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Peace: handcrafted by ordinary people

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis called on the world's Christians to pray with him for peace in the Middle East, help convince governments to come to the aid of refugees and pray for Christian unity.

While peace is a gift from God, it is also built out of the day-to-day handiwork of individuals: true "artisans of

peace," who are capable of crafting fraternity and reconciliation with people of all cultures and religions, he said during his general audience in St. Peter's Square May 28.

Reviewing his May 24-26 trip to Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories, the pope told the people attending his audience that his visit

to the Holy Land, "that blessed land," was a great gift of grace for the church and himself.

He said he had gone to "bring a word of hope, but I received one in return, too," meeting people who still hope "against hope," enduring much suffering, "like those who fled their own country because of conflict,"

or facing discrimination and persecution "because of their faith in Christ."

"During the pilgrimage," he said, "I encouraged authorities to continue efforts to diffuse the tensions in the Middle East region, above all in martyred Syria, as well as to continue to seek a fair solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

IN THE HOLY LAND

Pope makes historic visit



(CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO VIA REUTERS)

Pope Francis prays in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, West Bank, May 25, the traditional site of Christ's birth. The visit was part of the pope's trip to the Holy Land May 24-26 which included time in Jordan, Israel and The Palestinian territories. The original reason for Pope Francis' Holy Land trip was a meeting with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to mark the 50th anniversary of a historic encounter between their predecessors.

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NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* has begun; the next issue will be dated June 18.

JUBILARIANS HONORED BY THEIR BROTHERS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Priests marking significant anniversaries in 2014 were honored at the annual Jubilee Mass held May 18 during this year's Presbyteral Assembly in Lake Placid. From left are Father Douglas J. Lucia, 25 years; Father Andrew J. Amyot, 50 years; Msgr. Paul E. Whitmore, 60 years; Bishop Terry R. LaValley; Father Daniel T. Keefe, 60 years; Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant, 50 years; and Father George F. Maroun, 40 years.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Living the Vision: first steps are taken

It's been nearly two months since Bishop LaValley delivered the *Proclamation of the Pastoral Vision of the Diocese of Ogdensburg* at the April 9 Chrism Mass.

Since then, the implementation process has been undertaken with great enthusiasm.

During this year's Presbyteral Assembly all the priests of the diocese had a chance to discuss their role in realizing the five year vision to: "Find your home in Christ: Renew Faith, Nurture Hope, Discover Love."

This week it's the deacons'

turn as Bishop LaValley has invited all the deacons and their wives to join him in Lake Placid on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mary Lou
Kilian

"This first of its kind assembly of deacons in our diocese provides a graced occasion to explore our vision for the diocese and your significant role in that vision," he told the deacons. "I will also meet with your wives to share with them of

strengths of your special relationship, the dreams of your families and my hope for the faith family of the Diocese of

Ogdensburg."

As one of those deacon wives, I'm looking forward to the conversation!

Members of the diocesan staff will also be meeting this week with the directive to report on how their department "is supporting or intends to support each diocesan priority and goal."

We can all agree that Bishop LaValley's words in the proclamation were stirring. Who could argue with our "sacred purpose" - "Christ-led, Christ-fed, and hope-filled, the Diocese of Ogdensburg joyfully invites the people of the North Country to the journey of faith through the proclamation of

the Gospel, the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments, and the loving service of neighbor."

And now we must be stirred into action.

In the *North Country Catholic*, our main responsibility will be to share the stories of Catholic parishes, individuals and schools living out our core diocesan values: *Encouragement*: The invitation to take heart in Christ our hope; *Faithfulness*: The vocation to live lives completely Christ-centered; and *Respect*: The recognition and promotion of the unique dignity of all as brothers and sisters created in God's image.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

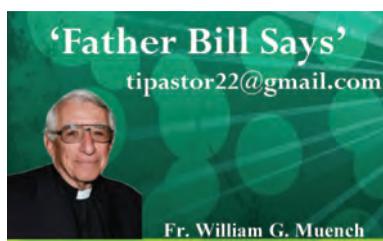
Sharing bacon, eggs and the love of God

As Catholics, central to our faith is the belief that we have a vocation. Each one of us has been gifted by our God with many exceptional qualities that give us our vocation, our purpose in life, God-given to us to be disciples of the Lord Jesus.

In this way, we believe that God shows us our place – our call – our vacation to bring the Spirit and message of Jesus to our world. For many, this is a call to a religious vocation. This may be a call to be an ordained person, a priest or a deacon; many live out their vocation as a religious Sister or Brother. Yet, we do believe that everyone – including each and every lay person, every man and woman – has a vocation – a call to live well as a baptized disciple of Jesus.

Each lay person and religious has so many unique opportunities to bring Christ to the world – Christ's love and peace, Christ's message. This is not a nice thing to do – this is a vocation – a call by our God.

I know that we all are blessed with opportunities to bring the love and peace of Jesus to our part of the world. We do this best – all of us – by bringing Christ's joy and happiness into the world, by bringing the message of Our Savior to those



who need to hear it. This is what it means to live our vocation. Often it may be something rather simple, even ordinary – sometimes it may need something extraordinary.

Let me share with you my recent experience of a lay person living out her vocation. A few weeks ago I was visiting in Albuquerque to attend my great niece's graduation. I was staying at a bed-and-breakfast right near a golf course called the Inn at Paradise.

Each morning, the proprietor, Natalia, prepared breakfast for us in a lovely open breakfast room. On this particular morning, as I walked into the breakfast room Natalia greeted me with "Good morning, Father." I didn't notice that some new guests were at one of the tables having breakfast. Her greeting to me turned their heads.

Shortly, as I sat at the counter preparing to eat break-

fast, one of the ladies came over asking if she could ask me a question about God. I put aside my fork. The question was about why Jesus had to suffer and die. I attempted a brief answer. Jesus did chose to become human like us. He chose to live among us and experience human life. He took on the complete experience including suffering and dying. In this way, I tried to explain – a bit intellectually – that Jesus' suffering demonstrated to us God's great love for us.

From the stove, Natalia spoke us expressing how deeply her life was touched by God's love, how passionately she recognized God's great love, demonstrated in his sufferings and death. Natalia's words expressed her deep and passionate love to God. Speaking of the crucifixion of Jesus her love was obvious, almost to tears. Her words were an expression of faith that truly demonstrated her vocation as a disciple of Jesus.

Well, the woman went on. (By the way, my eggs were getting cold.) Her concern now was about the Blessed Eucharist. Her inquiry was that shouldn't attention should be given more to the Word – why are Catholics so absorbed by

the Eucharist. I again began with the Gospels – especially Jesus instructions to his apostles at the Last Supper – "Do this in memory of me." I suppose I was a bit intellectual in my thoughts concerning my belief in the Blessed Eucharist.

Then from the stove Natalia spoke up – "I would die without the Blessed Eucharist. The Eucharist is my strength and my life. I am so overcome that Jesus wants to come to me in the Blessed Eucharist. I need the Blessed Eucharist."

As she went on her love of the Eucharist was obvious. Her words transformed that moment. It was a blessed moment. Those simple words of love were all that was needed to demonstrate – especially to this new guest – that the Eucharist did not need a debate, only the loving words of a loving, faith filled disciple who truly knew God and lived out her vocation from the Lord.

I must admit I was truly touched in that experience. I recognized this disciple of Jesus who knew how to bring her love for God and her understanding of the message of Jesus into her world. She was simply wonderful.

I got back to my bacon and eggs.

DIOCESAN HONORS



Bishop Terry R. LaValley presented the Bishop Edgar P. Wadhams Award for Distinguished Service to Tom and Claudia Sanders of St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy during a May 11 Mass at St. Joseph's. The Sanders were honored for their exceptional service to the diocese.

Respect Life grant recipients chosen

Bishop LaValley approved 27 grants from 2014 Respect Life collection which raised a total of \$82,738.

"Thank you to everyone who donated so generously," said Colleen Miner, diocesan director of respect life ministry. "It made the committee's job much easier."

The grant committee comprised of Father Kris Lauzon, pastor in AuSable Forks and Black Brook; Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli, directors of the Natural Family Planning Office; and John and Colleen Miner, directors of the Respect Life Office review each grant application and submit suggested award amounts to Bishop LaValley for his review and approval.

Recipients of this year's grants include:

- six Gabriel Projects (Gouverneur, Potsdam, Brasher Falls, Massena, Plattsburgh and Canton)
- three Youth Buses for Life and two March for Life family

buses (Lewis County & Clinton County)

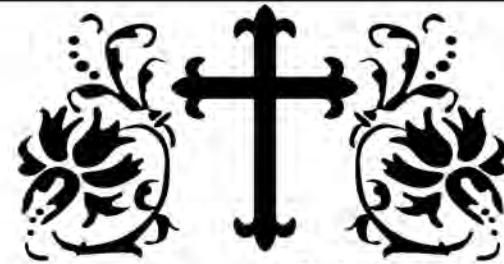
- Malone Catholic Charities
- Birthright
- Lewis County Right to Life Fair Booth,
- Liferight of Watertown,
- a pro-life radio & billboard campaign,
- Brook Haven House for single moms,
- USCCB Natural Family Planning materials & Respect Life Month pastor packets,
- 40 Days for Life,
- Plattsburgh's Pregnancy Center,
- Catholic Heart Workcamp,
- St. John XXIII Newman Center educational brochures
- speaker fees for an End of Life Issues Conference and a workshop to build strong families.

Further information on the Respect Life grant process is available on the Respect Life website: www.rcdony.org/pro-life.

SISTER JUBILARIAN HONORS



The Sisters of Charity of St. Louis in Plattsburgh celebrated the 75th Jubilee of Grace of Sister Agnes Racette, SCSL, who resides at Evergreen Valley Nursing Home, as well as the Golden Jubilee of the order's Assistant Provincial, Sister Yvette Viger, SCSL, who lives in Levis, Quebec. The General Superior and two General Councilors, Provincial Superior, Assistant Provincial Superior and a Provincial Councilor, the sisters living in Plattsburgh (Sisters Bernadette Ducharme, Claire Michel Fortier, Louella Pelletier, Joan Lashway) as well as some of Sister Agnes Racette's family attended the Jubilee Liturgy presided by Father William Reamer. This was followed by a reception.



Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant

Blessings upon you as you

celebrate 50 years in the priesthood.

Best wishes as you enter into retirement.



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Decolores! Cursillo in the North Country

By Thomas Middleton

Interim Lay Director, Cursillo in the Diocese of Ogdensburg

What an exciting time to be involved in the work of our Lord! I am happy to announce that the Cursillo Movement is alive and well in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Cursillo is a movement within the Catholic Church which brings people closer to Christ by helping us to live what is fundamental to being a Christian.

The movement originated in Spain in 1945, and some of the original Spanish terms are still in use today. Cursillo helps participants to fulfill our personal vocation through the creation of small groups of Christians who change our environments by living the gospel.

These small groups of perhaps three to six people usually meet informally at a place near their homes, perhaps a few times per month, to share their faith journey and draw strength from one another.

Often the small groups will be held at an individual parish, or people may form a small group from neighboring parishes.

A more formal meeting (known as an "ultreya") is generally held monthly, and usually includes a formal presentation on some aspect of our faith in addition to a Mass or a Communion service led by a deacon. Ultreyas will often include people from neighboring parishes.

The word "Cursillo" refers to a short course in Christianity. While participation in the Cursillo Movement is intended to be ongoing, the "short course" refers to the initial three day retreat in which candidates come together in prayer, liturgy and fellowship to deepen their relationship with Christ.

The weekend consists of 15 presentations, some given by priests or deacons and others given by lay persons. Each presentation is



Bishop Emeritus John McCormack of Manchester, NH, is shown during a Cursillo Weekend. In the article below, he reflects on the experience.

In the words of a bishop....

Bishop Emeritus John McCormack of Manchester, NH was 74 years old when he first experienced a Cursillo weekend. Here are his reflections on the experience:

"So there we all were, men of different ages and backgrounds from all walks of life: CEO's, salesmen, teachers, lawyers, skilled laborers, husbands, fathers, single men, and one bishop.

All of us were filled with nervous expectations, a bit of hope, and an instinctive desire to turn around and leave in a hurry. What we shared in common with each other was the simple desire to know our faith and the Lord better and to live with a better understanding of the Lord's ways. And so we stayed.

"We not only stayed, we participated together in what was for me a transformative three days that brought us each from complacency to consciousness of Christ's love for us, animating in turn our desire to love Christ.

"What was especially moving to me was the faith of the other men present. As men courageously and openly spoke about their relationship with the Lord and

what that means in their lives, it affected me deeply and affected all of us. We experienced the power of the Lord in our midst.

"Truthfully, I never expected to be animated by this experience in the way that I was. At 74 years old I did not think I had perfected the art of Christian living, but neither did I recognize just how much growth and change was possible. I am embarrassed to admit it, but I had underestimated the power of God's love to keep shaping our daily lives through challenges, sacrifice, surprises, suffering, and the love of others. Our own perspectives and expectations may become limited, but Christ's love for us is not. It is not only abundant, it is infinite.

"At the essence of Cursillo is the recognition that "while most people would like to live their lives in a Christ-like manner, the pressures of the world often make this difficult." The movement offers "a method and a technique to provide each of us with the tools, the mentality, the strength, and the support" to walk in Christ."

accompanied by prayer and many are augmented with music to help the people reflect on the message that Christ has for us. Through the sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, we receive God's grace into our hearts.

After the initial three day retreat, the candidates (now referred to as "Cursillistas") return to their home environments with the fire of the Holy Spirit kindled brightly within them. Cursillistas refer to living in God's grace by the Spanish word

"Decolores" which literally translates to "in color". We greet one another with a hearty "Decolores!" By living our lives according to the teachings of Christ, we hope to improve the environments in which we live, work and play, and by so doing, to bring others closer to Christ.

The people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are blessed in that the Vermont Cursillo is presenting both a men's and a women's retreat this summer, specifically for the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Bishop Terry LaValley has endorsed our efforts to start up a diocesan Cursillo movement, and he has named a retired priest, Father Patrick Mundy of St Peter's Church in Plattsburgh as the Interim Spiritual Advisor, with myself as the Interim Lay Director. We will serve until this fall, when we hope that the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Ogdensburg becomes fully operational and regular leaders are elected.

We plan to have our first organizational meeting co-

incide with our first reunion, to be held this fall.

The plan is to elect leaders, and to fully establish the foundation for a diocesan movement at that time. Interim by-laws based on a sample provided by the National Cursillo Movement have already been drafted and approved by the Bishop.

We hope to start small groups and ultreya around the diocese. We have begun in the Plattsburgh with a small group which will begin meeting every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St Peter's Church in Plattsburgh. Our next meeting will be on June 11. Everyone is welcome to come join our meetings, pray with us and see what we do. A wonderful diocesan movement is starting to take shape, and we look forward to sharing our enthusiasm for the Holy Spirit with others. We hope to start small groups and ultreyas in other areas of the diocese in the near future.

At this point, volunteers are needed; anyone interested is asked to check out our website at www.northcountrycursillo.org or simply to contact me by phone at 802-288-8218 or email tom@thomasmiddleton.com. Further information, to include registration forms, can be downloaded from the website.

In keeping with Bishop LaValley's pastoral plan, we would like to reach out to all, whether practicing the faith or not. Our method is quite simple; to make a friend, to be a friend, and to bring a friend to Jesus. Specifically, we hope to connect with existing cursillistas around the diocese whom we haven't met yet, and invite you to reunite with the movement.

Whether you affiliate with Cursillo or not, please remember our movement in your prayers and ask for God's continued blessing upon our efforts to strengthen the Catholic faith in our area.

Decolores!

YOUNG AND GROWING FAITH



Olivia Ellis, the third grade student in the religious education program for St. Alphonse Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake with the highest attendance for the year, placed the crown on Mary during the May 18 Mass that honored The Blessed Mother.



The Confirmation class at St. Francis Solanus in Harrisville took part in a service project called "Fill-A-Shoebox." They collected small items, such as school & craft supplies to donate to local children. Front, from left, are Codie Sohtau, Diamond Marshall, Rachel Milone, Chandra Crane, Chase Bullard and Ethan Johnston, back, Jaden Green, Paige Leroux, Gabrielle Rauth, Melanie Peabody, Joseph Peabody and teacher Deborah Norman. Bishop LaValley confirmed the young people May 27.



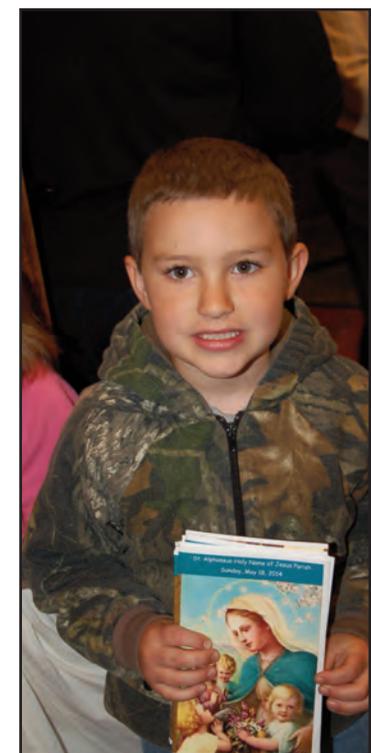
Seton Academy in Plattsburgh celebrated its annual May Crowning May 22. Brittany Bashaw had the honor of crowning the statue of Mary and Sebastien Bonnabesse carried the crown.



Trinity Catholic School Pre-K children have been learning all about chicks. Eggs were donated to the two classrooms and students waited patiently for 21 days until they got to see their fuzzy friends. In the meantime, they took guesses on which colors they would turn out to be and then graphed the results. They also sang to the chicks while still in their eggs, oftentimes hearing chirps in return. Their patience was rewarded when several dozen chicks hatched. Two feathered friends are shown here with Pre-K students Allyson Draper, Keegan Roberts and Yajna Chakranarayan, along with their teacher, Kim Stewart.



May Crownings took place at St. Martin's in Port Leyden and St. John's in Lyons Falls during Mother's Day weekend. Shown at the outdoor celebration in Lyons Falls are Deacon James Chaufty and Mallory Kraeger.



Dillon Boudreau served as a greeter and handed out programs at the May 18 year end liturgy for the Tupper Lake religious education program.

Conference grant

Catholic Conference receives grant from OSV to develop video, website on end-of-life decisions

The New York State Catholic Conference has received a \$25,500 grant from Our Sunday Visitor to produce a high definition educational video and web site presenting the Church's teachings on end-of-life issues, serving as a resource for Catholics throughout the country in navigating the sometimes confusing ethical terrain.

The grant stems from the success of a 2011 booklet by the Catholic Bishops of New York State, entitled *Now and at the Hour of Our Death: A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decision-Making*, which was met with great enthusiasm by pastors, chaplains, health care professionals and individual Catholics, and has seen multiple printings.

The video and website will present similar information and additional resources in a simple, easily distributable manner in an effort to reach as many people as possible.

"We are very excited about this project because, as medical technology progress and more people opt for advance care planning, there is a great need to proclaim the beautiful and instructive guidance of the Catholic tradition," said Kathleen Gallagher, director of pro-life activities for the Catholic Conference.

"We are so grateful to Our Sunday Visitor for the crucial funding which will enable us to reach countless Catholics and others in their time of need, she said."

The Catholic Conference represents New York State's Bishops in matters of public policy.

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Bishop's Schedule

June 3 - 4 – Deacon Assembly at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

June 5 – 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Department Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

June 6 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Constableville

June 7 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay
4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church in Rouses Point

June 8 – . p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

June 10 – 11 a.m., Meeting for the Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People in New Orleans

June 11 – 13, USCCB Meeting in New Orleans

June 14 – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 15 – 10:30 a.m., Mass at Uhlein Nursing Home in Lake Placid

June 16 – 7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 17 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

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Announcement

Bishop LaValley has appointed Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Joseph Christy to serve as parochial vicar of St. Anthony and St. Patrick Churches 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

June 4 – V. Rev. Ferdinand Richard, O.M.I., 1971

June 5 – Rev. Charles Donaher, O.S.A., 1984

June 6 – Msgr. Euclid Elie, 1962

June 8 – Rev. James J. McGowan, 1961; Deacon Ronald Cornea, 1995

June 9 – Rev. John W. Ryan, 1982

June 10 – Rev. Alfred J. Boulterice, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M.Conv., 1979

June 11 – Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993

June 12 – Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001; Rev. Francis J. Coryer, 2012

June 14 – Rev. Hermisdas Mayer, 1927; Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O.S.A., 1954; Rev. William J. Deacy, O.S.A., 1960; Rev. Arthur Desrosiers, 1963; Msgr. Walter T. Cleary, 1968

June 15 – Rev. Francis C. A. Cornish, 1960

June 16 – Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; e-mail: terriannayanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-483-3261; or Father James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

GO GREEN!

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Environmental Stewardship

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink." John 7:37

What a powerful image that Jesus uses to teach us about all life . . . for he knew that we cannot have life without water, nor can we live our vocation to the fullest without God at the center of it. If we are to live, we need to be attentive to ways that we need to protect and care for both sources of life.

In these weeks after Easter we have been reflecting on the sacred gift of water and how we can be amazed, grateful, caring and protecting of it.

Did you know that the production of plastic requires a great amount of water?

One way we can conserve water is reduce the amount of plastic in our lives.

Consider some alternatives:

- bring reusable bags when you shop
- choose products that use less packaging;
- purchase a stainless steel water bottle, e.g. klean kanteen. (86% of empty plastic bottles in U.S. end up in landfills.)
- when planning an event provide a pitcher of tap water, which is safe, cheaper, and eliminates social and environmental problems caused by bottled water. (Check out: www.takebackthetap.org for more reasons to use your tap water.)

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults.

Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training.

Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

Upcoming programs:

June 24 - 9 a.m., Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

Prayer Pals are great... and so is ice cream!

By Patricia Marie
Contributing writer

KEESEVILLE -Is there anything more wonderful in the world than sharing ice cream with a friend? Better yet, how about sharing ice cream with a new friend whom you've just met for the first time?

The Prayer Pal Program started out as a simple idea of trying to share the camaraderie of the parish family by bringing older and younger parishioners together using the pen pal model, only with a spiritual twist; with prayer

Perhaps even better, how about enjoying ice cream with that new friend and knowing that new friend is also the person whom you've been praying for over the past several months?

Oh, by the way, that new friend has been doing the same thing: praying for you.

That's what happened at the Catholic Community of Keeseville Parish Center in early May.

Altar Rosary President, Carol Campanella witnessed the joyful excitement of many children in the religious education program who met their adult parish Prayer Pals for the first time over a bowl of ice cream sundaes with all of the sprinkles and sweet toppings.

The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society hosted the fourth annual Prayer Pal Ice Cream Social.

"It has become a spring-time tradition in our parish and the children really look forward to it. They just love it." Campanella said. "We let the kids make their own sundaes with any toppings they wanted.

Second grade religion teacher assistant, Viola Bezio told "how excited the kids were to meet their Prayer Pals.

"It was hard to keep their attention in class." she said.

The Prayer Pal Program started out as a simple idea of trying to share the camaraderie of the parish family by bringing older and younger parishioners together using the pen pal model, only with a spiritual twist; with prayer.

It was an effort to support young Catholic families by inviting older communicants to get to know the children and their families (and vice versa) so they would feel connected in their parish. Considering the busyness of life and different Mass times now available for people to attend (with linked and merged parishes), there were many parishioners who did not know each other.

The program is sponsored by The Altar Rosary Society and usually begins in October. Although most members participate, it is not limited to the ARS. Any adult in the parish who wishes to get involved is also encouraged to do so by spiritually supporting a child. The children's participation is not mandatory, but to our knowledge, no child has ever refused to be part of the program.

With parental permission and notification, the students' names are randomly drawn by an adult who will be paired with their new Prayer Pal. That adult promises to pray for their new student Prayer Pal and his/her family throughout the school year until the last day of religion classes.

In return, that child promises to do the same by praying for their adult Prayer Pal. In many cases, the teachers of the religion classes help to remind the children by starting each class with a prayer for their own special Prayer Pal.

One great example of the student/adult spiritual connection happened on the morning of the Ice Cream Social. It involved a young third grader named Jack B who met his adult Prayer Pal, Gail R. for the first time at the parish center. Surprisingly, they had already shared a small but spiritual connec-



Msgr. Leeward Poissant, pastor of the Catholic Community of Keeseville, and parishioners Gail and Jack enjoy their sundaes during the fourth annual Prayer Pal Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Keeseville Altar Rosary.

tion just hours before.

Gail never attends the 10 a.m. Mass at The Immaculate Conception Church. Jack and his family always attend the 10 a.m. Mass. Consequently,

Gail and Jack had never met one another.

It just so happened that on the day of the Ice Cream Social, Gail went to the 10:00 Mass for a special reason; it

was being offered for her deceased aunt and uncle. Ironically, Jack was one of the people chosen to bring up the gifts for that very Mass.

About two hours later, the adult Prayer Pals arrived at the parish center to meet their student Prayer Pals and to enjoy ice cream together, many of them meeting for the first time. When Gail met her Prayer Pal for the first time, she couldn't believe her eyes: her Prayer Pal was the same little boy she had just seen at Mass and watched as he brought up the Offertory gifts in memory of her family.

Without realizing it, these two Prayer Pals already had a special connection to their faith and to one another. That connection was discovered together on a perfect day: a day of celebrating PRAYER and ICE CREAM.

(Further information on starting a Prayer Pal Program is available from Carol Campanella at (518) 834-7806 or (518) 578-3016.)

Msgr. Poissant,
*Congratulations on your 50 years of priestly ministry.
Thank you for being our pastor for the past 12 years.
May you enjoy your retirement in good health and many
years of coming back to visit us here in Keeseville!*

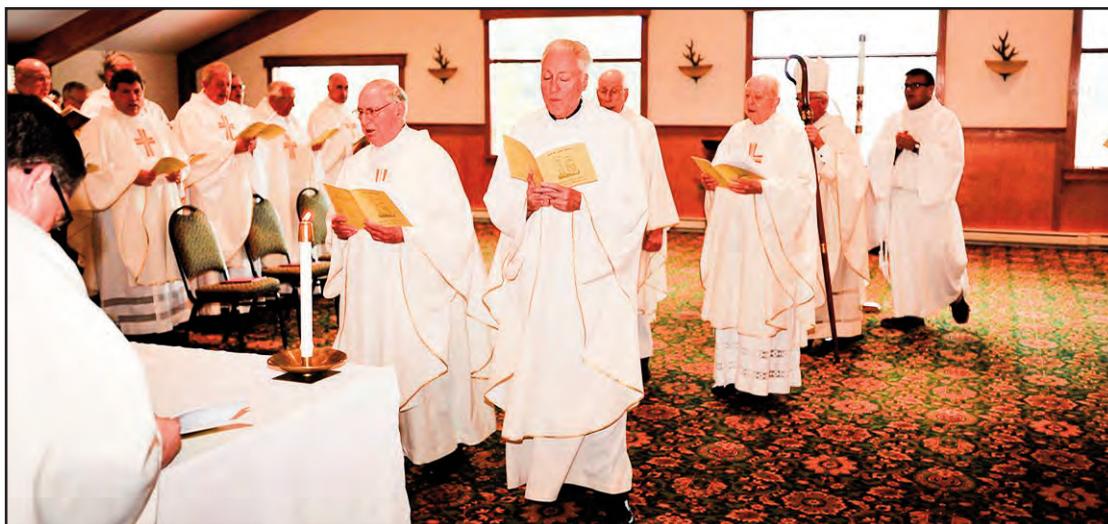
"God Bless!"

The Keeseville Altar Society

AT THE PRESBYTERAL ASSEMBLY



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK
Priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg gathered in Lake Placid May 19-22 for the annual Presbyteral Assembly. They heard Dominican Father Nicanor Austriaco of Providence College in Rhode Island, shown at left with



Bishop LaValley, address end of life issues. At right, the jubilarians process in for the Jubilee Mass, a highlight of the annual gathering of North Country priests.

Benefit concert June 8 supports Mission of Hope

PERU - This year marks the fifth anniversary that the band, Towne Meeting, will contribute their talent for a benefit concert for the Mission of Hope stove project.

The concert will be held June 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church. It will feature folk, popular and country music.

Many of the cook stoves used at homes in Nicaragua are open fires contained by a few stones or bricks. Many

are dangerous, not fuel efficient, and bad for the health of the people and the environment. Rocket stoves are safe, fuel efficient, environmentally friendly cooking stoves designed for third world countries.

Because of the contribution of the Towne Meeting band and the people of the North Country, 227 Rocket stoves have been built for families in Nicaragua since 2010.

Woman of Grace retreat set for June 27-29 at Wadhams

OGDENSBURG - Final plans are set for the Women of Grace retreat weekend, directed by EWTN personality Johnnette Benkovic, to be held June 27-29 at Wadhams Hall.

Mrs. Benkovic is the founder and president of Woman of Grace, a Catholic apostolate whose mission is "to transform the world one woman at a time by affirming women in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity."

Exploring all aspects of the "feminine genius," Women of Grace "promotes the dignity

of woman, the gift of true womanhood, woman's fundamental call and mission in the world, and presents the Blessed Virgin Mary as the exemplar of all women."

Women of Grace informs, instructs, and inspires women through its many outreaches including Women of Grace radio and television programs, the Women of Grace Study Program, the Benedicta Leadership Institute for Women, conferences and retreats, and a new, interactive website, www.womenofgrace.com.

The theme for the Ogdens-

burg retreat is "To Jesus Through Mary... 'For Such a Time as This' (Esther 4:14)"

The weekend will include four presentations by Mrs. Benkovic, the celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, music and time for fellowship among the women attending.

The registration form is available at www.rcdony.org/wogreg

Further information is available from Mary Dillenback, marydillenback@twcny.rr.com, Phone: 315-771-1377.

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Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople attend an ecumenical celebration in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem May 25.



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Pope Francis prays in front of the Israeli security wall in Bethlehem, West Bank, May 25.

VATICAN LETTER

Pope Francis in the Holy Land

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)- Given the Holy Land's long and complex history of military, religious and cultural conflict, the run-up to Pope Francis' May 24-26 pilgrimage was inevitably marked by fears it would be marred by controversy - or worse.

Now that the pope's second international trip is over, so are those fears. The suspense is not, however. With a number of surprising gestures and remarks over three busy days, the pope left Catholics and others around the world wondering what comes next on a range of important questions.

The pope and the peace process

Pope Francis made headlines on the second day of his trip by inviting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres to join him at the Vatican to pray together for peace.

Most observers have set low expectations for the event, scheduled for June 8, in part because Peres' position is largely ceremonial and, in any case, his term is set to expire in July.

Pope Francis would no doubt say pessimists underrate the power of prayer. He could point to his efforts last fall against U.S. President Barack Obama's plans to use military force in Syria, which culminated in an unprecedented prayer vigil for peace that drew some 100,000 to St. Peter's Square. The U.S., of course, did not strike Syria after all.

Practical results aside, Pope Francis' bold initiatives have earned him the role of pre-eminent voice for peace in the Middle East. That distinc-

tion could have more than symbolic importance for local attitudes toward the region's fast-diminishing Christian minorities.

During his trip, the pope told Abbas and Peres that Christians contribute to the "common good" in their countries and deserve to be treated as "full citizens."

No speech could make that point more eloquently than news photos of Jewish and Muslim political leaders praying for peace, side by side in the Vatican.

Ecumenism

The original reason for Pope Francis' Holy Land trip was a meeting with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to mark the 50th anniversary of a historic encounter between their predecessors. The earlier meeting led the Catholic and Orthodox churches to lift mutual excommunications imposed in 1054 and opened the modern period of ecumenical dialogue.

Not surprisingly, this year's event did not yield any comparable breakthroughs, but there were hints of progress to come.

The pope told reporters on the flight back to Rome that he and Patriarch Bartholomew discussed possible collaborative efforts to protect the environment. They also talked about prospects for resolving differences in how the churches set the date of Easter every year.

Pope Francis, with his characteristic frankness, called the latter a "ridiculous" problem. Yet reconciling the timing of Christianity's most sacred feast could have a big impact on ordinary Catholics and Orthodox, leading many to view full communion between the churches as a more realistic goal. (Catholic and Orthodox leaders in the Holy Land already have already begun that

process by agreeing that, beginning next year, they will celebrate Easter on the same date.)

Vatican reform

During an inflight news conference on the way back to Rome, the pope was asked about reports that Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, a former Vatican secretary of state, mishandled 15 million euros in funds held by the Institute for the Works of Religion, commonly known as the Vatican bank.

Without naming the cardinal, the pope said the matter was "being studied, it's not clear. Maybe it could be true, but at this moment it's not definitive."

The results of the investigation, if it finds the cardinal at fault, would have implications beyond the case itself. Few actions by the pope could do as much to show his seriousness about reforming the Vatican bureaucracy as publicly disciplining or rebuking the man who, until just last October, served as the Vatican's No. 2 official, after the pope.

Priestly celibacy

The pope told reporters the door is open to allowing more married priests in the Catholic Church, in the Latin rite as well as the Eastern Catholic churches, where the practice is already established.

"Celibacy is not a dogma of faith," he said, which should not have surprised anyone familiar with the church's discipline. But he added pointedly: "Not being a dogma of faith, the door is always open."

Given how controversial this issue already is in parts of the Catholic world, the pope's comment is likely to prompt only more discussion.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Mass on Capitol Hill sends bishops off to lobby on immigration

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- As a half-dozen bishops celebrated Mass at a church on Capitol Hill before beginning a day of lobbying members of Congress on immigration reform, the event itself gave a sense of the many layers of effort they were undertaking. Songs were led by a multicultural choir in a half-dozen languages. The preaching was in English. The congregation consisted largely of people who work for organizations involved in advocacy for immigration reform and included three high-level White House staff members. And the majority of reporters at a news conference afterward were from religious or Spanish-language media. The bishops were scheduled to meet with House members from their home districts, among others, and to conclude their day with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. Boehner has said he would not bring an immigration reform bill passed a year ago by the Senate onto the House floor unless it had the support of a majority of Republicans. Advocates believe there are enough Republican supporters of the bill for it to pass, along with the votes of nearly all House Democrats, although there is not the majority Boehner seeks within the Republican caucus on its own. In his homily, Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski compared the current immigration law to the British taxation that led patriots to toss tea into Boston Harbor; to the civil disobedience of Rosa Parks, who broke the law that required her to give up her bus seat to a white man; and to Jesus' response to those who accused him of breaking Jewish law by healing people on the Sabbath. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath," Jesus said, according to the Gospel of Mark. "When laws fail to advance the common good, they can and should be changed," Archbishop Wenski said.

Cardinal: Pentecost marks 'life-changing power of God's presence,'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The church's celebration of Pentecost highlights the "life-changing power of God's presence" believers receive through the Holy Spirit, said Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl. Although the feast, celebrated June 8, doesn't look as it did in the apostles' time -- with the roar of wind and tongues of fire -- the cardinal said it serves as a reminder of the outpouring of God's spirit long ago and continuously. "The Holy Spirit comes regularly" and is "active in the church today," he said. In a May 27 interview with Catholic News Service, the cardinal discussed the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit -- wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord -- which have been the focus of recent audience talks by Pope Francis. The cardinal said these gifts, outlined by the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, are "manifestations of the presence of God's spirit in our lives." Simply put, he said they are meant to "help us through each day ... to draw closer to the Lord." "As the church prepares to celebrate Pentecost, we recognize that we have these gifts," he added.

A pope and a patriarch meet again in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (CNS) - Half a century after a historic encounter between their predecessors, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew met in the same place to seek inspiration for Christian unity at the site of Christ's death and resurrection.

"We need to believe that, just as the stone before the tomb was cast aside, so, too, every obstacle to our full communion will also be removed," the pope said May 25 during a prayer service at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

"Every time we put behind us our longstanding prejudices and find the courage to build new fraternal relation-

ships, we confess that Christ is truly risen," the pope said.

The pope also spoke of an "ecumenism of suffering, an ecumenism of blood," which brings Christians closer through the common experience of persecution.

When others kill Christians, he noted, they do not ask if they are Catholic or Orthodox.

Patriarch Bartholomew said Jesus' tomb sends the message that "history cannot be programmed; that the ultimate word in history does not belong to man, but to God. In vain did the guards of secular power watch over this tomb. In vain did they place a very large stone

against the door of the tomb, so that none could roll it away."

The patriarch said the tomb also encourages Christians to "love the other, the different other, the followers of other faiths and other confessions."

Their prayer service marked the 50th anniversary of an encounter in Jerusalem between Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople. The earlier meeting, which led both churches to lift the mutual excommunications that started the East-West schism in 1054, opened the modern period of ecumenical dialogue.

Pope invites Israeli, Palestinian leaders to Rome to pray for peace

JERUSALEM (CNS) -- Pope Francis invited Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres to pray together at the Vatican for peace between their nations.

The pope made the announcement May 25, after praying the "Regina Coeli" at the end of Mass that Abbas attended in Manger Square, in Bethlehem, West Bank.

Later in the day, arriving at Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, Pope Francis was greeted by Peres and by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. There the pope repeated his invitation to Peres using exactly the same words with which he had invited Abbas.

He also urged Israel to stay on the "path of dialogue, reconciliation and peace," saying "there is simply no other way."

"The right of the state of Israel to exist and to flourish in peace and security within internationally recognized borders must be universally recognized," the pope said. "At the same time, there

must also be a recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to a sovereign homeland and their right to live with dignity and with freedom of movement."

Pope Francis also echoed Peres' and Netanyahu's words, in their speeches of welcome, condemning the previous day's shootings at the Jewish Museum in Brussels, where three people, including two Israeli citizens, were killed.

The pope arrived in Israel on the last leg of a May 24-26 trip to Jordan, the Palestinian territories and the West Bank.

Earlier in the day, en route to the Bethlehem Mass, he made an unscheduled stop to pray before a controversial separation wall, built by Israel over Palestinian protests on West Bank land. The pope unexpectedly stopped the vehicle and

alighted, then walked over to the graffiti-covered structure and rested his forehead against it in silence for a few moments. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, later confirmed that the pope had been praying as he stood against the wall.

Father Lombardi told journalists the stop was a very important symbol of the pope's understanding of the significance of the wall and was a manifestation of his identification with the suffering of the people, even though he made no mention of the wall in his spoken statements.



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Pentecost's promises of peace and unity

As Catholics, we all know that the Feast of Pentecost marks the "birthday", the beginnings of the Church.

But what more do we know?

From today's first reading from Luke's Acts of the Apostles, we know that the apostles were all together in one place, when a violent wind from the sky was heard all over the city.

Many people had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Pentecost which commemorated God's giving of the ten commandments to Moses.

Because of the loud wind, thousands had gathered to find out its source.

Inside the building, the apostles suddenly saw balls of fire which separated into tongues, landing on their heads.

What did it mean and what did it do?

The apostles, up until now, still stunned and confused from seeing

Jesus ascend into the heavens just ten days before, are suddenly filled with infused knowledge, wisdom, and new courage.

They spill out into the streets to preach in many

languages about the works of God in sending His Son, Jesus, both God and man, to bring forgiveness of sin and salvation to all the world!

On the news of this Word, three thousand people are baptized!

What did this bring?

Divine gifts to all who believed, gifts that St. Paul in today's reading, explains: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone".

Doesn't this mean total unity and peace in using these gifts? Unfortunately, no. St. Paul is greatly distressed at the division that springs up through these

JUNE 8

The Feast of Pentecost

READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

It is God's mercy working through his bishops and priests!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has just returned from Palestine and Israel. He has shown immense courage in outreach for peace and new unity between the Roman Church and the Orthodox who split from the Church of Rome nearly a thousand years ago.

Will he succeed in healing the Great Schism?

The prayers of all Christians are needed, begging the Holy Spirit to restore what was lost.

May this Pentecost continue to fulfill that peace and unity promised so long ago.



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OUR READERS WRITE

Thanks for 40 days of support

As Campaign Director and Outreach Coordinator for 40 Days for Life, Plattsburgh we would like to thank the prayer volunteers who have prayed for the end of abortion during the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign located at Planned Parenthood of the North Country, NY.

Your prayerful presence makes a difference! Many women reject abortion because of the sidewalk counselors who provide information about positive options. After talking with the counselors, many women no longer feel afraid or pressured to abort.

We believe the prayers of everyone united help give these woman the courage they need to say yes to life. Just this spring, 728 babies have been spared from abortion and their mothers spared

from a lifetime of regret and loss.

Women in crisis pregnancies have a right to bring their child into the world by accessing life saving resources in our area: Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, Birthright, Gabriel Project, Catholic Charities, Care Net.

Abortion after care programs are also available in the area: Project Rachel, Rachel's Vineyard and Silent No More Awareness. There is help available, you are not alone.

We look forward to leading the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign, please check back for more information:

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I love Trinity because...

Trinity Catholic first graders have been thinking about their year and what they liked about it. Thank you for letting them share their favorite parts of this 2013-2014 school year.

MRS. DOE AND MRS. BOGDAN,
FIRST GRADE TEACHERS

I love Trinity. I like Trinity because my friends are nice. The food is good. I like the teachers because they teach us

about saints. This year we learned about Joseph. We wrote about him and we colored pictures of him and we wrote on a big piece of paper. We made a house to show that he is a carpenter.

ELIZA PEREZ

I love Trinity. The food is very good. I like the teachers because they teach us math. They give us a test. Mr. P. is the best because he has candy and chips for us to eat at home.

BRENNAN ALDOUS

I love Trinity. The teachers are very, very nice to us. I like learning about Jesus dying on the cross for us. The food is very good. My favorite specials are Computers and P.E.

GWENDOLYNN AUSTIN

I love Trinity. My teacher is the best! I like to learn about caterpillars. Caterpillars turn into butterflies. My friends are Brennan and Sophia and Ella and Taylor.

DOMINIC MURTAGH

I love Trinity. On Fridays, I like to go to Mass. Learning about Jesus is the best! He died on the cross for us and then came back alive! Mrs. Bogdan and Mrs. Doe helped us learn about Saint Joseph. We learned he was a carpenter.

TAYLOR ELLSWORTH

I love Trinity. Teachers at Trinity are caring, loving and helpful and always with us. The teachers help us learn about God and Jesus! We love this school. We

have a wonderful librarian, a terrific gym teacher and computer lab! I love Trinity Catholic School!

CHLOE THOMPSON

I love Trinity. The teachers are all nice. They teach us about God. I like P.E. and Art class. We learned all the saints. Mrs. Ilisco is too funny. Miss Bombard is too nice!

JOSHUA CAMERON

I love Trinity. I love Trinity because all the teachers are very nice. I also love that at Monday morning prayer service, we get together and pray to God. I also like the library books in the library. I even love the songs we sing in Music. My favorite specials are Art and P.E. On Friday I love, love, love going to Mass because we talk about how Jesus died for us.

JORDAN DUBRAY

I love Trinity. I love Trinity because of all the nice teachers. I like the school store. Mr. Oldenburg is a nice teacher because he lets us play PacMan and Connection tag. I love to read lots of chapter books from the clear bucket with a blue cover on the top of it. I love Mrs. Doe and Mrs. Behrens. I love playing with Alexa, Ella, Hailey, Victoria and Brennan. I like to work and play with my wonderful friends at Trinity Catholic School. I like my friends Chloe, Dominic, Taylor, Brennan, Gwendolynn, Josh, Eliza, Jordan, Alexa, Evan, Kellan, Ryland, Hailey, Kate, Victo-

ria, Carina and Ben. I love Math, Social and

Religion. I love to learn about God, Jesus and Joseph and Mary.

SOPHIA GRECO

I like Trinity because we get to learn about God and how Jesus died for us. We also have good teachers. I like the teachers because they're nice and they help you with work (not always when you're doing tests).

EVAN BOVAY

My name is Alexa and I like to go to Trinity because I have some awesome friends and teacher! I also like going to Trinity because we learn about God. I like to learn about God because He is our Holy Father and I love Him.

ALEXA WESTMACOTT

I like Trinity because I learn many things like Math. I've learned a lot of Math facts, like $4+4=8$. I also like Reading because I learn facts. I learned that when a dolphin exhales through its blowhole, the air shoots out at an incredible speed - 100 miles per hour!

KELLAN BARRY

I like Trinity because we talk about God and Jesus. We read lots of books and we learn about Science. My favorite thing to do in Science is plant flowers, because it is fun!

ELLA MATEJCIK

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AT THE MOVIES

NEIGHBORS

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

"Animal House"-style antics, with moral anarchy to match, are showcased in the smutty frat-themed comedy "Neighbors" (Universal).

The film's premise is a scenario that would likely scare any suburbanite: Newly minted parents Mac and Kelly Radner (Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne) are dismayed to discover that the house next to theirs has been sold to a Greek-letter society.

Anxious to safeguard their tranquil lifestyle, Mac and Kelly initially try a friendly approach toward the chapter's two leading brothers, President Teddy (Zac Efron) and VP Pete (Dave Franco). The fact that their housewarming gift is a cache of marijuana more or less sets

the tone for everything that follows.

Mac and Kelly enjoy a night of revelry courtesy of their newfound friends. But when Teddy subsequently ignores their repeated pleas to moderate the group's noisy partying, the couple turns to the police to quell it. Since Teddy takes this as a personal betrayal, an escalating conflict begins, pitting the thirtysomethings against the party boys.

Slapstick pranks involving suddenly inflating airbags in unexpected places are just about the only gags that don't cross the line into tastelessness. Other jokes ill-advisedly mine such topics as hazing, sex toys and casual hook-ups for laughs.

To the extent that director Nicholas Stoller's celebration of collegiate irresponsibility makes any stab at seriousness, it concerns the

middle-aged envy this same recklessness excites in Mac and Kelly.

This is presented as the underlying psychological factor driving their increasingly frantic efforts to foil the fraternity. It's mirrored, according to Andrew Jay Cohen and Brendan O'Brien's script, by Teddy's fear that he'll wind up as blandly respectable as they are.

Though this Peter-Pan message is somewhat moderated by a positive portrayal of Mac and Kelly's bond, they are never shown to reconcile themselves to adulthood. The joys of marriage and parenthood, it seems, can hardly compete with the babes, spliffs and beer kegs of the frat house.

The film contains some harsh nonlethal violence, strong sexual content, a benign view of drug use, per-



CNS PHOTO/UNIVERSAL

Zac Efron, Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne star in a scene from the movie "Neighbors."

vasive sexual and occasional scatological humor, a handful of profanities and continuous rough and crude language. 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.

Letters

I like going to Trinity Catholic School because it is my favorite school ever! My teacher is Mrs. Doe. I like going to Trinity because I like First grade. I like to add and subtract during Math class.

KATE FINNEGAN

I like Trinity because I can see my teacher and my friends. I like to eat lunch with my friends every day. I learn things like Math and Reading in my classroom. During Math, I like to add and subtract.

BENJAMIN DRAPER

I like Trinity because it has great faculty and great teachers. I love how we learn about Jesus! I like the faculty because they are nice and I think the teachers are great because they teach me a lot.

VICTORIA VALDEZ

I love Trinity because all of the teachers are nice. I love Trinity because we learn about Jesus! I like to learn about Jesus because he saved us. I love the teachers because they help me do my work.

HAILEY LASHOMB

Hi, my name is Carina Cook and I am

in Mrs. Doe's First grade class. I like Trinity because we learn about Religion. I like Religion because we learn how Jesus died on the cross because he wanted to take away our sins.

CARINA COOK

I like Trinity because it is so wonderful and so fun. We have lots and lots of fun in P.E. - Mr. Oldenburg lets us play games like crab soccer and the monster. In Art, we make crafts and pictures. Miss Willmart even let us glue some bottle caps on "The Tree of Life." In Music, Mrs. Giroux plays the piano and we listen to it. In Library, Mrs. O'Neill reads books to us. We even get the chance to go on Raz-Kids in the computer room, so we can read books that are just right for us.

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Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: The four-person scramble. Awards dinner to follow. Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 643-0242 or email gnetlombard@charter.net

LOST SHEEP QUILT SHOP

Ellenburg Center - The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop at Our Lady of Adirondacks House of Prayer is hosting several programs during the upcoming weeks.

Jo's Little Women's Club: A year of making little and big quilts using Jo Morton Fabrics. Classes and meetings begin June 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30

X Marks the Spot: Jean Welch will lead a special quilting class June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3; cost - \$25.

Take 4 Placement Class: July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3, cost - \$15. This class uses 4 fat quarters plus backing material. Great for beginners and advanced quilters.

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

Place: The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop, Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer (The shop is open Tues. - Sat, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Evenings and other times by appointment.)

Contact: 518-594-3253 Website: thelostsheepquiltshop.weebly.com; email: thelostsheepquiltshop@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

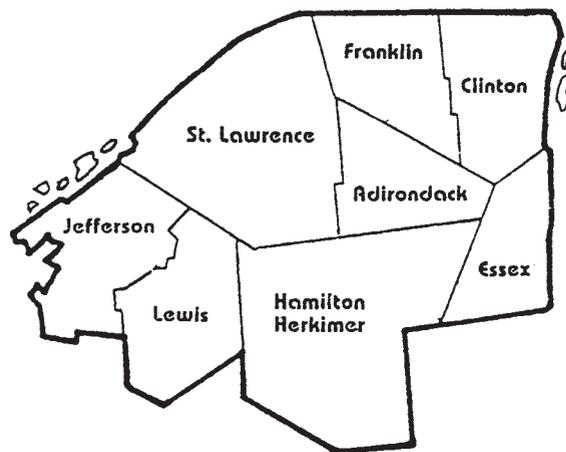
Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

FRANKLIN

GARAGE SALE

Malone - Malone Catholic Parishes is holding its GIGANTIC annual garage sale. **Dates:** June 4 to June 16 (Closed Sundays)

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese". Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:
North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Place: Notre Dame Church parking lot

Features: Furniture, household goods, tools, baby items, toys, books, more

TESTIMONY AND HEALING SERVICE

Brushton - Testimony and healing service with Richard Bingold, internationally known Catholic Lay Evangelist.

Date: June 9

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Those seeking physical or spiritual healing will be prayed over with the 'Miraculous Pilgrim Rosary' and 'Relic of the True Cross'.

LATIN MASS

Constable - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Friday with Fr. Howard Venette as the celebrant.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church

JEFFERSON

DEI VERBUM

Evans Mills - *Dei Verbum* opens with a declaration of belief and a call to action. Father Tom Kornmeyer Will explore this pivotal Vatican II document.

Schedule: June 4, 11, 18

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: Course materials and refreshments are free. Newcomers should register at 629-4678. Returning students, please read pages 79-90.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: June 26

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Anthony's church basement

Cost: Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$7.5

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

MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

Watertown - St. Anthony's Church, to have 98th annual Mt. Carmel Feast in honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Dates: June 27-June 29

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Schedule: Bingo June 27-7p.m. in the school gym; Rides by Ontario Amusement Company. Grounds open June 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; June 28 & 29 - 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Religious Procession begins at 5 p.m. Sunday followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Fireworks Sunday night at 10 p.m.

Features: Traditional Italian foods. Entertainment each night: Fri: Les Gates; Sat: Nick Mulpagano; Sun: Fred and the Eds. \$1,700 cash Raffle after fireworks
Contact: St. Anthony's parish office 315-782-119

TETRAULT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Clayton - St. Mary's Church will be having their Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 14

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: During the Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered. The Celebrants are Fr. Thomas Kornmeyer and Fr. Andrew Amyot. Im-

mediately following Mass are prayer teams to pray for individual needs. After Mass a social time with refreshments will take place in the Parish Center in order to meet the Tetrault family and share testimonies of healing.

Contact: call St. Mary's Parish Office at 686-3398 or visit the website at www.stmarysclyton.org.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown, a pro-life educational organization, meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has a wide variety of videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics include infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

ST. LAWRENCE

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena - St. Mary's Church is holding a special rosary to mark First Saturday

Date: June 7

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Features: Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima will be prayed in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and for World Peace followed by a private meditation on the Glorious Mysteries. Confessions begin at 2:45 pm and the Saturday Mass Vigil is at 4:00 pm.

BIBLE STUDY

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's Cathedral is hold an eight session program "A Quick Journey Through The Bible."

Date: Starting June 25 for 8 Weeks

Place: Bishop Brzana Hall

Features: Deacon Dave Sandburg will be presenting the program created by Jeff Cavins, a renowned bible scholar and former Baptist pastor,

Contact: www.saintmaryscathedral.net/bible-study.

BRUNCH

Norfolk - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: June 8

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

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

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday

Time: 11:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Contact: 315-769-3137

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

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

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

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

Date: June 27-29

Place: Wadhams Hall

Speaker: Johnnette Benkovic, of Living His Life Abundantly

Features: Weekend includes celebration of the Eucharist, adoration, prayer, talks, music, and sacred sisterhood. The theme of the retreat is To Jesus Through Mary... "For Such A Time As This..." (Esther 4:14). Throughout this weekend, Johnnette will unfold the truths of authentic femininity leaving a lasting imprint on minds, hearts, and souls

Contact: Mary Dillenback at marydillenback@twcny.rr.com; 315-771-1377.

DIRECTED RETREAT

Ogdensburg - The annual summer directed retreat has been planned

Date: June 15-21

Place: Wadhams Hall Retreat Center

Directors: Rev. Roger McGuinness, Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ; Sr. Marlene Butler, G.N.S.H.

Contact: (315) 393-4231 or email inquiry@wadham.edu

10 DAY ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

Father Donald Robinson, pastor St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown, will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Date: Dec. 1-10, 2014

Cost: \$2997

Features: Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem.

Contact: 782-1190 for brochure



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For the MCA



St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, diocesan mission director, visited St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga May 21, and received a check for the Missionary Childhood Association from money given by the students at St. Mary's School. Pictured here are some of the fifth graders handing the check to Sister Mary Ellen.

Gratitude from the Missionary Childhood Association

As another school year comes to an end, we at the Mission Office would like to extend our gratitude and blessings to the students in our Diocese.

The Missionary Childhood Association (formerly known as Holy Childhood Association) is a program overseen by the Mission Office and implemented in our Catholic schools and Religious Education Programs. Young people are invited to pray and to offer financial help so that children in the Missions today may know Christ and experience His love and care.

This year once again, St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, director of the Mission Office, had the opportunity to visit our schools in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. At each visit, she would present to the students highlights from the MCA program. Earlier this month, Sister Mary Ellen was presented a check by a group of students from St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga, where St. Joseph Sister Sharon Anne Dalton is the Principal.

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

OBITUARIES

Au Sable Forks - Hazel S. Shambo, 89; Funeral Services May 19, 2014 at Thwaits-Zaumetzer Funeral Home; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Black River - Eileen I. (McLean) Perkins, 79; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. Paul's Church; burial at the Black River Cemetery.

Canton - Anne F. (Ames) Lee, 88; Funeral Services May 21, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Carthage - John E. Hutchins, 72; Funeral Services May 21, 2014 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Carthage - John E. Schreck, 86; Memorial Services June 4, 2014 at St. James Church.

Champlain - Donna J. Castine, 60; Funeral Services May 17, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

Champlain - Lucille Gagne (Cere) Racine, 80; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

Chateaugay - M. Isabel Phillips, 98; Funeral Services June 2, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Chazy - Clarence L. Baker; Funeral Services May 24, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Clayton - Staci A. Kline, 50; Memorial Services July 12, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

Colton - Douglas A. Erwin, 59; Funeral Services May 28, 2014 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Constable - Ruth Patricia (Fleury) Philips, 81; Funeral Services May 31, 2014 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Croghan - Herbert F. Branagan, 83; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. Stephens Church.

Crown Point - Joan Ann Gibbs, 79; Funeral Services May 29, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in White Church Cemetery.

Dannemora - Anthony J. Gambadoro, 96; Funeral Services June 2, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's

Cemetery.

Dannemora - Casey J. (O'Connor) LaMora, 38; Funeral Services June 2, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ft. Covington - Charlene J. Blair, 66; Funeral Services May 29, 2014 at the Capiello-McKenzie and Cosgrove Funeral Home; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

Gouverneur - Arlene (Bucker) O'Riley, 78; Funeral Services May 28, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Heuvelton - Betty M. Peacock, 102; Funeral Services May 27, 2014 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Houseville - Stanley B. Szwel, 66; Funeral Services May 20, 2014 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Keeseville - Elmertina L. "Tina" (Guilbo) Way, 78; Funeral Services May 31, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Mausoleum.

Lake Placid - Charles L. Baker (Lt. Col. USAR Ret.), 94; Funeral Services May 31, 2014 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lowville - Richard P. Bush, 74; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Madrid - Joseph W. Hughes, 90; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Madrid Cemetery.

Malone - Geraldine P. (Barney) Butzer, 89; Funeral Services June 2, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ft. Covington.

Malone - Annette A. Lanktree; Funeral Services May 30, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

Malone - Thomas W. Reome, 52; Funeral Services May 28, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

Massena - Helen A. (Oroszi) Jukoski, 96; Funeral May 22, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena - Robert W. Ferreira, 82; Funeral Services May 31, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena - Constance "Connie" M. (Fleury) Sieradski, 57; Memorial Services May 18, 2014 at Phillips Memorial Home.

Norfolk - Dehn W. Firman, 92; Funeral Services May 31, 2014 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

Norfolk - Robert W. LaBaff, 70; Funeral Services June 2, 2014 at Church of the Visitation.

Norfolk - Gary C. Vaquez Sr., 69; Funeral Services May 20, 2014 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

North Bangor - Barry F. Mitchell, 62; Funeral Services May 27, 2014 at St. Augustine's Church.

North Bangor - Lloyd C. White, 79; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Norwood - Altha J. (Reed) Sawyer, 79; Funeral Services May 27, 2014 at the Buck Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg - John H. Powers, 96; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg - Joseph R. Sears, 86; Funeral Services May 27, 2014 at Notre Dame Church.

Plattsburgh - Gerald P. Burdo, 64; Funeral Services May 18, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Mary T. Busuttill, 92; Funeral Services May 26, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Mt. St. Mary Cemetery, Queens.

Plattsburgh - Chad Owen Edward Kiniry, 33; Funeral Services May 22, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Plattsburgh - Leo H. Forrett, 84; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Plattsburgh - Wayne Guay, 73; Funeral Services May 19, 2014 at St. John's Church.

GUGGENHEIM 2014 - MEET THE STAFF

Visit www.rcdony.org/youth for information about Camp Guggenheim and registration forms for weekly sessions beginning June 29-July 4



Zack Leader

Zackery Leader grew up in Gouverneur and is a member of St. James Parish. He recently graduated from The Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. In June of this year he will wed Erin Miner. The couple met and were engaged at Camp Guggenheim. T

his will be his fourth summer serving on the Camp Guggenheim Staff. He is looking forward to encountering the youth with joyfulness and encouraging them to seek out their vocations, listening to God's call and plan for their lives.



William Beese

My name is William Beese. I grew up in Adams Center, NY. I belong to St. Cecilia's Parish in Adams, NY. I graduated from South Jefferson High School in 2013 and now attend Syracuse University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

I have been going to Camp Guggenheim since I was about 5 years old with my family and went to Teen Camp for three years.

I am excited to be on staff this year because I finally have the chance to give back to Camp as a staff member and also get to see what Camp is like from the other side.



Erin Miner

Erin Marie Miner grew up just down the road from Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake and is a parishioner of St. Bernard's. After graduating from DeSales University she has spent the last year as the 9th and 10th grade religion teacher at Immaculate Heart Central High School in Watertown. She has worked at Camp Guggenheim for the past 4 summers, became Assistant Director last summer, and is excited to return to camp this summer as Erin Marie Leader after marrying her best friend, Zackery Leader, this June 14th



Lyndale Nephew

My name is Lyndale Nephew and I am 19 years old. I live in Plattsburgh and I belong to St. Peter's Parish. I went to Seton Catholic for high school and I am currently in a 2+2 Program with Clinton Community College and SUNY Cortland for physical education!

I went to Camp Guggenheim as a camper for three years, but this will be my first year on staff!

I am so excited to spend my summer at the place I love and to be able to be so close to God, while spreading his message to all the campers! God is Good!!!



Ashlee Fairchild

My name is Ashlee Fairchild and I'm 21 years old. I grew up in Plattsburgh, where I belong to the St. John's Parish.

In the upcoming year I am going to be a senior at Le Moyne College where I study Psychology. This will be my second year on staff at Camp Guggenheim and I am very happy to be spending my summer at the camp I have loved for the past seven years.

The most exciting part about this summer will be for me to spread the message of Christ to all the campers once again!

Obituaries

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Plattsburgh - George H. Poitras, 85; Funeral Services May 24, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Redford - James H. Lawton, 85; Funeral Services May 20, 2014 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Redford - Brian R. Waldron, 65; Funeral Services May 27, 2014 at Church of the Assumption; burial in Church of the Assumption Cemetery.

Rouses Point - Marie E. (Hodge) Sterling, 77; Funeral Services May 24, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

Saranac Lake - Clarence R. Duprey Jr., 73; Funeral Services May 30, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake - Chester A. Fobare, 87; Funeral Services May 28, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake - Roger F. Sochia, 71; Funeral Services May 23, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Lake Clear.

St. Regis Falls - Dennis M. Martin, 52; Funeral Services May 27, 2014 at St. Ann's Church.

Ticonderoga - Maria Gerada (Helmink) Leerkes, 96; Funeral Services May 28, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ticonderoga - Mary Ann (Ida) Vosburg, 75; Funeral Services May 26, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake - Lee F. LaMare, 79; Funeral Services May 26, 2014 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Tupper Lake - Samantha J. Pickering, 26; Funeral Services May 29, 2014 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish Cemetery.

Watertown - Alice C. (White) Mack, 94; Funeral Services May 31, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown - Charles K. "Scotty" Scott, 89; Funeral Services May 29, 2014 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown - Virginia Hibbert Weldon, 84; Funeral Services May 29, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.