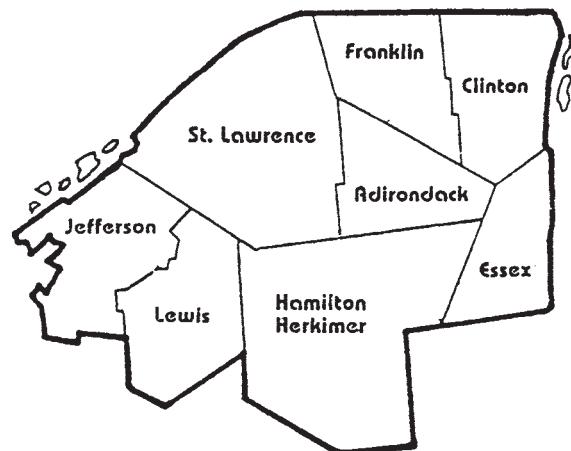
LENTE ADORATION

Plattsburgh – Come spend an hour with the Lord during the season of Lent.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Schedule: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after 7 a.m. Mass until 7 p.m. and Wednesday only, after 7 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.

Contact: To sign up for Adoration for



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one hour a week or for more information call St. Peter's at 563-1692 or contact Ceil Johnson 566-0527 or e-mail kjeleshouse@verizon.net.

HAM RAFFLE

West Chazy – St. Joseph's Altar Rosary is holding its 5th Annual Ham Raffle.

Date: March 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Parish Center

Features: Lots of games, lots of prizes. Stay for the free spaghetti supper.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

West Chazy – St. Joseph's Men's Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast.

Date: March 20

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: Parish Center

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

LENTE DAY OF REFLECTION

Ellenburg Center – Lenten day of reflection to be held at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer.

Date: March 19

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Features: Deacon Dennis Monty will search with us the Lenten readings. We will seek to understand what is happening in each passage. By exploring the historical events and culture that frame the authors' experience, we will know better the message. Next, we will discover how the Church has understood the Scripture. Finally, we will prayerfully share our response to God's invitation to growth in faith and understanding.

Bring your New American Bible.
Contact: RSVP to oadirond@twcny.rr.com or 518-594-3253 by March 17.

PRAYER VIGIL

Plattsburgh – A Helper's of Gods Precious Infants prayer vigil will be held the first Sunday of the winter months.

Date: St. Peter's Chapel

Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Plattsburgh – Plattsburgh area pro-life advocates will once again join together with people of faith and conscience from many other communities for the area's third 40 Days for Life campaign.

Place: Plattsburgh Planned Parenthood

Features: 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and 40 days of grassroots educational outreach.

Information: www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St. John's Adoration Chapel,

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

Contact: 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

ESSEX**LENTE PARISH MISSION**

Port Henry/Mineville – The Catholic Community of Moriah will be hosting a

Lenten Parish Mission.

Dates: March 27-30

March 27 – St. Patrick's at 7 p.m. "An Invitation to share God's Divine Life

March 28 – All Saints at 9 a.m. "Love as Justice"; 7 p.m. "Accepting the Invitation or Refusing"

March 29 – St. Patrick's at 9 a.m. "Love as Compassion"; 7 p.m. "Our Merciful Father Forgives"

March 30 – All Saints at 9 a.m. "We are God's Instrument of Divine Love"; 7 p.m. "Mary, the First Disciple Inspires Us"

Contact: the church office for more information at 546-7254.

FRANKLIN**CABBAGE ROLL TAKE-OUT**

Brushton – St. Mary's Parish is holding a St. Patrick's Day Cabbage Roll Take-out.

Date: March 17

Time: 6 a.m. until sold

Cost: \$3.25 per roll

Contact: Call 529-6580 to place your order on March 17th. Pre-order by calling 529-7713 prior to March 17th.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton – St. Mary's Events Committee is sponsoring a Breakfast Buffet.

Date: March 20

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free

ANNUAL LENTE DINNERS

Malone – Malone K of C will be holding their annual Lenten Dinners.

Dates: Wednesdays, March 16, March 23 and March 30

Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: K of C Council Hall, 41 Elm St.

Cost: Adults, \$7.50; Under 12, \$3

LENTE MISSION

Chateaugay – Special Lenten Mission to be held by the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay.

Schedule: March 28 – The Woman I love, Mass; March 29 – Mother of Mercy, Penance Service; March 30, The Rosary, Mass

Place: St. Patrick's Church

Time: 7 p.m.

Theme: "Full of Grace"

Speaker: Fr. Ted Crosby, pastor in Lyon Mountain and Ellenburg.

JEFFERSON**LENTE ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Watertown – Special Lenten Ecumenical Service to be held.

Date: April 10

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church

ANNUAL ACIES

Watertown – Our Lady of the Rosary Curia of the Legion of Mary is holding its annual Acies.

Date: March 26

Time: after 9 a.m. Mass

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Features: All are welcome and all active and auxiliary members are invited to renew their promise. Refreshments

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – And ecumenical bereavement meeting to be held.

Date: March 28

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Speaker: James Monaco, LCSW, who is a psychotherapist with a local private practice, Will speak on "A Therapist's Personal Journey through Grief".

PRO-LIFE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown will participate in the annual NYS Right to Life pro-life oratorical Contest

Date: Preliminary qualifying date is April 9

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Flower Memorial Library

Features: Open to all High School Juniors and Seniors. Participants will give a five minute talk on the topic of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide or stem cell research. Local prizes are \$100-\$50 and \$25. The winner goes to the State contest on May 7th. Winners there will receive \$100-\$500-\$200. The state winner and a companion will win an expense paid trip to the National Right to Life Convention in Jacksonville, FL. June 23, 24 \$ 25 to compete for an additional \$100.

Contact: Bette Hartzell at 315-785-1087. Deadline to enter is March 25.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: Liferight is a pro-life educational organization. The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

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A salute to the North Country Catholic

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

The Pontifical Mission Societies consist of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. The Pontifical Mission Societies have, as their primary purpose, the promotion of a universal missionary spirit, a spirit of prayer and sacrifice among all baptized Catholics.

Thanks to the diligent work and efforts of the *North Country Catholic* and its staff (devoted Mary Lou Kilian, Editor and her tireless associate Christine Ward), our purpose of promoting the missionary spirit is made easier week after week.

Each week, the *North Country Catholic* exhibits our column and photos in an effort to help publicize and promote the Society for the Propagation of the Faith by educating the faithful with awareness of the Church's universal mission.

Our columns teach of sacrifice, encourage prayer and support of any on-going appeals. Our appeals consist of Christmas/Advent, Lent, St. Peter the Apostle, Missionary Projects of the Diocese, Missionary Cooperation and World Mission Sunday. In addition to these appeals, children in Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs participate in the Holy Childhood Association program for on-going support and prayers for children in developing nations.

Through the years, the *North Country Catholic* has always been there to aid in our mission's goal of promoting education and awareness. This office is grateful for their support and publicity. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is proud to walk with the *North Country Catholic* on our long journey together of making both the Diocese and the World a better place through promoting prayers and personal sacrifices for the Missions.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice



The diocesan mission office staff: St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, director; and Molly Ryan, secretary/bookkeeper

OBITUARIES

Alexandria Bay – Joan P. (Putnam) Folino, 69; Funeral Services March 11, 2011 at Costello Funeral Home; burial in St. Cyril's Cemetery.

Au Sable Forks – Dorla A. (Douglas) Bombard, 73; Funeral Services March 8, 2011 at Holy name Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Brownville – Sally E. (Jones) Monaco, 79; Funeral Services March 10, 2011 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Evans Mills Cemetery.

Carthage – Lena R. (Staniszewski) Youngs, 90; Funeral Services March 8, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Champlain – Harold J. "John" Castine, 74; Funeral Services March 10, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Chazy.

Croghan – Margaret A. "Midge" (Riley) Steiner, 85; Funeral Services March 10, 2011 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Port Leyden.

Lowville – Geral E. Ebersol, 79; Memorial Services March 19, 2011 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Boulder City Veterans Cemetery, Boulder, NV.

Lowville – Shirley Ann Maciejko, 50; Funeral Services March 10, 2011 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lowville – Ronald Ross Souva, 71; Funeral Services March 11, 2011 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Lowville – Louise A. "Lil" Sweredoski Vogt, 82; Funeral Services March 7, 2011 at St. Peter's Catholic Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Massena – Raymond A. Thompson, 69; Funeral Services March 14, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart.

Morrisonville – Roma J. Castine, Jr., 75; Funeral Services March 12, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Ogdensburg – Marguerite (Falardeau) Cooper, 93; Funeral Services March 12, 2011 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Lesa M. (Newtown) Morrow, 44; Funeral Services March 7, 2011 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Diana M. (Solivoda) Carlisi,

62; Funeral Services March 10, 2011 at St. Peter's Church.

Plattsburgh – Marion G. (Rollier) Squires, 92; Funeral July 6, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Potsdam – Leonore R. "Jay" (Mowitt) Molnar, 91; Funeral Services in Spring at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's cemetery.

Rouses Point – Phyllis A. (Nutt) Gokey, 82; Funeral Services March 10, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Mooers.

Sackets Harbor – Carolyn F. (Dempster) Phillips, 92; Funeral Services March 12, 2011 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Robert McKillip, 78; Funeral Services March 10, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Schroon Lake – Elizabeth Lou "Bette" (Dolbeck) Hollenbeck, 80; Memorial Services March 4, 2011 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Watertown – Jane E. Goodwin, 39; Funeral Services March 11, 2011 at Holy Family Church.

K OF C FREE THROW WINNERS



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The winners of the Knights of Columbus, Malone Council 308 Free Throw competition held Jan. 9 at Holy Family School, Malone, are, front, from left, Brendan Marshall, Ted Childs; and back, Zachary Mussaw, Nicholas Lamica, Sigourney Grenville and Jordan Marshall.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

A Lenten challenge: give until it hurts!

The other day, I was with a few friends, and one of them mentioned what she was going to give up for Lent, and the other one said, "Wasn't that supposed to be your New Year's resolution?"

I had to laugh, but in reality, it was a pretty typical example of the way we like to treat our Lenten sacrifices.

We as people have an incredible knack for avoiding things that take away our comfort.

As kids, we swish our food around on our plate rather than eating it in order to appease our parents, and as adults, we only move on to more advanced tactics—

cheating on our taxes, our diets, you name it.

Naturally our Lenten sacrifices receive the same treatment.

Yet anyone who has ever been an athlete knows that the moments in practice that count are the ones where you push past the point when you think you've had all you can take.

Our spiritual fitness is no different.

Mother Teresa understood sacrifice perhaps better than anyone, and in her words, "I...don't want you to give me what you have left over. I want you to give from your want until you really feel it."

The Bible says, "Without



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cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Mt 10:8). Lent is about true sacrifice, giving until you feel it, and giving of your very self. If you cheat, you cannot hide it from God. Adam and Eve tried that, and it won't work for us any better than it did for them.

The comforts we enjoy, while not harmful in themselves, often complicate our lives and our relationships.

I enjoy television, but in how many households does it take the place of conversation at the dinner table?

iPods are wonders of technology, but how many teenagers use them as an anesthetic and plug in to them to avoid being alone with their thoughts?

Plenty of people find Facebook to be an outlet of self-

expression, but how many people use it to paint themselves as they wish to be, rather than renewing themselves from the inside out?

Comfort can enable us to avoid facing up to God and ourselves. But Lent is about something else entirely.

Lent is about sacrificing the comforts, standing naked before God, and offering the pain of it all as a humble gift.

It is about sharing, in however small a way, in the journey to the cross alongside Christ, and uniting ourselves ever more closely with Him. We don't grow if we shy away from the difficult parts and try to cut corners in every way we know how. In fact, we only become more disconnected from ourselves, from one an-

other, and from God, and that's a dangerous way to live life.

I challenge you this Lenten season to strip back the layers, bite the bullet, and make a sacrifice that you'll really feel. Don't just give up snacking in hopes that you'll lose a little weight and kill two birds with one stone, and don't repeat a New Year's resolution that you know you will not follow through on.

There are plenty of half-hearted people with good intentions out there, but this world needs more than that. Give until it hurts, so that that pain might make you a little more like Christ.

You will be a better person for it, and ultimately a better instrument of God's work in this world.

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

LEWIS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Harrisville—St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church will be having a special dinner.

Date: March 19

Time: 4 p.m. to 6

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 12-5, \$5;

Under 5, Free

Features: Take-outs will be available. "Fraser Family and Friends" will be there to entertain with Irish music.

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls—The South Lewis K of C is holding an all you can eat brunch.

Date: March 20

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. John's Church Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, free

ST. LAWRENCE

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

Brasher—The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 22nd Gun and Knife

Show.

Date: March 26 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & March 27 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: \$3; under 12 free

Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds of sporting items. Come: Buy-Sell-Trade. Concession stand available, breakfast served until 11 a.m.

Contact: Phil Davis 315-389-4627

LENTEN MISSION

Ogdensburg—Notre Dame and St. Mary's Cathedral are sponsoring a Lenten Mission March 19-3

Presenter: Fr. J. Michael Gaffney

March 19: Mass St. Mary's Cathedral at 4 p.m. and Notre Dame at 5:30 p.m.

March 20: Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Notre Dame at 9:30 a.m.; IHC Mystery Players Passion Play at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7 p.m.

March 21: St. Mary's Cathedral at 7 p.m.

March 22: Notre Dame Church at 7 p.m.

March 23: St. Mary's Cathedral at 7 p.m.

Features: Each weekday evening, the Service will consist of the Mission Talk, discussion, and Special Ritual. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, the priests will be available for Confessions after the Service. On Wednesday evening, after

the Service, all are invited for refreshments in the Cathedral Sacristy.

ROAST BEEF & ROAST PORK DINNER

Brasher Falls—A Roast Beef & Roast Pork Dinner will be held.

Date: April 9

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children under 5, Free

Features: Save \$1 per person by purchasing pre-sale tickets by calling Phil Davis at 315-389-4627 or Rayona Thompson at 315-389-4584. A pre-sale ticket must be purchased by April 4th.

FISH FRY BUFFET

Ogdensburg—The Knights of Columbus to hold a Fish Fry Buffet during Lent.

Date: Beginning Ash Wednesday March 9 and every Friday thereafter during Lent.

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

Place: K of C Hall; Eat in or take out.

Cost: \$9 per person, Children 6-11, \$4.5; under 5, free; Desserts, \$1 extra

ST. JAMES SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Gouverneur—St. James School will hold 2011-2012 school registrations.

Date: March 28, Kindergarten and

March 29, Preschool/PreK

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

FISH AND SHRIMP FRY

Gouverneur—St. James School will be having a Fish and Shrimp Fry every Friday through Lent.

Date: March 4 through April 22

Place: St. James School; Take-out available, phone ahead for faster service and deliveries, 287-0130.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 8 p.m. to 9

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

Features: Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues through the night, concluding with Benediction at 7 a.m. Friday.

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg—Notre Dame Church is holding a weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday evenings

Time: 6:30 p.m.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Massena—St. Joseph's Church has scheduled Eucharistic Adoration every Saturday.

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

YOUTH RALLY

Massena—A diocesan youth conference will be held.

Date: April 2

Time: Registration begins at 9 a.m.; program ends at 5:30 p.m.

Place: Trinity Catholic School and Sacred Heart Church.

Features: The keynoter will be led by Carrie Ann Ford of Buffalo. The program will also include workshops, for young people in grades six through 12, and a Mass with Bishop Terry R. LaValley presiding. Ms. Ford, a singer, songwriter, presenter and teacher, who has been sharing her message of God's unfailing love with audiences across the globe for nearly 20 years.

Cost: \$10, includes lunch and snacks.

Contact: Information from Youth ministry office at 315-393-2920. Registration may be made through parishes.