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Pope: God is always on our side

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — God is always by our side, never giving us more than we can handle, Pope Francis said.

The countless women and men who stand tall through enormous difficulties, pain and especially persecution, are armed with the divine gift of fortitude that gives them the strength and hope

to go on, he said.

"It will do us good to think about these people: If they can do it, why can't I? Let's ask the Lord for the gift of fortitude," the pope said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square May 14.

Highlighting some of the tragedies facing people

today, the pope made a special appeal at the end of his audience talk.

He urged everyone to work together to prevent the "shameful massacres" of hundreds of immigrants who drown in the Mediterranean while attempting to reach Europe from North Africa.

The pope's appeal came

after two boats sank attempting to make the crossing in early May; 53 bodies were recovered and about 250 people rescued, but hundreds more were thought to be missing as of May 14.

Pope Francis also said his prayers were with those killed after a mine explosion in Soma, Turkey.

PRAYERS FOR GIRLS

Kidnapped in Nigeria



A message from Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities: Let us put our belief in the power of prayer into action and join together as a diocesan family to pray for the safe return of these young girls. You are invited to use the prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita: *St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery. Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen.*

Jubilarians are honored this week

Ten priests celebrating special anniversaries will be honored during the Presbyteral Assembly in Lake Placid at the May 21 jubilee Mass.

The jubilarians are:

60 Years - Father Daniel T. Keefe and Msgr. Paul E. Whitmore

50 Years - Fathers Andrew J. Amyot, Rolland Hart, Clyde A. Lewis and Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant

40 Years - Fathers Paul J. Kelly, Donald F. Kramberg and George F. Maroun

25 Years - Father Douglas J. Lucia

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NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* is beginning; the next issue of the paper will be dated June 4

A DAY OF JOY



The children of the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew's in Au Sable Forks and St. Margaret's in Wilmington who made their First Communion this month are shown with their pastor, Father Kris Lauzon, Deacon John Ryan and St. Joseph Sister Sr. Yvonne Therese Cusson. The children are Leeanna Trombley, Julius Pray, Michael Malskis, Jack Thomas, Rylee Turnbull, Keaton Vincent, Lindsay Haner, Lynsey Tefoe, Camdyn Strong and Kobe Pelkey.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Of priests, priests and more priests!

We're featuring a very priest-ly issue of the *North Country Catholic* this week as we salute ten priest jubilarians and announce several changes in parish assignments.

We are also sharing the bishop's announcement that two new missionary priests from the Heralds of Good News Mother Theresa Province in India will be coming to the diocese in July to serve at Sacred Heart Church in Massena and Malone Catholic Parishes.

According to information on their website, the Heralds of

Good News is a Missionary Society of Apostolic Life, started in Eluru diocese, India in 1984; it became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999.

The specific aim of the Society is "the promotion of vocations to priesthood, the training of seminarians and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to the dioceses in India and abroad which experience a shortage of priests due to the lack of local vocations."

Several diocese of the United States have taken advantage of

their service.

On July 9, it will be our turn as we welcome Father Tojo Chacko and Father Justin Thomas to the North Country with gratitude.

In the meantime, we can express our gratitude to the priests who have been part of our diocesan family for decades.

At the *North Country Catholic*, we can't let the week pass without offering a particular word of praise for 60-year jubilarian Msgr. Whitmore who technically retired years ago but continues to write our weekly scripture column.

And, for this issue, he accepted our request (plea!) for

even more writing and shared reflections about the first 60 years of his priesthood.

Msgr. Whitmore's generosity and devotion are typical of all the priests of the diocese who serve in parishes, diocesan offices and various ministries year after year after year.

This week, the priests of the diocese will be gathering in Lake Placid for the annual Presbyteral Assembly, enjoying a few days of learning, praying and relaxing together.

We hope they know that they will come back to parishioners who appreciate *everything* they do, who are joining in their prayer of thanksgiving for their priesthood.



Mary Lou Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

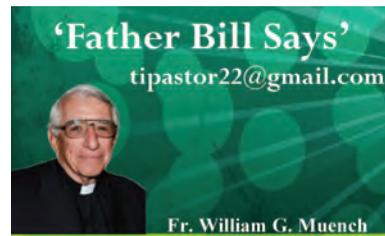
Reflecting on priesthood with gratitude

My own anniversary of ordination as a priest is May 16. I remember the day of my ordination almost perfectly. I remember all the little things that happened that day. This year on my anniversary, I thought back on my own ministry as a priest. Each of my early assignments and my first pastors formed me as a priest and pastor.

Spring is filled with many anniversaries and jubilees for priests. Many of us, priests, were ordained during these Springtime months. So, all of these priests will be celebrating their priestly anniversaries and they will be joining me in remembering their lives and ministry and offer prayers of gratitude to the Lord.

I suspect the question that will occupy most of us is simply, "Why did I stay." I know their answer will begin with trust and faith in the Lord – a strong confidence in the Catholic Church and a unique dedication to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Looking back on those early years, I thank God for the many mentors who truly influenced my life. They were my pastors during those early and formative years who became more than my teachers – they



were my friends. Now all of us priests have been given a new mentor – whether young or old – our new Holy Father, Pope Francis. He has come to us as a gift from the Holy Spirit. His great advice is so good that it does touch us all – young and old. We are all benefiting.

Let me show you what I mean. Recently, Pope Francis ordained several new priests. In his homily he shared with them some advice about the celebration of the sacraments. He said, "By Baptism you will add new faithful to be the People of God; with the sacraments of penance, you will forgive sins in the name of Christ, and the Church. And here I want to pause to ask you, for the love of Jesus Christ, never tire of being merciful! Please! Have that capacity for forgiveness that the Lord had. He who comes not to condemn but to forgive! Have mercy, great mercy."

On a different day, a recent

Sunday that was dedicated to "A World Day of Prayer for Vocations," Pope Francis commented on the Gospel reading – the parable of the Good Shepherd. He said, "The Good Shepherd parable exemplifies the type of relationship Jesus had with his disciples, a relationship based on kindness, love, mutual understanding and the promise of an incomparable gift. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Every day for a priest – not just on an anniversary day – is a day filled with life, the life that the Lord gives transforming a priest's ministry into a time to bring life, the life of Our Savior, to all those in his parish. The task for all priests as ministers of the Lord is to live well and to demonstrate to all how must we all should appreciate and enjoy the gifts that the Lord gave us and how we must use this life as well as we can.

Today I attended Mass while here on a vacation in New Mexico; the Mass was on the feast of St. Matthias. The deacon of the parish gave the homily at Mass and it was terrific. He held up St. Matthias as a model – but also a model for priests and deacons. As you may remember St. Matthias was the

one chosen to fill out the twelve apostles that had been broken by Judas' demise. Matthias' life was suddenly changed. He was chosen in a special way. Each priest often reflects on the fact that he was chosen in a very special way – chosen to become a priest of the Lord. Matthias' faith and trust is an example for each priest.

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Reaching out with the arms of Christ

Letter on Responsibility of Social Outreach in light of the Dignity of the Human Person and Sanctity of Family Life

Any discussion of the dignity of the human being or the sanctity of family life must include the reality of the significant challenges encountered by so many individuals and families in our communities throughout the North Country.

For instance, economic uncertainty causes an increase in family stress, relationship breakdown, addictive behaviors and a diminishment in the overall quality of life of the individual, the family and the community.

As a family of faith seeking to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth, we are compelled to see with the eyes of Christ the people who live on the margins of our society. As you know, this has been a central theme of Pope Francis' homilies and teachings.

We are mandated to reach out with the arms of Christ to those who are on the outside of our community and invite them into our circle

of love and support.

When we look into our own hearts what do we see?

Are they filled with the compassion of a loving, accepting God? Or do we find ourselves judging others? Do we see ourselves as an elite group with little room for the homeless, the hungry or the person struggling with addictive behaviors? Do we understand what it means to go to bed at night hungry and scared like one out of five children in the United States do?

Poverty is both an economic and a moral issue. How a society distributes its resources reflects the priorities of that society. Budgets are moral statements. Budgets must be viewed through the lens of just principles and mercy. So many individuals and families today live on the margins of social, financial, emotional, educational or employment support systems. (De Vol, Payne, Smith, *Bridges Out of Poverty*, 2006)

The widening gap between the rich and the poor

affects everyone. The document *Communities of Salt and Light* (USCCB, 1993) is

clear in its foundational principle that for a parish to be Catholic, it must see and hear the needs of the most vulnerable members, pray and reflect on these realities and then act in *deliberate and effective manner to enhance the quality of life for all individuals and families*. Saint John XXIII

in his document, *Pacem in terris*, reminds us that everyone deserves access to the goods of their particular society.

Saints like Bridget of Ireland, Francis de Sales, and Vincent de Paul have taught us that the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are integral components of evangelization. The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph left us a legacy of risk taking and courage in response to God's call to break open the Word and participate in transforming the world.

Solidarity with vulnerable people is one of the principles of Catholic Social



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

Teaching. Solidarity means "standing with" our sisters and brothers. The principle of solidarity urges us to open our minds and tenderize our hearts to women, men and children locally, nationally and internationally who are suffering from hunger, homelessness, isolation, violence, the ravages of terror and other forms of exploitation, abuse, deprivation and marginalization.

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1John 3:18). Jesus' prayer and relationship with the Father was expressed and witnessed in healing the sick, feeding the hungry, reaching out to the excluded and changing hearts. Jesus is the Word given to us by the Father to teach us about justice tempered with mercy. He lived each moment with a deep sense of reverence for every human being He met on His journey.

Jesus the Christ was about inclusion not exclusion. His life shined with the light of understanding, compassion and gentleness. As followers of Jesus, we are the Body of Christ, united in our common humanity. Each person, every family is to be

welcomed and cherished in our communities.

As the Church of Ogdensburg embraces our mutually shared vision, we keep before our eyes and hearts 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.*

Charged by our baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, impelled by God's Word, our loving service of neighbor expresses our gratitude to the God Who loves us all unconditionally.

We are fortunate and I am so grateful for the compassionate ministry to our vulnerable sisters and brothers provided by our Catholic Charities and the local outreach by many parish groups such as the St. Vincent de Paul Societies and the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus.

Let us all be especially attentive to the unique struggles of our sisters and brothers and extend to them Jesus' helping hands.

Bishop announces changes in priest assignments

Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced changes in assignments for seven priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, as well as the arrival of two new priests after a meeting with the Committee on Assignments May 14.

New pastors profiled, p. 4

• Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant, pastor of The Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville, will be retiring effective June 25.

• Father Kris C. Lauzon, pastor of The Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew in Ausable Forks will also be pastor of The

Catholic Community of Keeseville, effective June 25.

• Father Mark R. Reilly, pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake with parishes at Lake Clear and Bloomingdale and mission in Gabriels, has been named pastor of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church in Massena effective July 9.

• Father Patrick A. Ratigan, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church in Adams with mission in Henderson, has been named pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake with parishes at Lake Clear and Bloomingdale and mission in Gabriels, effective July 9.

• Father Bryan D. Stitt, ad-

ministrator of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church in Massena and Director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Diocese, will return to full time Vocation work with residence in the Malone Catholic Parishes

• Father Martin E. Cline, pastor of St. Mary's of the Fort Church in Fort Covington and St. Joseph's Church in Bombay, has been named pastor of St. Cecilia's Church in Adams with mission in Henderson effective July 9.

• Father Garvin J. Demarais, who has been on medical leave of absence, has been named pastor of St. Mary's of the Fort Church in

Fort Covington and St. Joseph's Church in Bombay effective July 9.

• Father Tojo Chacko, priest from Heralds of Good News Mother Theresa Province, India, has been named parochial vicar of Church of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence in Massena and Louisville effective July 9.

• Father Justin Thomas, priest from Heralds of Good News Mother Theresa Province, India, has been named parochial vicar of the Malone Catholic Parishes effective July 9.

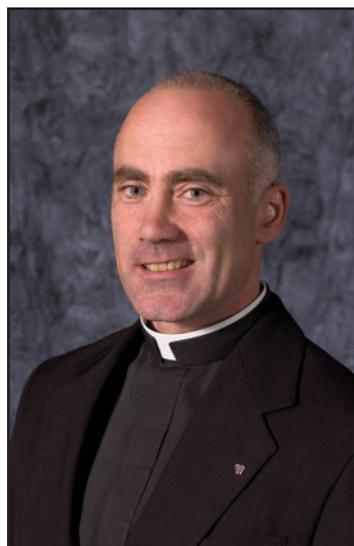
• Father Thomas J. Higman, parochial vicar of the Malone Catholic Parishes, has been

named parochial vicar at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake with parishes at Lake Clear and Bloomingdale and mission in Gabriels effective Aug. 1.

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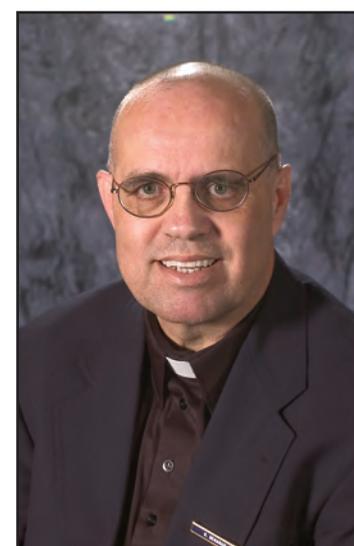
Fr. Reilly



Fr. Ratigan



Fr. Cline



Fr. Demarais

Bishop appoints new pastors for five parishes

Profiles of the five priests to receive new assignments as pastors follow:

Father Kris C. Lauzon

Father Lauzon was given added responsibilities as the pastor of the Catholic Community of Keeseville in addition to his current assignment in AuSable Forks and Black Brook.

The priest has served at the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew, AuSable Forks and Black Brook since 2009, first as administrator and then, in 2010, as pastor.

Father Lauzon was born July 23, 1958 in Cornwall, Ont. and was raised in Massena. He graduated from Canton College and worked for six years as a draftsman for Dynapower in Watertown.

He began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary and earned a theology degree from Christ the King Seminary before his ordination May 25, 1991 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Lauzon has served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh, and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg and in Carthage and Copenhagen. While in Ogdensburg he was also chaplain at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. He also served as administrator in West Leyden.

In 2000, Father Lauzon was named pastor in Hogansburg with added responsibilities as pastor in Fort Covington and Bombay in 2001.

He was named pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh in 2003 and for St. Alphonsus and Holy Name parishes in Tupper Lake, in 2004.

Father Lauzon currently serves the diocese as a member of the Council of Priests and Chair of the Committee for the Continuing Education of Priests.

Father Mark R. Reilly

Father Reilly, new pastor at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's in Massena, has served as pastor in Saranac Lake with parishes at Lake Clear and Bloomingdale and mission in Gabriels since 2010.

Father Reilly was born Dec. 7, 1963 in Syracuse. Upon graduating from high school in 1981, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered LeMoyne College. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from LeMoyne in 1985 and was on active duty from 1986 to 1992.

He entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1992 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Aug. 9, 1997.

Father Reilly's first assignment was as parochial vicar in Saranac Lake. In 1999 he became spiritual Director at Immaculate Heart Central Jr./Sr. High school in Watertown and in 2006, was named pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills, St. Theresa of Avila Church in Theresa, and St. Joseph Church in Philadelphia.

In 2006, Father Reilly was on active duty as a military chaplain in Iraq and from August 2012 to August 2013 served as a navy chaplain in Djibouti, Africa.

Father Patrick A. Ratigan

Father Ratigan, new pastor Saranac Lake, with parishes at Lake Clear and Bloomingdale and mission in Gabriels has been pastor in Adams and Henderson since 2010.

Previously he had been pastor in Brasher Falls and North Lawrence from 2005.

A native of Saranac Lake, he was born Jan. 4, 1955. He served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1975.

Father Ratigan attended Wadhams Hall and the North American College in Rome. He was ordained by Bishop Brzana on Sept. 24, 1983 at St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake.

The priest has served as

associate pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, as parochial vicar of St. Alexander's Church, Morrisonville, and at Sacred Heart Church, Massena.

Father Ratigan served as a U.S. Army Chaplain from 1988-2005, including one year deployments to both Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom.

His military assignments included Fort McClellan, AL, Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Meade, MD, Fort Stewart, GA, Fort Hood, TX, Fort Shafter, HI, Fort Monmouth, NJ, Fort Campbell, KY, two one-year assignments in South Korea, and a one year assignment in Egypt, as well as deployments to Haiti and throughout Central and South America.

Father Martin E. Cline

Father Cline, new pastor in Adams with its mission in Henderson has serve in Fort Covington and Bombay since 2009, first as administrator and then as pastor.

The assignment also included St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg until the church closed in July, 2013.

A native of Winthrop, Father Cline was born Aug. 8, 1978. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary College and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora.

He was ordained June 11, 2005, by Bishop Robert J. Cunningham.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar at Malone Catholic Parishes.

Father Garvin Demarais

Father Demarais, new pastor of St. Mary's of the Fort Church in Fort Covington and St. Joseph's Church in Bombay, most recently served as administrator in Black River and Deferiet from 2011 until beginning a medical leave of absence.

Previously, he was named administrator at Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh and St. Mary's of the Lake in Cumberland Head in 2010.

He had served as chaplain of Franklin Correctional Facility in Malone from 2002.

Father Demarais was born Nov. 9, 1951, and raised in Ellenburg. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King Seminary before his ordination May 2, 1981 by Bishop Brzana.

The priest has been an assistant pastor at Notre Dame in Ogdensburg, Holy Family in Watertown, St. Mary's in Massena, and St. Patrick's in Chateaugay. In 1987, he was released from the diocese to serve two years at St. Columban's Church in Cornwall.

Upon his return to the diocese in 1989, he was named parochial vicar in Ticonderoga and then pastor in West Chazy in 1993 and pastor in Keeseville in 2000 before beginning full-time prison ministry.



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Congratulations, Jubilarians

Priests honored for 60, 50, 40 and 25 years of service

Two priests celebrating 60 years of priesthood

Two priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are observing 60 years of priesthood this year. Father Daniel t. Keefe and Msgr. Paul E. Whitmore were ordained May 22, 1954, by Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg.

Father Keefe, born Feb. 27, 1929, in Plattsburgh, studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

His first assignment as a priest was as assistant pastor at Holy Family Church in Watertown. He also served as assistant pastor in Chateaugay, Dannemora and St. Mary's in Potsdam; administrator of Immaculate Conception in Keeseville and in Hammond.

Father Keefe served as pas-

tor in Hammond from 1964 to 1969 when he began his extended service in campus ministry. He was pastor of John XXIII Campus Parish in Plattsburgh from 1969 to 1984 and also served as diocesan director of campus ministry from 1974 to 1984.

In 1984, the priest was named pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Malone, a position he held until 1992 when he became pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake in Cumberland Head.

Father Keefe also served the diocese as dean of Clinton County, dean of Franklin County and as a defender of the bond for the diocesan tribunal office.

He retired in 2004 and currently resides in Plattsburgh.

Msgr. Whitmore, a Watertown native, was born April 7, 1929. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary as well as St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

His first assignments were as assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Massena and St. Mary's in Ticonderoga.

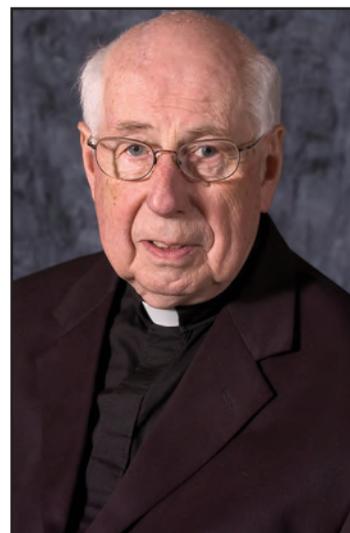
In 1957, he was assigned to the faculty of Wadhams Hall. He continued his education earning a master's degree in English from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in English and American literature from Fordham University.

In addition to his work as English professor at the seminary, Msgr. Whitmore served as director of music. He also served as organist and choir director at St. Mary's Cathedral for several years.

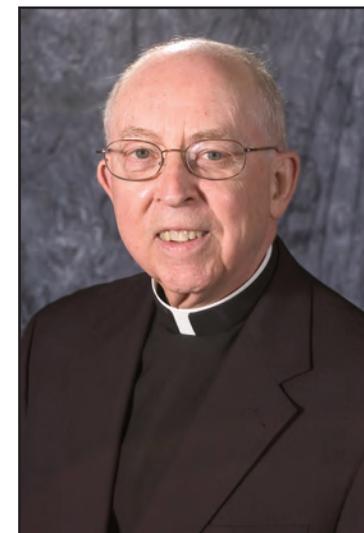
Msgr. Whitmore left the seminary from 1975 to 1977 to serve as pastor in Willsboro before returning to the English department at Wadhams Hall.

In 1980, the priest returned to parish ministry, serving as pastor in Cape Vincent. He also served as pastor in Chateaugay and Brainardsville from 1983 to 1988 when he became pastor in Lake Placid.

In 1995, he left Lake Placid to serve as pastor of Port Leyden and Lyons Falls. Also, in 1995, he was named a Prelate of Honor with the title



Father Keefe



Msgr. Whitmore

monsignor.

He also served the diocese as dean of Adirondack deanery and chair of the music committee for the Department of Worship.

Msgr. Whitmore retired in

2006 and lives in Watertown where he continues to provide ministry as the chaplain for the Sisters of the Precious Blood and scripture columnist for the *North Country Catholic*

Jubilee Celebration

The ten priests celebrating special anniversaries in 2014 will be honored at a Jubilee Mass May 21 during the Presbyteral Assembly at the Crowne Point in Lake Placid.



CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERFUL
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On your 60th Anniversary of Priesthood

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Father George Maroun

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the diocese and to the missionary needs
of the universal Church.
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Four are celebrating golden jubilees

Father Andrew J. Amyot, Father Rolland Hart, Father Clyde A. Lewis and Msgr. Leeward J. Poissant are celebrating golden jubilees this year.

Father Amyot

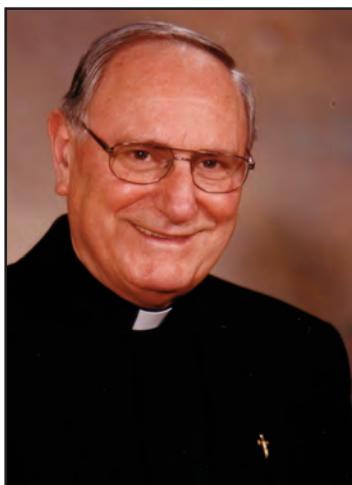
Father Amyot, who retired in 2011, was born Dec. 11, 1935 in Rossie. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall, St. Mary's College in Kentucky and Christ the King Seminary in Olean. He was ordained May 23, 1964 by Bishop Thomas A. Donnellan.

The priest has been assigned as assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake, Notre Dame in Malone and Star Lake.

From 1968 to 1977 and again from 1981 to 1982, Father Amyot was part of the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate, serving the diocesan mission in Mollendo, Peru, South America.

Upon his return to the United States he was named pastor in Willsboro and Essex, in Evans Mills, DeKalb Junction with its mission in Russell, Black River and Natural Bridge.

In 1994, Father Amyot was named pastor in Norfolk with added responsibilities as



Father Amyot

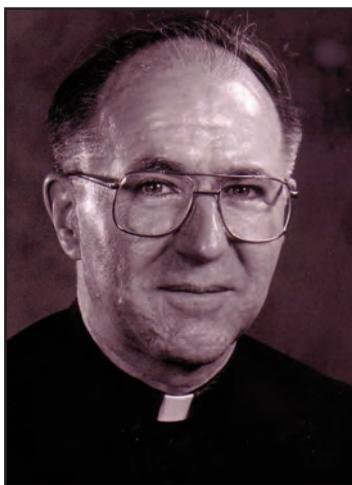
pastor in Raymondville in 2007. He held these positions until his retirement.

Father Amyot served the diocese as vicar for religious from 1981 to 1986 and as dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.

Father Hart

Father Hart was also ordained May 23, 1964 by Bishop Donnellan. A native of Massena, he was born July 9, 1937. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King seminaries.

Father Hart was assigned



Father Hart

to serve as assistant pastor in Morrisonville, Lowville, Chateaugay and Notre Dame in Malone.

In 1972, he was named pastor in Deferiet. He also served as pastor in Redwood and Theresa, Fort Covington, Bombay, Harrisville, Heuvelton and, from 1998 until his retirement in 2004, in Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake.

Father Hart has served the diocese as diocesan director of scouting and as the priest chaplain at the Gouverneur Correctional Facility.

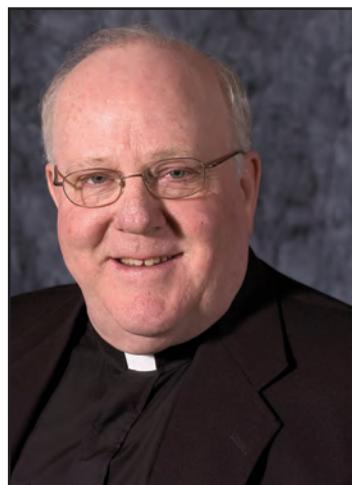
He now resides in Williston, Vermont.

Father Lewis

Father Lewis was born April 29, 1939, in Boston, and grew up in Plattsburgh. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg, Christ the King Seminary in Olean, NY, and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained Dec. 16, 1964 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Father Lewis' first assignment was as assistant pastor in Saranac Lake. He was also an assistant pastor in Gouverneur and at St. Mary's



Father Lewis

Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

He became pastor of St. Augustine's in Peru in 1979 and then Holy Family in Wassertown from 1993 to 2002. At that time, he was assigned to serve as pastor in Rouses Point, a position he continues to hold. In addition, he has been pastor of St. Mary's in Champlain since 2013. Previously he was pastor in Coopersville from 2003 to 2013.

The priest also served the diocese as associate director of the youth department from 1966 to 1970 and associate director of religious education and regional director for St. Lawrence Deanery from 1969 to 1972.

From 1972 to 1979, Father Lewis served as diocesan director of religious education. He also served as president of the New York State Council of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education and as a member of the board of directors of the National Conference of Diocesan Directors.

In addition, the priest has served the diocese as a pro-Synodal Judge of the Marriage Tribunal, as a member of the Priests' Personnel Board and as chair of the Art and Architecture Committee of the diocesan Department of Worship

Msgr. Poissant

Msgr. Poissant is retiring this year after serving as pastor of Keeseville and Clin-



Msgr. Poissant

tonville since 2002.

A Plattsburgh native, he was born Dec. 18, 1938. After study at Wadhams Hall, Christ the King Seminary in Olean and the North American College in Rome, he was ordained on his 25th birthday, Dec. 18, 1963.

The priest also earned a licentiate in sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Toronto.

Msgr. Poissant's first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. In 1965, he was named assistant chancellor and secretary to the bishop.

Beginning in 1968, Msgr. Poissant spent 34 years of his priesthood as part of the faculty and administration of Wadhams Hall including a term as rector-president from 1982 to 1987. He also served as philosophy professor, vice-president and dean of students.

While continuing as a philosophy professor until the seminary's closure in 2002, Msgr. Poissant served as pastor in Dekalb Junction and Russell from 1989 to 1994, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral from 1994 to 1997 and pastor in Morristown and Brier Hill from 1997 to 2002.

The priest also served the diocese as director of seminarians and dean of Clinton Deanery. In 1995, he was named a prelate of honor with the title monsignor.

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Bishop LaValley salutes jubilarians

At this year's Presbyteral Assembly the priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will gather to hear Dominican Father Nicanor Austriaco address timely End of Life Issues.

**With all the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg,
I congratulate our Jubilarians and express our profound
gratitude for their pastoral leadership among us**

We will have time to enjoy meals and relax in each other's company, something that has become more and more difficult to do given the increasing pastoral responsibilities that our priests bear today. A highlight of our time together will be the special annual Jubilee Mass and dinner where we recognize and honor our priests who are celebrating significant anniversaries of their priestly ordinations.

As we reflect on the priestly lives of our Jubilarians, we quickly realize what a tremendous gift each of these men continues to be for the Church of Ogdensburg. Down through the generations, they have become principal figures in the story of Catholicism in the North Country. These seasoned veterans of the altar deserve our praise and gratitude.

Marking sixty years as priests, Father Keefe and Monsignor Whitmore have shared their gifts so generously. One, as a founding pastor of St. John XXIII Newman Center and the other as a very gifted musician, both these priests have been truly compassionate pastors.

Fathers Amyot, Hart and Lewis and Monsignor Poissant have shared their love of Jesus and His Church for fifty years. As missionaries, parish priests, and seminary professor and rector, our Church continues to be powerfully impacted by their lives of service.

Fathers Kelly, Kramberg and Maroun, spent years in prison ministry, Wadhams Hall Seminary formation and missionary support. Celebrating his Silver Jubilee, Father Lucia, as liturgist, canonist, and Episcopal Vicar, rounds out this year's honorees.

Most importantly, while serving the Church in special ministries, these priests are faith-filled men who shepherd God's people so lovingly in our parishes.

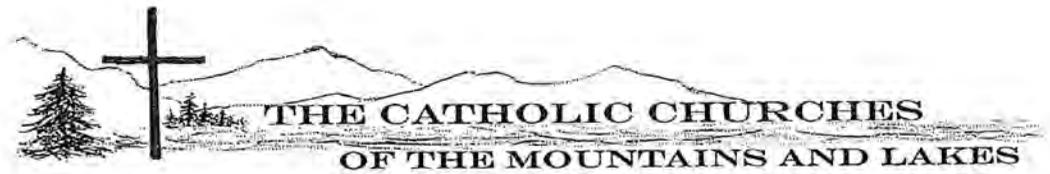
With all the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I congratulate our Jubilarians and express our profound gratitude for their pastoral leadership among us.

We continue to be inspired by these men whose own journey of holiness has born such fruit for the Church these many years of their dedicated service.

God keep them healthy and joy-filled!
Ad multos annos.

Bishop Terry LaValley

The people of St. Joseph's in Dannemora and Church of the Assumption in Redford extend congratulations and best wishes to
Rev. Donald Kramberg
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Funeral held for Sr. Solange Poutre'

NEWPORT, VT. — A Mass of Christian burial for Sister Solange Poutre', (Sister Marie-Germain), a Daughter of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 85, was held May 12, at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Mater Dei Parish.

She died May 7 at Mount Sacred Heart Provincial House Convent, Littleton, N.H. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Newport, Vt..

Solange Poutre' was born Nov. 25, 1929, in Troy, Vt., the daughter of Alcide Poutre' and Almida Choquette. Solange Poutre' professed her vows with her Religious Congregation on Aug. 1, 1948. During her 66 years of religious profession, Sister Solange served in various missions in Newport, Burlington, St. Johnsbury, and Lyndonville, Vt.; Champlain and Rochester, N.Y. Portland, Maine; Colebrook, Whitefield, and Littleton, N.H.

Sister Solange was a dedicated educator in schools and religious education resource centers for many years, turning to the nursing profession in 1980, and more recently as a volunteer for charitable organizations as well as hospitality for groups seeking to make spiritual retreats or meet for planning their benevolent organizations' activities.

Sister Solange was predeceased by her parents and several relatives, including six sisters and brothers, R^al, Fernand, Sister Carmelle, Hermance, Gervais, and Germain.

She is survived by three brothers and one sister, Fabian (and Beverly) of Newport, Vt., Jean-Guy (and Marielle) of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Rejeanne (and Paul McGee) of Point Claire, QC, Denis (and Judy) of Venice, Fla.; many nieces and nephews; and her Sisters in the religious community.

Memorial donations in Sister Solange's name may be addressed to: Daughters of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 226 Grove Street, Littleton, NH 03561.

Bishop's Schedule

May 21 - 22 – Presbyteral Assembly in Lake Placid

May 22 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Brushton

May 23 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at Holy Name Church in Tupper Lake

May 24 – 4:30 p.m., Confirmation at St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls

May 25 – 10 a.m., Confirmation at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks

May 27 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

6:30 p.m., Confirmation at St. Francis Solanus Church in Harrisville

May 28 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Canton

May 29 – 5 p.m., Confirmation at Notre Dame Church in Malone

June 1 – 10:30 a.m., Confirmation at Holy Angels Church in Altona

3:30 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga

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

Environmental Stewardship

"Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these." Mt. 6:28-29

Consider taking a leisurely walk with Jesus this week and listen to the lessons from the earth that He desires to teach you. One of the wild flowers that comes forth seemingly overnight is the dandelion. Did you ever wonder why it comes so quickly and lasts so long? Perhaps you have tried to pull one and found that its roots are very long and deep in the ground. During dry weather it stays green. Could there be a message from God in this simple plant about our need for a deep faith rooted in love?

What would happen if, instead of using pesticide on them that may endanger the ground water, they be used to make wonderful salads and/or cooked with onions, etc. They are rich in nutrients that our bodies need after the long winter.

As you begin your spring yard work, consider working up some ground along the edges and planting some wildflowers or some ground cover plants to reduce the amount of lawn to mow and water this summer. Consult www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com for seeds that grow in our bio-region area. Or you may want to consult your local nursery for suggestions for ground cover plants. The birds, butterflies and bees will be grateful.

Rest in Peace

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

May 21 – Msgr. John Pendergast, 1998

May 22 – Msgr. Claudius Gobet, 1961

May 24 – Rev. Antoine A. Amyot, 1927; Rev. Julien Racette, O.M.I., 1937; Rev. Joseph O. Levesque, 1938; Msgr. George L. Murray, 1942

May 25 – Rev. J. Hector Migneron, 1958

May 26 – Rev. Thomas J. Kelleher, 1889; Rev. Steven H. Gratto, 2012

May 27 – Msgr. Wilfred Allen Nugent, 1991; Rev. Andrew R. Mulvaney, 2013

May 29 – Rev. Arthur C. Kenny, 1945; Rev. Hervé Racette, O.M.I., 1948

May 30 – Rev. J. Heliadore Valois, 1952

May 31 – Rev. John J. Dean, 1930; Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993

June 1 – Rev. Tobias M. Glenn, 1907; Rev. Charles B. Cotter, 2001

June 2 – Msgr. John L. Plunkett, 1950; Deacon Richard T. Larche, 1989

June 3 – Rev. Auriemma Veronneau, O.M.I., 1962; Rev. Franz P. Romuald Reiter, 1971; Rev. Bernard W. Desnoyers, 1987

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:

May 31 – 10 a.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

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

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Bishop to present Crux in Parasceve to Fathers Kelly, Kramberg, Maroun

Forty-year jubilarians get special recognition

Three priests are celebrating their 40th anniversary of priesthood this year – Father Paul J. Kelly, Father Donald F. Kramberg and Father George F. Maroun, all ordained by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana May 4, 1974 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

During the Presbyteral Assembly, Bishop Terry R. LaValley will present each with the Crux in Parasceve, a replica of the cross hanging in Wadhams Hall. This is a traditional diocesan gift for 40-year jubilarians.

Father Paul J. Kelly

Father Kelly is retired from active ministry and currently lives in Tupper Lake. A native of Buffalo, he was born Sept. 1, 1943 and studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

Father Kelly served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Potsdam, St. Joseph's, Massena, while also teaching at Holy Family High School; Notre Dame, Ogdensburg and St. Mary's, Clayton.

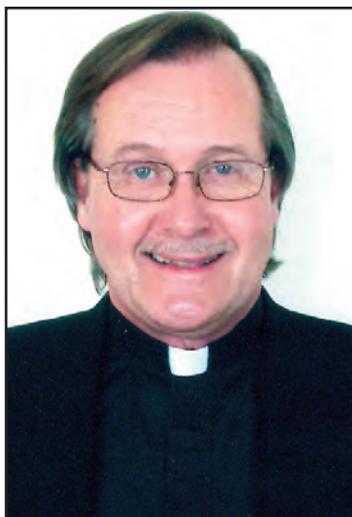
In 1976, he was named to the faculty of Wadhams Hall and undertook graduate studies at Fordham University.

In 1981, Father Kelly was assigned as chaplain of the Raybrook Correctional Facility and associate pastor in Lake Placid.

He continued to serve as prison chaplain when he was named pastor in Keene and Wilmington one year later.

The priest also served as administrator of St. Joseph's in Malone, parochial vicar at Sacred Heart in Massena, pastor in Brasher Falls, parochial vicar of St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, parochial vicar and administrator in Morrisonville, Louisville, Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh and in Dannemora.

Father Kelly also served as chaplain at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility and St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center before being named pastor in



Father Kelly

Adams in 1994.

In 1996, he was named pastor in Lake Pleasant and Wells, a position he held until his retirement in 2011.

Father Donald F. Kramberg

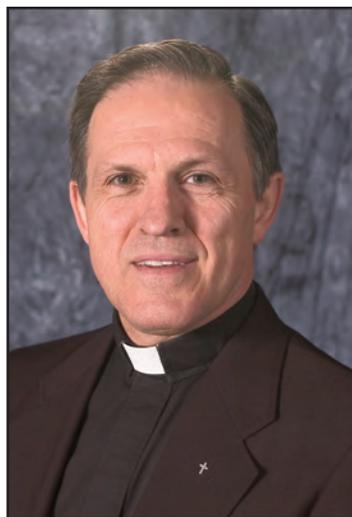
Father Kramberg, a native of North Bangor, was born Aug. 14, 1948. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall, Our Lady of the Angels in Albany and Christ the King Seminary in Olean.

Father Kramberg served as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart in Massena, St. Augustine's in Peru and St. Mary's in Canton.

In 1980, he was appointed to the faculty at Wadhams Hall, a position he held for 11 years. In 1991, he served as administrator in Old Forge and then at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake.

He also served as parochial vicar in Clayton and St. Mary's in Canton before being named pastor in AuSable Forks in 1992.

In 1998, he was named pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Tupper Lake with added responsibilities as pastor of Holy Name in Tupper Lake in 2002.



Father Kramberg

In 2004 he became pastor in Dannemora with the addition of the Redford parish in 2006.

Father Kramberg also served the diocese as director of the Department of Communications.

He retired in 2013 and currently resides in Philadel-



Father Maroun

phia, Pennsylvania.

Father George F. Maroun

Father Maroun, pastor of Carthage and Copenhagen since 2002, is a native of Tupper Lake, born Sept. 25, 1948. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King seminar-

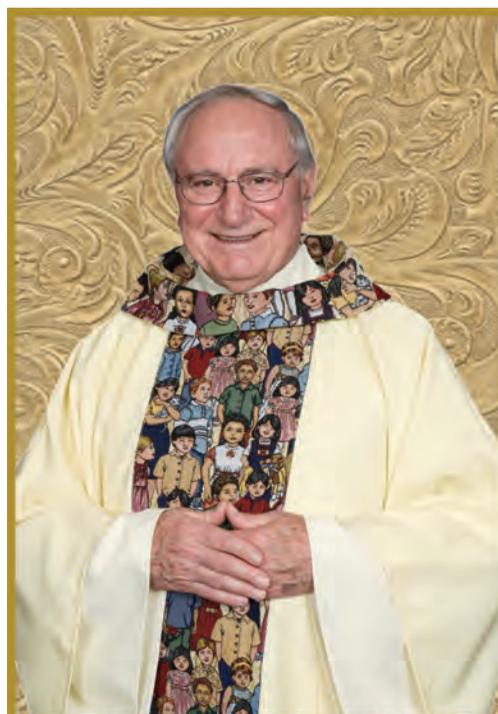
ies.

Father Maroun served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral and Holy Family in Watertown before joining the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate. He served at St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru, from 1982 until his return to the United States in 1988.

After a short sabbatical leave, he was named parochial vicar at St. Anthony's in Watertown and, in 1989, pastor in Norfolk.

In 1994, Father Maroun was appointed to the faculty of Wadhams Hall where he served as spiritual director and assistant professor of language and religious studies until 2002 when he moved to Carthage.

Father Maroun also served the diocese for 26 years in the Diocesan Mission Office. He was assistant director from 1978 until being named director in 1984, a position he held until 2004.



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Father Clyde Lewis looks back on his life and says 'I've been fortunate'

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

Father Clyde Lewis Jr., pastor of St. Patrick's in Rouses Point and St. Mary's in Champlain, will celebrate 50 years in the priesthood December 16, and he shows no signs of slowing down any time soon.

Born in Boston, Father Lewis grew up in Plattsburgh, where his mother hailed from. He attended St. John's

Academy for 12 years, graduating in 1957.

It was at St. John's that the seeds of the idea to pursue the priesthood were first planted.

"I never had a lay teacher, ever, in St. John's. I had lay coaches and things, but I always had priests and nuns," he remembered. "The nuns were not bashful about talking about the priesthood. I think that that probably gave me an idea that I had to deal with.

"So I felt I had that call, but you know when you get it you sort of want to fight it," he said. "because it's sort of out of the realm of your peers and such."

Those nuns were certainly persuasive. Out of his graduating class, seven young men took the priesthood exam at

Wadhams Hall, three entered Wadhams and two were ordained priests. One woman from his class became a nun as well.

"I suppose their gentle talking about the priesthood, that sort of settled it in my mind," Father Lewis said.

While he has enjoyed all of his assignments throughout the Diocese over the years, the 14 years he spent at St. Augustine's in Peru stand out in his mind. One of the highlights of that stay was the building a new church.

But it has been the people that have kept him coming back, even years after he could have retired, he said.

"It's the people that you associate with, that you serve, and the people that serve you," Father Lewis said. "It's a two-way street, and I have

enjoyed that relationship over the years and made some wonderful contacts with people and friendships as you go on, and the people have been just great to work with."

Far from slowing down, and along with running two parishes, Father Lewis has taken on the task of writing a book on his father, Clyde Lewis Sr. Lewis Sr. was a noted attorney in the City of Plattsburgh after a distinguished stint as a bomber pilot in World War II, and as National Commander of the VFW.

He was perhaps more famously one of the driving forces behind convincing the Pentagon to locate an air base in Plattsburgh. Without Lewis Sr., there would likely never have been an air base

in Plattsburgh.

While he has a good start on his book, Father Lewis admits that he likely will not have time to finish it until he finally does decide to retire, something he is considering in the future, but not in the very near future.

"We need priests. The fewer that we are, we tend to rely on each one of us more, and my health is good, I'm happy, so I've chosen to pursue the continuation (of the priesthood) to this point," he said.

Above all, Father Lewis wants people to know that for the past 50 years, he has been happy; happy with his vocation, happy with his parishioners, and happy with the Lord.

"I've been fortunate," he said.



The faith communities of St. James Church, Carthage, NY, St. Mary's Church, Copenhagen, NY and Carthage Augustinian Academy (Pre-K - Grade 8) congratulate Father George F. Maroun as he celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

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Fr. Lucia is 25-year jubilarian

Father Douglas J. Lucia who is observing 25 years of priesthood was born March 17, 1963, in Plattsburgh and grew up in Altona. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary College and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY, before his ordination May 20, 1989, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

In his first assignment, Father Lucia served as parochial vicar at St. Patrick's in Watertown.

In 1990, he left the diocese for two years to serve in the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. He returned to become parochial vicar at St. John's in Plattsburgh and then parochial vicar at St. Mary's Cathedral.

From 1997 to 1999, Father Lucia was assigned to study canon law in Rome. During the summer of 1998 he served as a parochial vicar at Holy Family in Watertown and worked part time for the diocesan tribunal office.

Upon the completion of his studies, Father Lucia was named adjutant judicial vicar and vice chancellor. He also served as administrator at St. Raphael's in Heuvelton and as a part-time chaplain at the Gouverneur Correctional Facility.

In 2000 he was named bishop's secretary and in 2003 was named diocesan director of vocations.

From September 2003 to March 2004, Father Lucia



Fr. Lucia

served as administrator of St. Mary's in Canton. In September, 2004, Bishop Robert Cunningham appointed him as chancellor and episcopal vicar for diocesan services. In 2005 he was given additional responsibilities as diocesan director of seminarians.

In June, 2006, Father Lucia was appointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Morristown and St. Peter's Church in Hammond with its mission of St. Patrick's Church in Rossie. He was also appointed diocesan director of the Worship Office.

Father Lucia returned to Canton in 2008 as pastor, a position he continues to hold.

He also currently serves the diocese as the Episcopal Vicar for Worship and Priestly Formation.

Workshop on building strong families to be held

Why do so many couples seem to be afraid of getting married today? What is there about our culture that works against happy, healthy marriages? Is the Church really all wrong about sex?

Author, teacher, and scholar Dr. Angela Franks will bring her expertise on these topics to the Diocese of Ogdensburg July 26.

She will lead a day-long workshop, "Building Strong Families: Marriage, Sex, and the Church" at the Church of the Visitation Parish Center in Norfolk.

Dr. Franks brings a rich and varied background to this subject. She earned a BA in Theology at the University of Dallas, an MA in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America, and a PhD in Theology from Boston College.

Since 2007, she has been a professor at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, where she is currently Director of the Master of

Theological Studies for the New Evangelization. A popular speaker, Dr. Franks has made presentations at a number of colleges and universities, including Harvard Law School, Wellesley College, and the University of Notre Dame; she has also spoken to diverse scholarly groups, including The American Academy of

Religion. Her wide-ranging presentations have addressed such diverse topics as "Marriage and The New Evangelization," "How Porn Impacts Future Happiness," "A Journey to Peace: What the Church Offers Women," "Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body," and "How to Be a Voice for Marriage to the Media and in the Church."

Dr. Franks writes extensively on these and many other topics; she has been published in several scholarly journals, including The Thomist and The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly;

she has also been a contributor to Magnificat.

In 2013, her book, *Contraception and Catholicism: What the Church Teaches and Why* was published by Pauline Books and Media.

In 2010, Dr. Franks contributed a chapter to Erica Bochiochi's book, *Women, Sex, and The Church*; it was entitled, "The Joy of Giving: Church Teaching on Contraception."

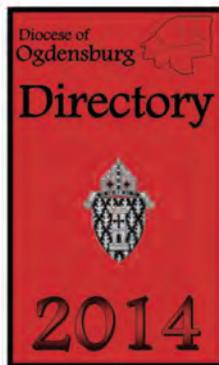
Dr. Franks is also the author of Margaret Sanger's *Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility*, published in 2005. With her husband, Dr. J. David Franks, Angela is a columnist for the Boston archdiocesan newspaper, *The Pilot*; together they also host the program "Christian Witness" on CatholicTV.

The diocesan offices of Family Life, Evangelization, and Faith Formation are sponsoring this workshop with Dr. Angela Franks. The event is open to anyone interested in helping to strengthen marriages. Please save the date, and look for forthcoming registration details.



Dr. Angela Franks

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Msgr. Whitmore offers reflections on 60 years of priesthood

My God, what a life!

By Msgr. Paul E. Whitmore

Priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, 1954-2014

Looking back on sixty years, I am so grateful to God for giving me the grace to say "Yes" to His call to be a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. From my earliest years, I was blessed with at that desire. I grew up in a devout Catholic home in St. Patrick's parish in Watertown.

Looking back on sixty years, I am so grateful to God for giving me the grace to say "Yes" to His call to be a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

I owe so much to my parents' example. And one of the assistants, Father Patrick Reilly, was a frequent visitor. My parents would make popcorn, and Father Reilly would entertain us with card tricks. That, together with the vestments priests wore at Mass, firmed up my early decision to be a priest just like him. I never changed my mind. Although attracted to several religious orders, I finally felt that God was calling me to serve the people of the North Country. I have never regretted my decision.

Would I do it all over again? Yes! The joys of celebrating the sacraments and helping people far outweigh the sorrows and painful times.

I owe an immense debt of gratitude to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their excellent teaching and encouragement (although many thought my brother would become the priest rather than myself). The days at St. Patrick's elementary school, the Sisters' Conservatory of Music, a regents' school, and Immaculate Heart Academy were filled with challenges and good memories. In 1946, I entered Wadhams Hall Seminary-College as World War II was ending. At the start, there were six in our class that expanded to nine by the time of Ordination. I was sent to St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester for theology, and was ordained a priest by Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg in 1954.

How did I see priesthood in 1954? Pretty much as I still see it today. On my prayer card that I gave out to friends and family that year, I

used the famous prayer of the great Dominican preacher, Fr. Lacordaire:

To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures

To be a member of each family yet belonging to none;

To share all suffering, to penetrate all secrets, to heal all wounds'

To go from men to God and offer Him their prayers;

To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope'

To have a heart of fire for Charity, and a heart of bronze for Chastity

To teach and to pardon, console and bless always.

My God, what a life!

And it yours, O priest of Jesus Christ.

Even today, this often-quoted prayer pretty much describes the ideal that most priests strive for. Young priests in the '50's had many older priests to guide them in how to minister. The priests and people of my first assignment at St. Mary's in Massena, taught me really how to be a parish priest. There were seven priests in the village alone, and many teaching Sisters. They were all so warm-hearted and supportive.

After a second assignment at St. Mary's in Ticonderoga where I joined a great council of the Knights of Columbus and learned more of "the ropes" from the Sisters of the Atonement, I was assigned to teach at Wadhams Hall. The 22 years of teaching and helping young men discern their calling to the priesthood were the happiest days of my priesthood. Since its founding by Bishop Conroy in 1924, Wadhams Hall was the reason for such close bonding among the priests of our diocese. Many, many more young men, although not ordained priests today, were given a strong foundation for competent and active careers in human services and Church-related ministries. It was with much pain that we were forced to close for lack of students seeking to know God's call for them.

In the 1960's, Vatican II dramatically changed the life of the Church. With it, came changes in

both the training and the ministry of diocesan priests, as well as religious priests and sisters. After years of trial and error, we're now closer to finding our balance! Priests and people alike were called to be clearer signs of God's love and concern for the real problems of society. We were called to take more risks in being involved, in "getting our feet wet" in the real sufferings and wounds of families and individuals. Some, however, "got their fingers burnt", while others decided they could do God's work as laypeople.

I am truly grateful for the ministries I have been assigned to do as a priest of this diocese. For the most part, I have had an enjoyable time doing it. From my earliest years I was trained in music. Naturally, I enjoyed the opportunities I was given as Cathedral choir director from 1957 until 1964, and from 1977 until 1980. Since Wadhams needed more faculty with advanced degrees, I obtained a Masters degree in English literature from the University of Michigan in 1962 and a doctorate in English and American literature from Fordham University in 1969. Msgr. Floyd Brown warned me years ago that degrees don't necessarily make one a better teacher! It was the whole experience of prayer, counseling, and building community which made my time so enjoyable.

Like most seminary priests, I had a strong desire for parish work. For a brief time in the '70's, I was administrator, then pastor in Willsboro. From 1980 until my retirement in 2006, I held pastorates at Cape Vincent, Chateaugay, Lake Placid, Port Leyden and Lyons Falls. I loved every parish to which I have been assigned. While priests enjoy the anticipation of moving to a new parish; leaving a parish is much more difficult on the heart strings!

I "retired" after 52 years of active ministry. For the past eight years I have enjoyed a semi-retired status. I live in residence at the Church of the Holy Family in Watertown, and act as chaplain to the Sisters' Adorers of the Precious Blood. How very blessed is my present ministry.

After sixty years as a priest, I can sincerely repeat those words of my ordination prayer card, "My God, what a life! And it is yours, O priest of Jesus Christ".

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Pope Francis tells priests to show mercy

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Always be merciful, just like Jesus, who came to forgive, not condemn, Pope Francis told new priests.

"Always have in front of your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who didn't come to be served, but to serve and to look for and save those who were lost," he said in his homily May 11 -- the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The pope's remarks came during an ordination Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, where the pope ordained 13 new priests.

Most of the new priests -- six Italians, four Latin Americans and one Korean -- will serve in the Diocese of Rome. A 36-year-old new priest from Vietnam will serve the Diocese of Vinh in his home

country and a new priest from Pakistan is part of the Order of Discalced Augustinians.

And tells faithful, 'pester your priests'

Pope Francis reminded the men that they were called by Jesus to continue his mission as teacher, priest and shepherd, and to serve the church and the people of God.

He urged them to read, reflect on and teach the word of God and to be a living example of what they preach.

Nourish God's people with his word and doctrine, "which isn't yours. You do not own the doctrine (of the faith). It is the doctrine of the Lord and you must be faithful to the Lord's doctrine," the pope said.

In their new role of administering the sacraments, including reconciliation, he

asked them to "never tire of being merciful! Please! Have the same ability to forgive that the Lord has, who didn't come to condemn, but to forgive! Have lots of mercy!"

He said it pains him terribly "when I see people who don't go to confession anymore because they had been clobbered, yelled at. They felt that the doors of the church had been closed in their face. Please, don't do this!"

He also encouraged the priests to show mercy.

A good priest "comes in through the door and the doors of mercy are the wounds of the Lord. If you do not enter into your ministry through the Lord's wounds, you will not be good pastors," he said.

Later in the day, the pope told those gathered in St. Peter's Square for the "Regina Coeli" to pray that God "help us pastors always be faithful"

to God and to guide his children with wisdom and love.

With Christ as their model, priests must lead their people by showing them the way ahead, they must walk with their flock by showing mercy and friendship, and walk behind their people to help those who are struggling to keep up or who have lost their way, he said.

But often the faithful need to poke and prod their priest to remind him to give them God's guidance and support, he added.

"Pester your priests!" he said, much like a baby calf pesters its mother for milk and nourishment.

Pope Francis highlighted a metaphor used by St. Caesarius of Arles of the sixth century in which priests graze the fields of Scriptures, nourishing themselves on the rich teachings in order to -- in turn - provide spiritual nourishment for their children.

The saint explained how the people of God have to fuss and nudge their priest to give them the "milk" of the Word of God, much like a calf nudges and "pushes its nose against the cow's udder to get the milk flowing. It's a beautiful image!" the pope said.

"This saint says that's how you must be with priests: always knocking on their door, on their heart so that they give you the milk of doctrine, the milk of grace and the milk of guidance."

"Bother them, all of us priests," he said, like the calf "pesters the mother to give it something to eat."

The pope also asked people gathered in the square to pray for vocations.

"Let us pray so that, even today, lots of young people hear the Lord's voice, which always risks being drowned out by so many other voices."

Bishops weigh in on missing Nigerian girls

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Among the U.S. leaders speaking out for action to track down and return 276 kidnapped schoolgirls in Nigeria are the chairman of a Catholic bishops' committee, the director of the Africa Faith and Justice Network and first lady Michelle Obama.

In statements May 9, Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, and Dominican Father Aniedi Okure, a Nigerian native, echoed calls by Nigerian bishops for dialogue among leaders of various elements of the society and for civil reforms.

The BBC reported May 12 that a video had surfaced apparently showing about 130 girls kidnapped from the northern Nigeria school on April 14.

It quoted a leader of Boko Haram, the extremist group that took the girls, offering to release them when "all imprisoned militants" are freed. The news agency reported that the Nigerian interior

minister rejected the "terrorist group's" attempt to set the terms of negotiations.

Bishop Pates, who chairs the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Peace and Justice, in a letter to National Security Adviser Susan Rice condemned the raid by armed gunmen at Chibok Government Girls Secondary School in which the students were taken.

A few escaped to give accounts of the events. Subsequent raids on other communities have resulted in the disappearance of more girls, reportedly at the hands of Boko Haram, an extremist group that opposes education for females, which has threatened to sell the girls.

Bishop Pates urged Rice and the United States to assist the Nigerian government in promoting national security by partnering with civil institutions including faith-based groups "to strengthen their efforts to stop the violence and build social cohe-

sion. Their efforts will be crucial in counteracting the extremist religious views espoused by Boko Haram," he wrote.

At a rally in Washington the same day, Father Okure, director of the Washington-based Africa Faith and Justice Network, joined protesters in demanding "the safe and unconditional return of the kidnapped girls to their families so they can continue their education. Education is a human rights issue; it should never be denied to anyone. We unequivocally call on Boko Haram to release them now."

He added that Boko Haram has succeeded in such acts "mainly due to the larger political culture that plagues and destabilizes Nigeria. Politicians live above the law and feel unaccountable to no one. Therefore, we urge the Nigerian government to address the root causes of Nigeria's social, economic, and political problems."

He listed among those problems, "lack of the rule of law and a culture of impunity;" "massive embezzlement of public funds;" a "lingering feudal system in most of the northern parts of Nigeria;" and a large population of unemployed youth who are vulnerable to recruitment tactics by armed groups.

On May 10, Michelle Obama took the usual Saturday news slot given to President Barack Obama for a national address to discuss the plight of the kidnapped girls.

She said the two of them see their own daughters in the Nigerian girls.

"This unconscionable act was committed by a terrorist group determined to keep these girls from getting an education -- grown men attempting to snuff out the aspirations of young girls," she said.

"We can only imagine the anguish their parents are

feeling right now," Obama said. "Many of them may have been hesitant to send their daughters off to school, fearing that harm might come their way. But they took the risk because they believed in their daughters' promise and wanted to give them every opportunity to succeed."

The BBC was among news outlets reporting that the majority of the kidnapped girls are Christians. The video the news agency cited included several girls saying they were Christian but had converted to Islam since being kidnapped.

The statement from Bishop Pates added that the Catholic church in Nigeria "has called for continuous dialogue among political, military and religious leaders to end the violence, complemented by effective police and military action that brings perpetrators of violence to justice while respecting human and civil rights."

'Love Is Our Mission' is theme of 2015 family meeting in Philadelphia

By Matthew Gambino
Catholic News Service

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) - The archbishop in charge of the Vatican office sponsoring next year's World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia paid a visit to the city May 13 in typical tourist fashion: by viewing the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, was joined by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput and the event co-chairmen, Gov. Tom Corbett and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, for the morning review at the Liberty Bell pavilion. Then, they took a private tour of Independence Hall led by National Park Service guides.

Afterward at the Independence Visitors Center, Archbishop Chaput led a news conference at which he unveiled the theme of the Sept. 22-27, 2015, meeting in the city: "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

He said Pope Francis' compassion for the needs of people around the world "and his deep care for the institution of the family" were the inspiration for the theme.

"It not only reminds each of us that love should be our life's mission but that also it is the engine of life, the archbishop said. "Our goal for the 2015 World Meeting of Families is to create a moment of hope and celebration for all of the world's families - a moment in which we hope Pope Francis will join."

Archbishop Chaput reiterated, as he has in the past, that he does not expect the pope to announce whether he will come to Philadelphia next year until about March. But he said that the World Meeting of Families is being

planned as though the pope will attend.

Pope Francis appears to be involved in details of the planning even at this point. The archbishop said the theme was developed through consultation here and with officials of the Pontifical Council for the Family in Rome. Two suggested themes were presented to the pope and he chose the one announced at the press conference.

It will form the basis of preparatory teaching and programming content for the World Meeting of Families. About 100 speakers are expected to participate in the international conference, along with thousands of attendees from more than 150 nations.

The theme "resonates not just with Catholics, but all people of good will," the archbishop said. "It underlines the beauty and truth of family life. The love that we cite in our theme is a love that we must ensure fills every home and all family members with a unique and invigorating light and warmth."

Archbishop Paglia, who had met Archbishop Chaput, Corbett and Nutter and the Philadelphia delegation during their trip to Rome in March, appeared to thoroughly enjoy his whirlwind tour.

Asking questions of guides at the historic sites and speaking better-than-adequate English, the Italian archbishop said May 13 is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the church calendar. It was also the day in 1981 when St. John Paul II as pope founded the Pontifical Council for the Family. He would have announced the news but was wounded by an assassin that same day.

The archbishop said

Philadelphia was "important to the history not only of the United States but of the world," and the fitting place to "celebrate the importance of families."

He called the Catholic Church "a sign of unity for humanity ... a family of people. Love flows from the family, and this is the great mission for us."

Regarding the World Meeting of Families itself, no new details were revealed except that "every inch of the (Pennsylvania) Convention Center has been booked," Archbishop Chaput said.

He, Corbett and Nutter said they expect plans to be firmly in place by this September, including a budget for which fundraising continues.

Archbishop Chaput said funds will be raised to help poor families attend the meeting and to help them materially, after meeting expenses for the meeting's events, in the months and years to follow.

Getting people to the events from hotels in the city and surrounding counties will be a logistical challenge. Corbett said the planning team is looking at smaller yet significant recent events in the region such as last year's U.S. Open at Merion and the Republican National Convention in 2000.

Once participants arrive they will find programming for all types of families, including "nontraditional families," Archbishop Chaput said in response to the issue of families headed by homosexual couples.

"Everybody is welcome," he said, adding that although the meeting will "primarily involve a Catholic understanding of the family," the virtues of the family are the same: "love, fidelity and support in time of need," he said.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

In Holy Land, Pope Francis will focus on unity, not ignore conflict

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- On Pope Francis' first trip to the Holy Land, May 24-26, his agenda will focus on the search for Christian unity, particularly between the Catholic and Orthodox churches. But inevitably, in a region so rich in history and so fraught with conflict, he will address other urgent issues, including dialogue with Jews and Muslims, the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and the plight of the Middle East's shrinking Christian population. The Vatican has emphasized that the pope's main purpose on the trip is to meet in Jerusalem with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, considered first among equals by Orthodox bishops. The official logo for the papal visit is an icon of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, patron saints of the churches of Rome and Constantinople, joined in a fraternal embrace. Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew are scheduled meet four times during the pope's three-day visit. Their private meeting May 25 will mark the 50th anniversary of the encounter in Jerusalem between Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople, which opened the modern period of ecumenical dialogue. At an ecumenical service that evening, representatives of the three churches who share custody of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher -- Catholic, Greek-Orthodox and Armenian -- will pray together at the site of Jesus' burial and resurrection. The event will be "extraordinarily historic," according to the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, since the three communities normally observe strict separation when they worship in the church.

Pope to beatify Pope Paul VI at end of synod on the family

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will beatify Pope Paul VI Oct. 19 during the closing Mass of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family. Pope Francis signed a decree May 9 recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Pope Paul, who led the church from 1963 to 1978, and authorized publication of the Oct. 19 beatification date, according to a Vatican statement May 10. The miracle involved the birth of a baby in California in the 1990s. The family's name and city have not been released, but according to news reports, a pregnant woman whose life was at risk along with the life of her baby was advised by doctors to terminate the pregnancy. Instead she sought prayers from an Italian nun who was a family friend. The nun placed a holy card with Pope Paul's photograph and a piece of his vestment on the woman's belly. The baby was born healthy. For Pope Paul's sainthood cause, physicians continued monitoring the child's health up to the age of 12 and everything was normal. Pope Paul's connection with the themes expected to be raised at the synod on the family Oct. 5-19 include the encyclical for which he is most known, "Humanae Vitae." The 1968 encyclical, usually described as a document affirming the church's prohibition against artificial contraception, places that conclusion in the context of Catholic teaching on the beauty and purpose of marriage, married love and procreation.

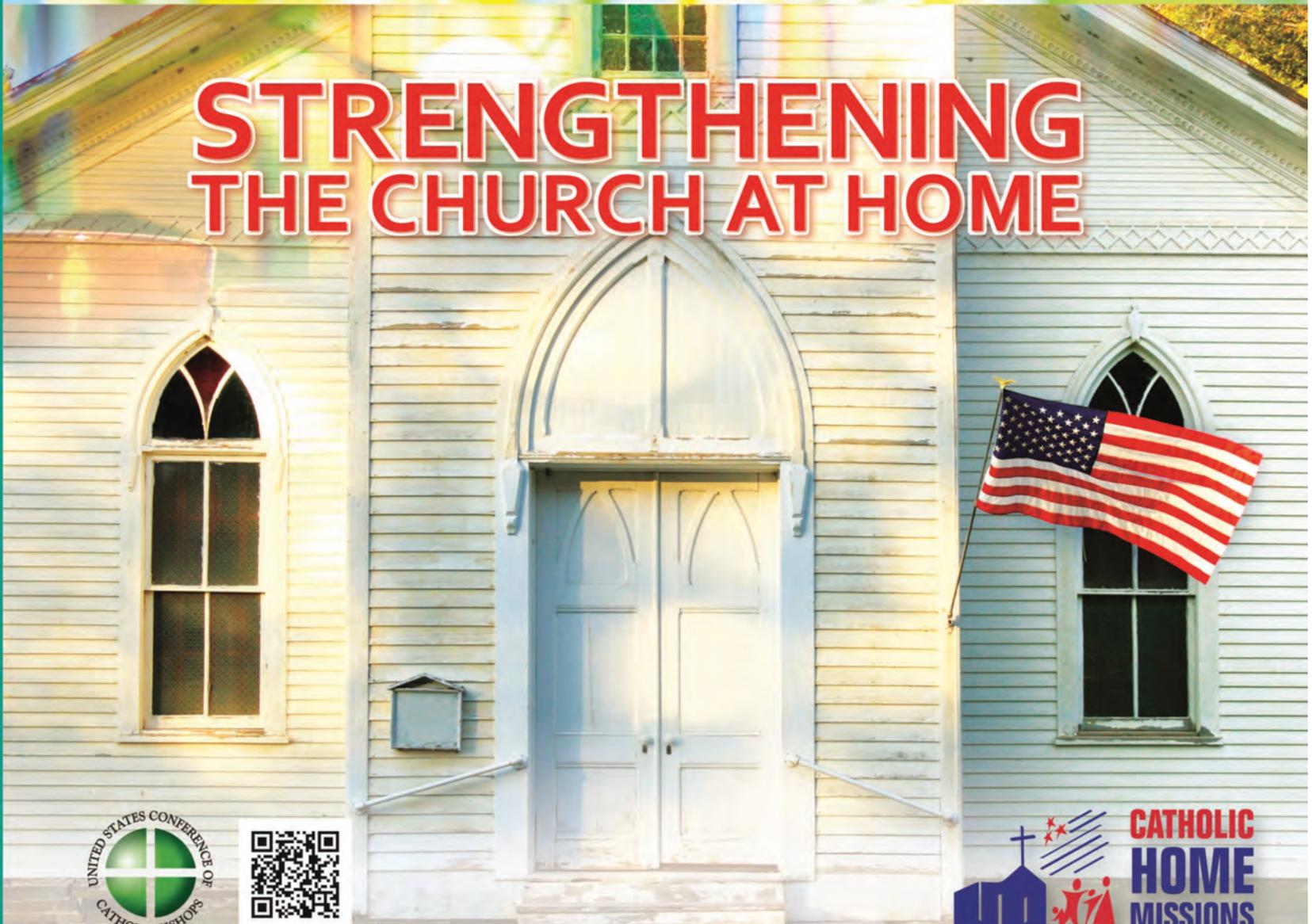
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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

A Sunday to get to know the Holy Spirit

Although Pentecost is still two weeks away, this Sunday could well be called “Introducing the Holy Spirit Sunday” since the Gospel is all about Jesus’ promise to send another “paraclete” (one who pleads our cause) when he returns to heaven.

The first reading tells of the marvelous workings of this Holy Spirit in Samaria when Philip, “filled with the Spirit”, goes there to evangelize. The Gospel is part of Jesus’ Farewell Address to his apostles at the Last Supper. There, he prepares them for his death, resurrection, and ascension,

He tells them they should be happy that He is leaving



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

them, for now God the Father will send them an Advocate or Counselor.

As Jesus Himself was the first “Paraclete”, so God the Father will now send the Spirit of Truth who will complete their education, reminding them of all that He said while on earth, and giving them full understanding and skill to preach the Word with great power and wisdom.

This Holy Spirit will make it possible for Jesus along with God the Father to come into their hearts and dwell there. In this way, Jesus will be present to them always.

Further, this Holy Spirit will fill them with courage to witness to the Truth. He will console them with great

joy, and help them to live always in hope of their own resurrection.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, tells a story that shows how the apostles, following Pentecost, were able to perform miracles and healings very similar to the ones Jesus Himself worked while yet with them.

These signs gave such strong credibility to their preaching that crowds of people immediately believed in Jesus, and were baptized.

The story itself tells us that Philip the Deacon, filled with the Spirit, goes to Samaria and there converts these traditional enemies into enthusiastic believers. When the apostles heard this astounding news, they immediately sent Peter and John to lay hands on them

MAY 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

READINGS

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

so they could receive the Holy Spirit. It was in Samaria that a certain magician names Simon, revered there as a god, was converted to Jesus.

Unfortunately, he made a serious mistake of offering to “buy” Peter’s power. Even today, we refer to that as the sin of simony. Peter excommunicated him on the spot, but invited him to repent of this grave sin. We never do find out what happened to him.

The second reading today from a letter attributed to

St. Peter, gives the early Christians a rule of conduct as they set out on their mission of truth and service. “Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.”

They should have no fear of their enemies, but be prepared to pay the price of discipleship. If they unite their sufferings to those that Jesus endured, then their personal reward in heaven is assured.

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation and the beginning of our nine-day preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

As a people of hope, we need to ready ourselves for a new Pentecost in our beloved Church.

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Editing genes for good, not so good reasons

A number of serious diseases are known to occur because of defects or mutations in our DNA. Curing such diseases could in principle be carried out by rewriting the DNA to fix the mutated base pairs. Yet until recently scientists have remained largely stymied in their attempts to directly modify genes in a living animal.

Findings described in the March 30, 2014 issue of *Nature Biotechnology*, however, reveal that a novel gene-editing technique, known as CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats), can be used successfully in mice to reverse disease symptoms for a liver defect known as type I tyrosinemia.

In humans, this potentially fatal ailment affects about one in 100,000 people. CRISPR, which enables researchers to snip out the

mutated piece of DNA and replace it with the correct sequence, holds the potential for treating other genetic disorders as well.

As the MIT Technology Review explains, the recently-developed CRISPR technique is proving to be remarkably versatile in the hands of biomedical researchers:

“This technology could allow researchers to perform microsurgery on genes, precisely and easily changing a DNA sequence at exact locations on a chromosome.

...CRISPR could make gene therapies more broadly applicable, providing remedies for simple genetic disorders like sickle-cell anemia and eventually even leading to cures for more complex diseases involving multiple genes. Most conventional

gene therapies crudely place new genetic material at a

random location in the cell and can only add a gene. In contrast, CRISPR and the other new tools also give scientists a precise way to delete and edit specific bits of DNA—even by changing a single base pair. This means they can rewrite the human genome at will.”

Correcting mutations in the DNA to remedy a serious medical defect would certainly be desirable and permissible.

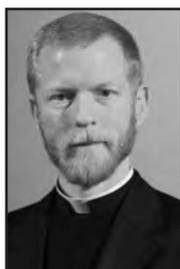
In 2008, in a document called *Dignitas Personae*, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) agreed that trying to restore “the normal genetic configuration of the patient or to counter damage caused by genetic anom-

alies” would be morally acceptable as long as the person being treated will not “be exposed to risks to his health or physical integrity which are excessive...”

Our ability to rewrite the human genome at will through precise DNA editing techniques, however, does raise substantial concerns about misusing the technology. In fact, researchers are already discussing the possibility of going beyond therapies and treatments, and instead, using CRISPR and other gene-alteration technologies to enhance human characteristics.

For example, one possible direction would be to engineer changes in the genes of human muscles so that they could be worked harder and longer, thereby enhancing the performance of athletes and soldiers.

This kind of human re-engineering would cross an important line: instead of



Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

SAVE THE DATE

Father Tad will present a one-day conference in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Saturday, Sept. 6. The topic will be “Death, Dying and Decisions at the End of Life” Look for details in upcoming issues of the *North Country Catholic*.

helping human beings who are struggling against serious diseases, scientists would now begin manipulating human beings for ulterior motives.

As *Dignitas Personae* puts it, “such manipulation would promote a eugenic mentality and would lead to indirect social stigma with regard to people who lack certain qualities, while privileging [others].”

The document also notes how attempting to create a

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AT THE MOVIES

GODZILLA

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Though Facebook may not remind you of the fact, "Godzilla" (Warner Bros.) has a birthday coming up. He'll turn 60 later this year, and what a busy six decades it has been.

In the years since Japanese director Ishiro Honda first unleashed him on the world, Godzilla has battled The Thing (1964), the Sea Monster (1966), the Smog Monster (1971) and even the Cosmic Monster (1974). And that's not to mention all the urban landscapes -- from Tokyo to the Big Apple -- to which he's laid waste.

Well, what better way for an energetic sexagenarian to celebrate such a moment than with a new 3-D adventure. So at least director Gareth Edwards and screenwriter Max Borenstein seem to think.

Though their extension of the durable franchise suf-

fers from an over-elaborate backstory and uneven tone, it does boast predictably grandiose special effects. And, while characterizations are generic, family bonds among the main players are strong. The film also includes a few religious undertones that viewers of faith will welcome.

This outing might be called "Godzilla vs. the Lieutenant" since its protagonist is an American Navy officer of that rank, Ford Brody (Aaron Taylor-Johnson).

Fifteen years after his mother, Sandra (Juliette Binoche), was killed in a disaster at the Japanese nuclear power plant where both she and his father, Joe (Bryan Cranston) worked, Brody travels back to the Land of the Rising Sun to bail his still-grieving dad out of jail. Not for the first time, Joe has gotten himself in trouble by trespassing in the quarantine zone that surrounds the site of the cataclysm.

Joe refuses to accept the

official explanation for the catastrophe. Instead, he obsessively pursues evidence to back his own wild theories about what happened. Though these ideas are far from specific, they do involve sonic transmissions and electrical pulses that were not produced, shall we say, mechanically.

Despite Brody's efforts to bring Joe to his senses, Joe convinces his son to accompany him on yet another excursion into the no-go area. There they have an encounter with two scientists, Drs. Ishiro Serizawa (Ken Watanabe) and Vivienne Graham (Sally Hawkins), that reveals, rather spectacularly, that Joe has been on to something all along.

The mayhem that ensues cuts a swath of destruction across a number of cities, including Brody's hometown of San Francisco where his wife, Elle (Elizabeth Olsen), and young son, Sam (Carson Bolde), come under threat. Just as Joe was lastingly traumatized by the

loss of Sandra, so Brody's motivation throughout these latter-day events is his desire to reunite with -- and protect -- his kith and kin.

The legendary lizard of the title is only one of the outsized creatures rampaging the globe in this installment of his saga. In fact, his adversaries -- the explanation of whose nature is part of the excessive exposition cited above -- are even less sympathetic than the reptilian star. Believers will be pleased with the sight of a military chaplain leading a group of paratroopers in prayer before the climactic showdown, and -- if they're sufficiently eagle-eyed --

with the Catholic-looking medal dedicated nurse Elle wears around her neck. But they may wince a little when a character, in describing Godzilla's place at the summit of the food chain, proclaims him "a god, for all intents and purposes."

The film contains pervasive action violence with minimal gore, brief marital sensuality and a few uses each of profanity and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Memorial Day is May 26

Our Heroes

Valor, brave and courageous are a few words that describe you,
Enlisted or drafted; somehow you knew, you would get through.
Things that matter most to you was giving all you had,
Endless nights in foreign lands, sometimes were not too bad.
Remembering family and friends, was what kept you alive,
And your instincts and gut feelings would help you survive.
Now is "OUR" Honor and Privilege with Thanks and Praise,
 to let you know,
Selflessly it was YOU, "OUR HEROES", OUR FREEDOM THAT WE OWE!
 Every first letter of every line will spell out who our Heroes are...

Veterans

Barbara J. Morris, May 2011

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new type of human being could unmask a dark and troubling ideology "in which man tries to take the place of his Creator," resulting in an "unjust domination of man over man."

Yet the line separating a therapy from an enhancement is not always an obvious one. Some researchers have claimed that the most common versions of genes that many people carry are not necessarily the ideal versions from the standpoint of health. Thus researchers might be able subtly to improve matters, for example, by rewriting normal genes so that people could better fight off infectious diseases. Would such a step be enhancement or therapy?

Even as scientists move forward with the project of rewriting our own genes to cure grave diseases, some will be tempted to go further and use techniques like CRISPR to engineer designer human embryos during in vitro fertilization; genetically modified monkeys have already been produced using this method in China.

A prior CDF document called Donum Vitae unequivocally describes the grave problems with subjugating embryonic human beings for research purposes: "To use human embryos or fetuses as the object or instrument of experimentation constitutes a crime against their dignity as human beings having a right to the same respect that is due to the child al-

ready born and to every human person."

The remarkable tools becoming available not only for genetic therapies but also for human enhancement projects and embryonic manipulation raise daunting ethical concerns about the subjugation of man to his own technology, and call for thoughtful measures and vigilance to ensure the proper use of these techniques now and in the future.

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ADIRONDACK

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

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

Time: 8 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Bernard's Chapel

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

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

CLINTON

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru – St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 28th annual golf tournament.

Date: June 13

Time: Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" prize sponsored by Bill McBride Chevrolet and other great prizes. Awards dinner to follow. Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 643-0242 or email gnetlombard@charter.net

QUILT CLASS

Ellenburg Center – The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop will have a quilt class.

Date: May 24

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

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Cost: \$25

Features: Quilt uses a jelly roll and border fabric and is built block-by-block.

Contact: Register at thelostsheepquiltshop@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253.

IGNATIUS RETREAT

Ellenburg Center – An Ignatius Retreat, Discernment of Spirits to be held.

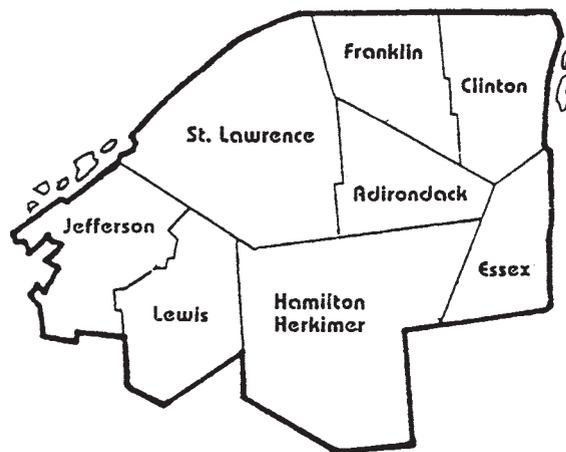
Date: May 31 beginning at 10 a.m. to June 1 ending at 5 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Cost: Suggested donation for the weekend is \$60. Overnight guests add \$50.

Features: Father Jack Downs will be the Retreat Director. This time of prayer and learning will be based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment and deception in the spiritual life. St. Ignatius showed how we can discern or distinguish between one thing and another; God, angels, the evil one,

Contact: Register for the retreat by May 25 by emailing olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253. Rooms available for overnight guests on a first come basis.



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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville – There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville – The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's holds Living Waters Healing Ministry

Date: First Thursday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, individual prayer.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

Theme: "Can you feel the fragrance of Paradise which diffuses itself from the Tabernacle?" (St. Philip)

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.

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: Three Wednesdays starting June 4

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.

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. Immediately 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. For more information, call St. Mary's Parish Office at 686-3398 or visit the website at www.stmarysclyton.org.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: May 29

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown meets the first Wednesday of the Month. Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: Liferight is incorporated as a pro-life educational organization. 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of June to be held.

Date: June 1

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

Contact: 348-6260.

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Constableville – Chicken Bar-B-Que to be held.

Date: June 1

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Cost: Dinner \$9; Halves, \$6

Features: You may eat in the church hall or do take-out. Pre-sale tickets are available from parish council members, Fr. Marullo or after Sunday Mass.

ST. LAWRENCE

BIBLE STUDY

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

Date: Starting June 25

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. This is an 8 week primer and overview to Studying the Bible Timeline.

Contact: For more information, to watch a short video introduction, and to register for this course, go to <http://www.saintmaryscathedral.net/bible-study>.

COMPASSION RETREAT

Morrisonville – Seeking a spirituality of compassion retreat to be held.

Date: May 31 at 9:30 a.m. to June 1 9:30 a.m.

Place: Cedarhaven

Cost: Suggested donation \$50

Features: This 24 hr. retreat will focus on how to become the compassionate heart of Jesus in our troubled world today. Insights from the movie I AM, a documentary production by movie director, Tom Shadyac, who after a near fatal accident, asks the questions "What is wrong with the world?" and "What is right with the world?" will be discussed in light of the Gospel.

Contact: (Space limited) To register, contact Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, 315-212-6592 or srbeth@cit-tele.com.no later than May 28.

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 available

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

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50 Years

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Reverend Douglas J. Lucia

Thank you for your support!
You are all in our prayers!

A special note of gratitude to our Mission Priests whom over the years have been devoted servants to spreading hope and faith where it's so desperately needed.

Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ and Molly M. Ryan

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www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Brasher Falls – Adam P. Males, 69; Funeral Services May 15, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Albany.

Brownville – Mary L. (Kirch) Coughlin, 90; Funeral Services May 15, 2014 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

Brushton – Raymond G. "Buddy" Robideau, 76; Funeral Services May 16, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brushton – Robert J. "Bob" Susice, 83; Funeral Services May 12, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Canton – M. Eileen (Maroney) Carrow, 92; Funeral Services May 16, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Carthage – Glenn A. Sweeney, 73; Funeral Services May 17, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

Clayton – Tomas D. Natali, Sr., 85; Funeral Services May 19, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

Constable – James R. Fleury, 75; Funeral Services May 12, 2014 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery.

Croghan – Mary "Moon" F. (Burnside) Meyer, 80; Funeral Services May 16, 2014 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Heuvelton – Lois Jean (Parish) Alguire, 80; Funeral Services May 14, 2014 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in St. Henry's Cemetery, DeKalb.

Keene – Richard J. Van Wormer; Funeral Services May 17, 2014 at St. Brendan's Church; burial in North Cemetery.

Malone – Beatrice I. (Foster) Brooks, 83; Funeral Services May 17, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Constable.

Malone – Hazel H. (Mainville) Quenneville, 80; Funeral Services May 10, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – Mary Kowalchuk Duprey, 91; Funeral May 16, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – George Heil, 88; Funeral Services May 12, 2014 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

Massena – Dorothy Elizabeth (Honsinger) Hutchins, 96; Funeral Services May 16, 2014 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Massena – Julianna (Heil) Kozsan, 84; Funeral Services May 12, 2014 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Timothy M. Long, 73; Funeral Service May 15, 2014 Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Massena

Mineville – Harry W. Clark Jr., 81; Funeral Services May 10, 2014 at All Saints Church.

Moers Forks – Vatlida E. (Meseck) Ret-

tinger, 95; Funeral Services May 13, 2014 at St. Ann's Church.

Saranac Lake – Patricia (Duffy) Oddy, 83; Funeral Services May 10, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Star Lake – Lynn E. (Akery) Provost, 62; Funeral Services May 17, 2014 at St. Hubert Church.

Watertown – Maureen I. (Frier) Armstrong, 58; Funeral Services May 12, 2014 at Our Lady of Sacred Heart.

Watertown – Mary E. (LaLonde) Hodge, 89; Funeral Services May 15, 2014 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Willsboro – Leon E. "Boy" Laferiere, 84; Funeral Services May 15, 2014 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Essex County Veterans Cemetery, Wadhams

40th Annual

ST. JAMES FAIR

State Street • Carthage

June 12th, 13th, & 14th

Thursday and Friday 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Saturday 11:30 am - 10:00 pm

Games of Chance

**Black Jack *Big Six Wheel *Pull Tabs*

RAFFLE - Prizes: 2 First - \$500 * Sellers of 1st Prizes: \$50 each * 10 Second Prizes - \$100 each
\$1 per Ticket • 6 for \$5 • 12 for \$10 • 18 for \$15
\$\$\$ Drawing Saturday June 14th \$\$\$

Ontario Amusement Rides

Saturday - Wristband Day ~ Noon - 4:00

FOOD

Italian ~ Lebanese ~ American ~ Polish ~ Spanish
•Ice Cream •Clams •Salt Potatoes •Fried Bread Dough
Special Priced Meals for Children Saturday 11:30 am - 4 pm

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ST. LAWRENCE

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

Date: Thursday before the First Friday
Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

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

Contact: 315-769-3137

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

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

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is

celebrated each Sunday

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

DINNER AND SHOW

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

Date: June 4

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

Features: Performance of Million Dollar Quartet. at 7:30 p.m..

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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.

Features: A directed retreat involves three persons - , the Lord, who desires to draw closer to us and invites us to come aside and rest awhile, (Mk 6:30-32) second, the person desiring a closer relationship with God and seeking ways to follow Him more closely in daily life, and thirdly, the spiritual director or who listens and helps the Retreatant to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit working in their life. The directed retreat is offered in an atmosphere of silence, while giving the opportunity for daily one-on-one meeting with a spiritual director, and Mass each day.

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

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

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

Date: June 27-29

Place: Wadhams Hall

Speaker: Johnette Benkovic, of Living His Life Abundantly

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

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

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

SAINT ANNE'S SHRINE

Isle La Motte, Vt. - Shrine will reopen for the 2014 Pilgrimage and Tourist Season

Date: May 24 for 7 p.m. Mass; May 25 for 10:30 Mass
Schedule: Sat. 7p.m. (May 24-Aug. 30), Sun. 9a.m. (June 15-Aug. 31), 10:30a.m. (May 25-Oct. 12), Mon-Fri 11:15 a.m. (June 30-Aug. 29)

Features: The Visitor's Center in the Boucher Building is open for the Season. It houses the Offices, History Room and Gift Store.

Contact: Shrine office at (802)928-3362, email: fstanne@pshift.com, or visit website www.saitanneshrine.org for a schedule of activities and events.

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



Mary Catherine Jadlo

MaryCatherine is origi-

nally from Potsdam. She graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh in 2013, where she was a parishioner at the Blessed John XXIII Newman Center and youth minister at St. Alexander's Parish in Morrisonville.

MaryCatherine now lives in Tempe, Arizona, where she works for Maggie's Place, a Catholic non-profit which offers homes of hospitality for homeless pregnant women.

MaryCatherine is excited to return for her fifth year on staff as Assistant Director, and is especially excited to spend her summer months on the water, out of the Arizona heat!

Andrew Stuckey

Hello! My name is Andrew Stuckey. I grew up and still live in Machesney Park, Illinois, where I attended St. Bridget Catholic Grade School and Boylan Catholic High School.

I graduated from Boylan in 2012 and decided to ship off to Ohio in order to study Psychology and Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where I am now going into my senior year.

Reflected by my choice to continue attending Catholic schools throughout my life, I find the deepest fulfillment in learning and teaching the faith, and seeing as Camp Guggenheim offers both of these aspects, I am very much looking forward to my second year at camp.

The purpose of our faith is primarily toward evangelization, and God constantly calls us to glorify Him in all that we do, whatever it may be, so camp is truly a unique opportunity to glorify Him in that way and through every activity we

engage in. At the end of the day, it is about Him, and the activities of camp do not take away from that, but in fact contribute to that purpose in the most profound way....hike, swim, praise, here we come!



THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

— PRAYER SUGGESTION —

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name a priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

(With ecclesiastical approval)

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...) Amen.

June

Sacred Heart

JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BISHOP TERRY R. LAVALLEY	1 REV. DOUGLAS G. COMSTOCK	2 REV. JOHN J. COSMIC	3 REV. NORMAND C. COTE	4 REV. LAWRENCE E. COTTER	5 REV. ROBERT L. COTTER	6 REV. THEODORE A. CROSBY
OUR PASTOR	8 REV. DOUGLAS A. DECKER	9 REV. ROBERT L. DECKER	10 REV. DAVID DELUCA MSC	11 REV. GARVIN L. DEMARAIS	12 REV. RICHARD D. DEMERS	13 REV. JOHN M. DEMO
15 POPE FRANCIS	16 BENEDICT XVI POPE EMERITUS	17 MSGR. LAWRENCE M. DENO	18 REV. ADRIAN GALLAGHER	19 REV. JOHN L. DOWNS	20 MSGR. DENNIS J. DUPREY V.F.	21 REV. GUY F. EDWARDS
22 RETIRED PRIESTS	23 REV. JOSEPH W. ELLIOTT	24 REV. ALFRED H. FISH	25 REV. FRANCIS J. FLYNN	26 VOCATIONS TO PRIEST- HOOD	27 REV. VINCENT FREEH MSC	28 REV. J. MICHAEL GAFNEY
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