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Seeing God's loving plan

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Human smarts are not enough to truly understand God's word and how he is working in people's lives, Pope Francis said.

Christians need the help of the Holy Spirit to "go beneath the surface of reality and peer into the depths of God's

thinking and his plan of salvation," he said.

During his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square April 30, the pope returned to a new series of audience talks on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of

the Lord.

The audience drew tens of thousands of people, including numerous pilgrims who attended the April 27 canonizations of Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II, whose images could be seen on banners still hanging from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica.

In his catechesis, the pope focused on the gift of understanding, which, he said, is not the same as "human intelligence or intellectual ability."

Rather, he said, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit that comes from sharing in God's life through faith and baptism.

Catholic Charities annual appeal

The annual Mother's Day Appeal for Catholic Charities will be conducted May 11 in parishes across the diocese.

The goal for this year's appeal is \$165,000 which is used to "respond to people in need, empower people to build bridges to healthier lives and to invite others to join in the work of charity and justice."

In the centerfold of this week's NCC, Bishop LaValley and Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, offer information about the critical work of Catholic Charities.

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Atonement priest directed St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center in Saranac Lake from 1989 to 1999.
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IN HONOR OF A NEW SAINT



PHOTO BY TEAH DOWLING
Bishop Terry R. LaValley blesses a newly erected sign at the Newman Center in Plattsburgh marking its name change from the Blessed John XXIII Newman Center to the St. John XXIII Newman Center. The ceremony took place April 27 just hours after Pope Francis had canonized Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II in Rome. Father Timothy Canaan, pastor and diocesan director of campus ministry is shown to the right of the bishop. Full story on page 3.

YOUTH RALLY

Day of faith, fun at IHC



PHOTO BY DAYNA LEADER
Kelly Colangelo, a native of Rome, NY, who now works as a youth minister in Florida, was the keynote speaker for the annual diocesan Youth Rally held April 26 at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown. She was joined by musician Ryan Grant of Adams. About 200 teenagers from around the diocese took part in the day. The theme for the program was "Be Not Afraid," in recognition of the canonization of Pope John Paul II the next day. Bishop LaValley was present throughout the day and presided at the closing liturgy.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A day to show true love to everyone!

It's hard to imagine that any-
one could enjoy a better
Mother's Day than the
one I'm looking for-
ward to.

My personal celebra-
tion will actually re-
quire a long weekend
as I spend Saturday
with a daughter and
granddaughter, Sunday
with a son and grand-
son and Monday with a
mom.

Of course, a perfect
celebration would
mean that the son from
California would pop in
for a visit but near-perfection
will have to do this year.

Even as I thank God for these
motherly blessings, I know I

have to let my heart be tugged
in a slightly different direction.

In our diocese,
Mother's Day means it's
time for the annual
Catholic Charities
Mother's Day appeal.
(Read all about it in this
week's centerfold!)

It's a fitting connec-
tion as we are all called
to reach out to help
those who need to be
mothered: so many
people who don't have
someone making sure
they eat right, have a
place to live and can

count on all the emotional sup-
port they need.

As we mark this Mother's Day
with love for our mothers and

our children, we should take
the words of Sister Donna
Franklin, our Catholic Charities
director, to heart:

"Your financial gift to
Catholic Charities is an expres-
sion of *love shared*," she
writes. "The services provided
by your gift to Catholic Char-
ities rebuild hope in the lives of
our brothers and sisters."

Every service and program
provided by Catholic Charities
is based on the commitment to
the belief that every person's
life is sacred and that everyone
has a right to live with dignity.

That's a message we've heard
over and over from Pope Fran-
cis.

But how do we put this faith
in action?

How do we help the most
vulnerable people in our com-
munities, people we may never
see? How do we rebuild hope
for those whose pain we may
not realize?

You know the answer is
through our support of
Catholic Charities whose work-
ers hear stories of pain, need
and fear every day.

Throughout its history,
Catholic Charities has offered
both direct aid to desperate
people and advocacy to change
a system that keeps people in
poverty.

This is faith-work that needs
and deserves our financial sup-
port. What better way to cele-
brate this Mother's Day than
with a generous gift!

Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

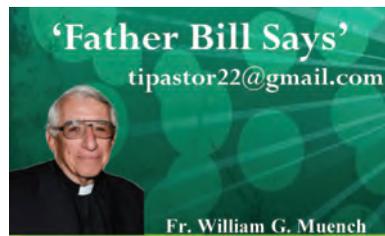
Dear saints of the Diocese of Ogdensburg:

We, Catholics, love our
saints. Each of us has a couple
of favorite saints. In many
countries, your name is deter-
mined by the saint on whose
feast day you were born.

Each day of the year is the
feast day of one or more
saints, a day assigned by the
Church to remember and cele-
brate that saint's life. I remem-
ber well that my grandfather
would always celebrate what
he called our name's day that is
the feast day of the saint for
whom we were named.

The recent canonization
Mass for Pope John XXIII and
Pope John Paul II was an impor-
tant and exciting moment for
the Catholic Church. The can-
onization Mass declares for all
to hear that these two popes
are truly with God in Heaven as
saints and deserve high praise
and recognition. The canon-
ization Mass says to all people
everywhere that the Catholic
Church places these two popes
in high regard and considers
all that they did and taught
worthy of high consideration.

Pope Francis in his homily at
this recent canonization Mass
praised Pope St. John XXIII for
convening the Second Vatican
Council and in this way



demonstrating an exquisite
openness to the Holy Spirit.
Pope St. John XXIII will be re-
membered and celebrated for
following the Holy Spirit in
making possible all that the
Council achieved.

Pope Francis called the
Church today to celebrate Pope
St. John XXIII's lead in being
open to the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis spoke of Pope
St. John Paul II as the pope of
the family in his service of the
People of God. He reminded
us all of the constant effort of
Pope St. John Paul II's constant
effort to call all the Catholics of
the world into a closer union
as a family, a family of the
Children of God.

Pope Francis prayed that
Pope St. John Paul II would
guide and lead the Church of
today to continue to unite all
as family and to bless all fami-
lies with love and happiness.

The Catholic Church has can-

onized many saints over the
centuries. The lives and
achievements of these saints
stand as a guide and model for
all. In addition, we do know in
faith that there are a huge
number of others who are
saints in Heaven with God.
They are not officially canon-
ized by the Church but we are
certain by the way they lived
that they are truly saints.

I am certain that each one of
us knows many of these saints,
members of our own families,
friends, important individuals
in our lives – teachers, guides,
mentors – who are with the
Lord. My list of personal saints
is long and very special; each
of them had a profound influ-
ence on my life and helped me
to become the person that I
am.

The whole purpose of our
existence is to become a saint.
Each of us pursue a particular
career or path in life but, over
all, our destiny is to become a
saint. I remember someone
telling me recently – "Well, I'm
no saint." My response was
simply, "Then you better get
busy – nothing else matters."

Many simply do not under-
stand what a saint is. They
have the idea that being a saint

means being very pious – and
rather sweet. Saints are and
have always been people who
know how to live well, those
who constantly strive to make
the world a better place by the
way they live and act. They are
always ready to live in the
spirit of Our Savior Jesus
bringing God's love and peace
to this world.

Only a few saints will do
something extraordinary. Most
saints are rather ordinary, just
like you and me. Someone
taught me long ago that a saint
is someone who does ordinary
things extraordinarily well.

In the early Catholic Church,
people referred to each other
as "the saints." When the lead-
ers addressed the People of
God, they called them "the
saints." When St. Paul wrote
his epistles to the people of
places like Corinth or Thessa-
lonica, his opening salutation
was his regards to "the Saints
of Corinth" – "the Saints of
Thessalonica." So – I am
pleased that I can write often
to you, the Saints of the Dio-
cese of Ogdensburg – and re-
mind you that with God's love
and help – you will one day
journey to Heaven as a saint of
the Lord.



PHOTO BY TEAH DOWLING

Bishop LaValley presided at the April 27 Mass at the newly named St. John XXIII Newman Center in Plattsburgh. Shown at the altar, from left, are Father Normand Cote, Deacon Jack Cogan, Father Bill Reamer, Bishop LaValley, Father Daniel Keefe, Father Bill Edwards and Deacon Len Patrie.

Newman Center renamed to honor *Saint John XXIII*

By Teah Dowling
Contributing writer

PLATTSBURGH—The Blessed John XXIII Newman Center is now known as the St. John XXIII Newman Center in recognition of the canonization of its namesake.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley blessed the new parish sign at a Divine Mercy Sunday Mass April 27.

The Mass was celebrated in honor of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII who were canonized by Pope Francis that day.

The bishop was invited to the liturgy by Father Timothy G. Canaan, the pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist which includes the Newman Center as a worship site.

Bishop LaValley said that he decided to attend because he felt it was important to be part of the holy and historical day.

"The church universal is rejoicing in these two very, very holy men who were the victors of Christ on Earth," the bishop said. "It was a special privilege to be able to be here and celebrate it with the faith family here."

During his homily, Bishop

LaValley talked about John XXIII saying how he opened "the window so that everybody can see the tender mercy of God."

After, he blessed the new sign in front of a group of people of all ages, celebrating not only the new name of the Newman Center but the two new saints.

"It [the Mass] just happened to be the day that the two of them were being canonized as saints in Rome," Father Canaan said. "Rome is six hours ahead of us, so St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II were already canonized when we celebrated the Mass."

The canonization of the two popes took place in Vatican City in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis presiding at the ceremony and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in attendance. Approximately 800,000 watched the canonization in St. Peter's Square and 500,000 along the streets of Rome.

Pope John XXIII was chosen as the namesake for the Newman Center parish when the building was constructed in 1970. Father Daniel Keefe, now retired, served as campus minister and pastor of the parish from 1969

through 1984.

"We solicited suggested names to the student body, and Pope John XXIII was the one agreed upon," Father Keefe said. "I called Bishop Stanislaus Brzana and told him what the suggestion was, and he said it was interesting that a student parish would pick a pope."

Bishop Brzana approved the request to name the Newman Center after Pope John XXIII, thus starting a faith community to serve the needs of the students from SUNY Plattsburgh, Clinton Community College and its participating families for over 40 years.

The Pope John XXIII Newman Center became the Blessed John XXIII Newman Center after the pope was beatified in 2000.

On April 25, the new sign saying "Saint John XXIII Newman Center" was installed on the Broad Street church, but it wasn't official until it was blessed by Bishop LaValley after the Mass.

"It's always an honor to have the bishop of the diocese to come to celebrate with us but especially on this day when the patron of our parish is declared a saint," Father Canaan said.

Rites held for Fr. Arthur Johnson, SA,

Atonement priest served in diocese as head of St. Joseph's Rehab Center in Saranac Lake

HAVERTOWN, PENN. — A Mass of Christian Burial for Atonement Father Arthur Johnson, 64, who served as president and CEO at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center in Saranac Lake from 1989 to 1999, was held April 24 at St. Denis Church.

He died March 26 at Lourdes McKeen Towers Skilled Nursing Home, West Palm Beach, Florida. Burial was in St. Denis Cemetery.

Born in East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, he entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1970 and professed final vows in 1976. He was ordained in 1977.

He earned a master's degree in educational and pastoral ministries from Emmanuel College and another in theology from The Catholic University of America.

Father Johnson began his ministry in the 1970s, serving for two years at the

Chapel of Our Savior, Brockton, Mass., before becoming executive secretary on the commission on ecumenical and interreligious affairs of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for six years.

He worked in the alcohol/drug treatment unit of Glendale Memorial Hospital starting in 1984. He was the operations manager at the Southern California Indian Center, 1987-1989.

In 1999, after leaving Saranac Lake, Father Johnson was elected minister general of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, serving a five-year term.

He was parochial vicar at a parish in Sterling, Virginia, 2005-2013.

He served on the National Advisory Council of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops; the Governor's Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in New York and on the board of St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor.

He is survived by his brothers Robert and Stephen.

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At the youth rally



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Keynote speaker for the 2014 diocesan youth rally, Kelly Colangelo, a youth minister from Florida, had lots of help from young volunteers during her sessions. She was also joined by musician Ryan Grant of Adams during the April 26 rally held at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown.

'Be not afraid'

By Kelly Donnelly
Contributing writer

WATERTOWN— About 200 teens from across the diocese gathered at Immaculate Heart Central School April 26 for the 2014 Diocesan Youth Rally.

Organized by Diocesan Youth Director, Deacon Brian Dwyer, it was a day during which the teens were able to grow in their faith with one another.

The rally's theme was "Be Not Afraid." Since the rally was the day before St. John Paul II's canonization, this was an incredibly appropriate theme.

The day began with an address from keynote speaker, Kelly Colangelo, who engaged the teens in a variety of games/demonstrations that got them moving, and then spoke about how embracing the faith enabled her to overcome difficulties and fears in her own life.

After the morning keynote address, the participants had a chance to discuss the keynote with peers, participate in Reconciliation, and attend a workshop.

The day continued with an afternoon address from Colangelo, followed by Adoration. Following Adoration, there was a question and answer session with Bishop LaValley who answered many questions with great insights that captivated the teens.

The rally concluded with Mass with the bishop presiding and the youth actively participating.

Throughout the day, everyone was able to enjoy Ryan Grant's musical gifts. He played guitar and led the teens in many praise and worship songs with the participants eagerly singing and doing hand motions. He also led the music for Adoration and Mass.

The annual Youth Rally was certainly a success as teens were able to gather together to learn about and grow in faith. Renewed with the enthusiasm from the rally, the teens are better equipped to return to their schools, homes, and parishes living out the call to "Be Not Afraid" as they grow closer to Christ.



Bishop LaValley, who spent the day with the young people, is shown with members of the 1000 Islands Youth Group.



Alex Pacelli, a diocesan seminarian, and Deacon Brian Dwyer, youth director, participated in the liturgy.



Father Brian Stitt, diocesan vocation director presided at the Eucharistic Adoration held during the day.



The youth group from St. James in Gouverneur took part in a small group discussion after the morning's opening session.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Rites of Spring

By **Mary Catherine Pietropaoli**
Contributing Writer

Spring and summer are the time for love and new life. From the resurgence of green to the baby animals toddling their way about, the world seems to be awakening from its somber winter slumber.

As a lover of medieval literature, I am perhaps particularly susceptible to perceiving the connection between this re-awakening of nature, and the early euphoria of romantic love. But this year, it is not only in my literarily inclined head that I reflect on this connection; it inundates my conversations with college friends, and even crowds my Facebook newsfeed.

Perhaps 24 is the magic age of love, as nearly everyone seems to be getting engaged or excitedly planning a wedding for this summer or fall.

Now, this is normal and good, and I am very happy for these friends and acquaintances as they embark on the journey of marriage which is one of God's greatest gifts. But I have to admit, it is tinged with sadness for me, and with, yet again, feelings of not belonging, of not fitting in with the expectation of the hour.

Especially early on in the spring, as engagements and wedding plans were as omnipresent as budding flowers, I found myself depressed and riddled with anxiety at my spouse-less state. What was wrong with me?

While these feelings still haunt my heart to some extent, I have come, through the grace of God, to realize the tremendous gifts that I have been given through NOT being married or engaged at this moment in my life.

How many experiences I

would have been forced to forfeit, how many wonderful people would not have come into my life if I had what I thought was MY way, the "Catholic" way of early marriage.

I put "Catholic" in quotation marks because while our faith is many, many things, it is certainly NOT one size fits all. Rather, it is a surplus of experiences, a plethora of true loves, all stemming forth from and leading us home to the One who is love.

It was these dual realizations - both that I was grateful for the last few years of my life, and that every human experience is unique that led me through the pain of not being married, or even nearly so.

Among these wonderful people God has brought into my life these last few years is a very dear friend, who has given me many words of wisdom. But one of the most salient came last summer, when she told me that I had no idea what a blessing it was for me to be a teacher before having children.

This statement came back with even greater force during my springtime sorrow, and I realized how true this was; through teaching, I have been blessed to meet nearly 30 little and young people who have forever changed me, making me more myself than I ever thought possible.

I cannot even imagine my life without what these children have brought into it, with their love and laughter. Through them, I have learned so very much about myself, lessons I know with certainty will make me a better mother, whenever that day comes.

Teaching has necessitated learning greater patience, for things both little and large. It has forced me to respect the unique gifts and personalities brought by



Mary Catherine Pietropaoli

each child, and to adapt my expectations to the person in front of me, rather than the other way around. It forced me to learn to actually LISTEN, a struggle for one so terribly opinionated as myself.

I have learned to appreciate the different joys and delights brought into this world by boys and girls; before teaching, I "knew" that girls were less fun, less adventurous, less etc etc... until I met my students.

I learned what wonderful laughter and love is brought into the world by girls, through their inherent compassion, affection, and silliness.

Teaching solidified my delight in the nature of boys, from their messiness to their love of all things war, from their jokes to their sense of honor and integrity.

I have learned to see the

face of God reflected through each member of the human family, however hard I must look. My love for Christ and His Church has been renewed through the sincere faith of these little and young ones.

But perhaps the greatest gift that I have been given through teaching is the confirmation of so much of who and what I am. Through the smiling and inquisitive faces of these children and teenagers I have, in the words of C S Lewis, come to find my own face.

Through their admiration and love, I have realized what is lovable and admirable in myself, and that I do indeed possess that face which I am now able to share with the world.

Because through them, I have come to see the face of the One who made us reflected, however marred by

sin and suffering, in my own face.

So, while I am very happy for the upcoming weddings of my friends, I am equally happy that my life has gone the way it has, absent wedding bells and all.

Yes, their wedding pictures on Facebook will still hold a slight tinge of sorrow.

Yes, I still very much want to marry and have a family...but not today.

Today, I will be grateful for the glory of spring, for the magnificent re-awakening of this world of ours.

I will be grateful for the love and laughter brought into my life by my students, and for the way teaching has helped bring me home to myself.

And today, I will thank God that, once again, He knew my deepest desires far better than I did.

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Woman of Grace Retreat



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Guggenheim camp clean-up!

By Sister Jennifer Votraw
Diocesan chancellor

It is time again for spring cleaning! Camp Guggenheim is no exception: the facility with its many buildings and activity areas needs loving attention.

This is not a job that can be done by one person. Each year, volunteers across the diocese gather as a community for a common good: to make the diocesan camp a welcoming and clean environment for all who will be present during the summer camping season.

From the Summer Camp program to the Family Life program to the many diocesan organizations and families who also rent the lodge and dorm for retreats, workshops

and vacation time, all enjoy and benefit from the hard work and planning that go into the annual cleanup weekend.

This year May 16 at 5 p.m. to May 18 will be the "Camp Clean-Up weekend" coordinated by Dick Lynch, from St. Joseph's, Dannemora. If you can't do a whole weekend but can offer to work a day—wonderful!! Your presence is welcome!!

If anyone is interested in helping prepare Camp Guggenheim during this time, please contact Dick Lynch at 518-492-7583 or e-mail yesgrp7@aol.com for more information and to sign up.

Sign up now, before time gets away and you've forgotten!

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LTCOP is seeking volunteers

OGDENSBURG - The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Seeking Volunteers in St. Lawrence/ Jefferson/ Lewis County

The local program is looking for volunteers who care about individuals living in nursing homes, or adult homes in your community. They should be empathetic, diplomatic and good communicators to become volunteers.

Ombudsman volunteers visit with nursing or adult

home residents, establishing relationships with the residents and ensuring that resident's rights are not being violated.

The Ombudsman will help residents improve their quality of daily life by empowering them, or by advocating on the resident's behalf to solve problems they are unable to resolve on their own.

Ombudsman volunteers are certified. The local program coordinator and staff from the New York State Om-

budsman Program will provide the necessary certification training and also on-going training and support.

Volunteers dedicate about 4 hours per week at the facility they are assigned to.

Further information is available from Winny Sachno, LTCOP coordinator, at Catholic Charities in Ogdensburg. Call 393-2255 for more information, to request an interview and a volunteer application.

Bishop's Schedule

May 7 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Massena

May 8 – 11 a.m., Council of Priests Meeting at St. Cyril's Church in Alexandria Bay
7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills

May 9 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

May 10 – 11 a.m., Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church in Chazy
4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville
6 p.m., Seton Gala in Altona

May 11 – 10 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy honoring Tom & Claudia Sanders with the Bishop Wadhams Distinguished Service Award

May 12 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at Church of the Immaculate Conception in Brownville

May 13 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. James Minor Church in Carthage

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 6 - 6:30 p.m., Kateri Hall, Akwesasne

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Environmental Stewardship

Time for Spring Cleaning

As we engage in putting on new life in Christ during this Easter season, it is the time to clear out the dust of winter and put on the freshness of springtime in our home.

Water is the cradle of life, expression of God's grace.

How can we protect this sacred gift that we depend upon daily in our home??

Some green tips for cleaning:
Household: Use natural cleaning products like baking soda, vinegar, salt, lemon juice, borax in place of products with hazardous ingredients i.e. Drain cleaners – use plunger: flush weekly with boiling water, pour in ¼ cup of baking soda.

Toilet Cleaners - toilet brush and baking soda or borax or soak with white vinegar

Disinfectants – Mix ½ cup borax with 1 gallon of boiling water; undiluted white vinegar

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terriane Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; e-mail: ayc-snn@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-569-0612; Fax: 518-425-0401 or Father James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

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 7 – Deacon Thomas R. Finnegan, 1996

May 8 – Msgr. Harold J. Martin, 1958
May 9 – Rev. William J. McCormick, O.S.A., 1935; Msgr. Clarence M. Devan, 2001

May 11 – Deacon Richard D. Hart, 2007

May 13 – Rev. Ladislaus J. Stasz, 1971

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In a dedication ceremony held April 22 at St. Margaret's Convent Chapel in Lake Placid, Mercy Sister Catherine Cummings, director Mercy Care's Parish Nurse Program; and Donna Beal, Mercy Care's Executive Director, commissioned three parish nurses and a health minister who had completed the "Foundations in Faith Community Nursing Workshop" offered by Mercy Care for the Adirondacks. From left are Deacon Joseph Szwed, a health minister at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake; Barbara Touby, parish nurse at the Church of St. Luke, Saranac Lake; Paul Guerrette, parish nurse at St. Bernard's; and Judy Baksi, parish nurse at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh. Sister Catherine said, "These volunteer nurses and health minister will use their nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care to help people. The focus of their work is on the intentional care of the spirit, assisting the members of a faith community to maintain and/or regain wholeness in body, mind, and spirit."



Elle Oliver, Katie Oliver and Claire Sheley spent time praying around a cross during a winter break weekend for the St. Mary's and St. John's Youth Group from Clayton and LaFargeville and the Youth Group from the Catholic Communities of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont. Some of the young people went tubing at Dry Hill in Watertown, others hiked near Clayton. They met for an overnight in Cape Vincent which featured a pizza party, games, movies and a prayer service.



The children at IHC Primary in Watertown are learning to speak Spanish. Pictured with their Spanish teacher, Maestra Mariangelly Sierra, are Willa Overton, Julia Marzano and Penelope Noza who, with their second grade class, are learning the Spanish names for articles of clothing.



Fifth and sixth graders at St. Mary's School in Canton celebrated Earth Day with a special presentation by Dr. Dana Barry. Dr. Barry is a regular visitor at St. Mary's, coming twice a year with interactive science activities. This year, the topic was "The Wonders of Water," with students participating in experiments using water and pipettes.

Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal

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Pope Francis, with retired pope, canonizes Sts. John and John Paul

A day of two saints

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Canonizing two recent popes in the presence of his immediate predecessor, Pope Francis praised the new Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II as men of courage and mercy, who responded to challenges of their time by modernizing the Catholic Church in fidelity to its ancient traditions.

"They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20th century," the pope said April 27, in his homily during Mass in St. Peter's Square. "They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful."

"John XXIII and John Paul cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the church in keeping with her original features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries," he said.

Speaking before a crowd of half a million that included retired Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis praised St. John for his best-known accomplishment, calling the Second Vatican Council, which he said "showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit."

"He let himself be led, and he was for the church a pastor, a servant-leader," the pope said of St. John. "This was his great service to the church. I like to think of him as the pope of openness to the Spirit."

Pope Francis characterized St. John Paul as the "pope of the family," a title he said the late pope himself had hoped to be remembered by. Pope Francis said he was sure St. John Paul was guiding the church on its path to two upcoming synods of bishops on the family, to be held at the Vatican this October and in



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO VIA REUTERS

Retired Pope Benedict XVI embraces Pope Francis before the canonization Mass for Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 27.

October 2015.

The pope invoked the help of the two new papal saints for the synods' success, and he prayed, "May both of them teach us not to be scandalized by the wounds of Christ and to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves."

Pope Francis has said the agenda for the family synods will include church teaching and practice on marriage, areas he has said exemplify a particular need for mercy in the church today.

The pope repeatedly mentioned mercy in his homily, which he delivered on Divine Mercy Sunday, an observance St. John Paul put on the church's universal calendar in 2000. The Polish pope died on the vigil of the feast in 2005 and was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in

2011.

In addition to Pope Benedict, making only his third public appearance since he resigned in February 2013, Pope Francis' concelebrants included some 150 cardinals and 700 bishops.

Pope Benedict did not join the procession of bishops at the start of Mass, but arrived half an hour earlier, wearing white vestments and a bishop's miter and walking with a cane; he sat in a section of the square designated for cardinals. Pope Francis greeted his predecessor with an embrace at the start of the Mass, drawing applause from the crowd, and approached him again at the end.

During the canonization ceremony, which took place at the beginning of the Mass, devotees carried up relics of the new saints in matching silver reliquaries, which Pope Francis kissed before they

were placed on a small table for veneration by the congregation.

St. John's relic was a piece of the late pope's skin, removed when his body was transferred to its present tomb in the main sanctuary of St. Peter's Basilica.

Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican woman whose recovery from a brain aneurysm was recognized by the church as a miracle attributable to the intercession of St. John Paul, brought up a silver reliquary containing some of the saint's blood, taken from him for medical testing shortly before his death in 2005.

The Mass took place under cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 60s, and only a sprinkle of rain fell just before the 10 a.m. start of the liturgy. Huge tapestries bearing portraits of the two saints hung from the facade of the

basilica, and the square was decorated with 30,000 roses and other flowers donated by the nation of Ecuador.

The square and the broad Via della Conciliazione leading up to it were tightly packed with approximately half a million pilgrims, many of whom had been standing for hours before the start of Mass. Among the many national flags on display, the majority were from Poland, the native land of St. John Paul.

The Vatican estimated that 800,000 attended the ceremony in Rome, with overflow crowds watching on giant-screen TVs set up at various locations around the city. The 2011 beatification of Pope John Paul drew more than 1 million people, according to Italian police estimates at the time.

The Vatican said 93 countries sent official delegations to the Mass, and more than 30 of the delegations were led by a president or prime minister. The current king and queen of Spain and the former king and queen of Belgium were in attendance.

Pope Francis spent half an hour personally greeting the delegations following the Mass. He then rode in his popemobile through the square and adjacent avenue, drawing cheers and applause from the crowds, for about 20 minutes until disappearing at the end of the street.

The canonizations of both popes came after extraordinary measures by their successors to expedite the process. Pope Benedict waived the usual five-year waiting period before the start of a sainthood cause for Pope John Paul shortly after his death, when he was mourned by crowds shouting "Santo subito!" ("A saint at once!"). In the case of St. John, Pope Francis waived the usual requirement of a second miracle before a blessed can added to the church's canon of saints.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Canonization opens way for celebration of popes' feast days

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- From the moment Pope Francis said, "We declare and define Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II be saints" and "they are to be venerated as such by the whole church," their October feast days automatically could be celebrated at Masses around the world. St. John's feast day is Oct. 11, the anniversary of the day in 1962 that he opened the Second Vatican Council. St. John Paul's feast day is Oct. 22, the anniversary of the inauguration of his pontificate in 1978. After the two were beatified -- Pope John in 2000 and Pope John Paul in 2011 -- special Vatican permission was required to publicly celebrate their feast days outside the Diocese of Rome, where they served as bishop and pope, and their home dioceses. Vatican permission also was required to name parishes after them, but with their canonization, that is no longer necessary.

Archbishop says botched execution shows brutality of death penalty

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) -- Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City said the botched execution April 29 of an Oklahoma inmate "highlights the brutality of the death penalty" and should bring the nation to "consider whether we should adopt a moratorium on the death penalty or even abolish it altogether." The planned execution of convicted killer Clayton Lockett in McAlester, Okla., using a new three-drug lethal injection protocol, failed, leaving Lockett showing signs of pain and causing prison officials to halt the procedure. Lockett later died of a heart attack. Republican Gov. Mary Fallin ordered a 14-day stay of execution for Charles Warner, an inmate scheduled to be executed two hours after Lockett. She also ordered the state's Department of Corrections to conduct a "full review of Oklahoma's execution procedures to determine what happened and why" during the execution. Archbishop Coakley, in an April 30 statement, said: "How we treat criminals says a lot about us as a society. We certainly need to administer justice with due consideration for the victims of crime, but we must find a way of doing so that does not contribute to the culture of death, which threatens to completely erode our sense of the innate dignity of the human person and of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death," he added.

Vatican statistics report church growth remains steady worldwide

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The number of Catholics in the world and the number of priests, permanent deacons and religious men all increased in 2012, while the number of women in religious orders continued to decline, according to Vatican statistics. The number of candidates for the priesthood also showed its first global downturn in recent years. The statistics come from a recently published Statistical Yearbook of the Church, which reported worldwide church figures as of Dec. 31, 2012. By the end of 2012, the worldwide Catholic population had reached 1.228 billion, an increase of 14 million or 1.14 percent, slightly outpacing the global population growth rate, which, as of 2013, was estimated at 1.09 percent. Catholics as a percentage of the global population remained essentially unchanged from the previous year at around 17.5 percent. However, the latest Vatican statistical yearbook estimated that there were about 4.8 million Catholics that were not included in its survey because they were in countries that could not provide an accurate report to the Vatican, mainly China and North Korea. According to the yearbook, the percentage of Catholics as part of the general population is highest in the Americas where they make up 63.2 percent of the continent's population. Asia has the lowest proportion, with 3.2 percent.

Auriesville martyrs shrine launches fund raising campaign to remain open

By Angela Cave
Catholic News Service

AURIESVILLE, N.Y. (CNS) -- A popular New York pilgrimage site where Jesuit missionaries were martyred has launched a \$1 million fundraising campaign to stay open.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville since the late 19th century has commemorated the site of a 17th-century Mohawk village called Ossernenon. There, Jesuit missionaries Saints Isaac Jogues, Ren, Goupil and John Lalande were martyred in the 1640s and St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656.

But attendance dropped by more than 50 percent during the shrine's 2013 season. Collections brought in less than \$100,000.

That was despite a deluge of 20,000 pilgrims the weekend in 2012 that St. Kateri was canonized. The crowds even forced law enforcement agencies to close part of the New York State Thruway while the Mohawk maiden's sainthood was celebrated.

The martyrs' shrine is not supported by the Albany Diocese, so it relies on its 100 Masses per 24-week season and periodic novenas to support its staff and operate its 400-acre facility. The property includes five chapels, two museums, a candle shrine, a Jesuit cemetery, a visitor's center and gift shop, outdoor Stations of the Cross and a 10,000-capacity coliseum.

In September, wind and water damaged a two-ton crucifix, 230 windows and the three-tier roof of the coliseum, as well as pews and paneling. Repairs and upgrades will cost \$500,000.

"It's a very serious situation. This is not a scare tactic," said Joey Caruso, a retired radio broadcaster and



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Three crosses appear at the entrance to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, N.Y. One of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage places in the U.S., the shrine pays homage to St. Isaac Jogues, a French Jesuit priest, and his companions Sts. Rene Goupil and John Lalande, all of whom were martyred in the 1640s by Mohawk Indians. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, who was born nearby, is also honored at the shrine which has launched a \$1 million fundraising campaign to stay open.

shrine volunteer who is overseeing the fundraising campaign.

If the coliseum problems aren't addressed, he explained, mold could create health hazards and the roof could cave in.

The St. Kateri Chapel, public bathrooms and water system also need repairs and upgrades.

"It's the most holy grounds in New York, the best-kept secret upstate," Caruso said. "There are many private miracles that take place there. As (retired Albany) Bishop (Howard J.) Hubbard said not too long ago, we have more saints than any other place in the western hemisphere."

The martyrs' shrine was founded in 1885 by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), who also at one point operated the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda, N.Y., and the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Kahnawake in Quebec, Canada. The Jesuit community has been the shrine's largest benefactor, staffing it with three priests.

Caruso said it is uncertain whether the Jesuits will keep a priest there if the coliseum can't open this spring.

"It would behoove us, the Catholic community, to get these repairs done," he said. "We need to rely on Catholics who will claim ownership of the shrine. Generations of Catholics have gone there.

"In the silence of that place, you can almost hear a holiness," Caruso added. "It's such a special place that we cannot afford not to save it. It's up to us, the laity. We're confident that we're going to raise the money."

"This is my way of giving back," he said of the shrine campaign. "God has blessed me in so many ways. The shrine can't run on nickels and dimes anymore. I will invite the pope or the cardinal if I have to.

"I've got to believe that God is going to make this thing work," he continued. "It's not my shrine. It's the Catholic shrine. It we can't pass down the saints to the next generation, who will?"

(Donations by check may be sent to: Building fund drive, c/o Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, to 136 Shrine Rd., Fultonville, NY 12016. Online donations may be made at: www.martyrshrine.org.)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The Good Shepherd: our security and hope

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is so named from the Gospel today, in which Jesus uses two metaphors to teach his listeners how He sees his role in the world.

He calls Himself both the "good shepherd" and "the gate to the sheepfold".

His listeners were all familiar with the strenuous and dangerous duties of shepherds.

Since sheep are the most "laid back" creatures God

ever made, totally unaware of danger, with no sense of direction, needing twenty-four hour watching, a good, caring shepherd must constantly watch over his charges, chasing after them by day, and guarding them from wild animals by night.

When Jesus calls himself the "gate", it brought up the image of a shepherd

stretching his own body over the entrance to the sheepfold.

No beast could harm the sheep before attacking the shepherd first.

That is Jesus' role with us. As the shepherd lays down his own life for his helpless flock, so Jesus lay down his life to save us from sin and Satan's power.

As a shepherd spread oil on the wounds the sheep incurred from brambles or sunburn, so Jesus constantly forgives our offenses and heals the infection of sinful habits,

He is both Shepherd of souls and Gate to salvation.

Most of the time, the more we become familiar with a



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Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

friend, the more we see his weak spots.

With Jesus, its just the opposite. The closer we are drawn to the human qualities of Jesus' love, the more we feel the power of His divinity. He is our security and our only Hope.

The first two readings

from Acts and the first Letter of Peter show how the early church taught first about the Resurrection of the Lord, then of his Passion and Death, and that their belief in Him will be rewarded with the gift of the Holy Spirit which He will send upon them through Baptism.

Our Easter readings from Scripture provide us with very rich material for meditation and prayer.

May we live in the joy and grace of their teaching.

Happy Mothers' Day to all our Mothers.

They're Shepherds, too!

CONSIDER THIS

A radical rebranding of Christianity

By Stephen Kent
Catholic News Service

There he goes again. Pope Francis continues to speak out for the poor - to the exclusion of the "struggling middle class" - much to the exasperation of some people.

The writer of a recent letter to the editor of a California diocesan newspaper does not like to "read continuous scolds from Rome about the need to help the

'poor.' I for one am weary of the adulation of our current pope for his drumbeat about preferences for the poor as if no previous pope had emphasized the theme," she wrote.

Good. That means it's working. Most advertising experts tell their clients it is not until they are tired of hearing their own commercial that it is finally registering with the public.

"What I am not hearing from Rome is a single sentence, never mind a docu-

ment, saluting the struggling middle class," the letter writer said.

She should expect a long wait ahead.

The middle class do not lack for spokespersons. They have the AARP, various chambers of commerce, legislators and public officials who will take their phone calls. Yes, Pope Francis speaks and writes continuously about Christian responsibility for those in poverty. It is not new, but he says it in direct and contemporary language that is finding great appeal.

Being poor isn't just about having few material possessions. "It suggests lowliness, a sense of one's limitations and existential poverty," the pope told group of young

people earlier this year. "The anawim (God's poor) trust in the Lord and they know they can count on him."

The letter writer is not alone in her misconception of the poor.

Poverty is more than lacking money -- it is lacking power. The pope spoke of "an economy of exclusion" where "the powerful feed upon the powerless."

"As a consequence, masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalized without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape," he said in the apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel."

The letter writer seems to be a good person. "Since I was a child, decades ago, I have been solicited to help the less fortunate, and I have regularly contributed

through the years to those who, because of personal misfortune or living under corrupt leaders, find themselves destitute and who knock on the door of the Catholic Church."

Yet that is not enough, as the world is learning from Pope Francis.

Francis, who was known as the "slum bishop" in Argentina because of his work among the poor, said reaching out to those on the margins of society was "the most concrete way of imitating Jesus."

"The word 'solidarity' is a little worn and at times poorly understood, but it refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset that thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few," he wrote in his exhortation.

This creating a community-minded mindset is a radical rebranding of Christianity. If followed, it could change the world.

There will be plenty of time to address the middle class once that is accomplished.

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B.T.L.

The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in our merciful eyes it will become your favor, not mine. Amen BTL

AT THE MOVIES

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Patrons are unlikely to walk away from the over-stuffed but diverting 3-D comic-book sequel "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" (Columbia) feeling that they've failed to get their money's worth.

In fact, director Marc Webb's follow-up to his 2012 reboot covers enough material for at least a movie and a half.

In doing so, the film showcases a good deal of mostly stylized mayhem that's too intense for little kids. But the positive use to which the web-slinger - once again played by Andrew Garfield - puts his powers, together with a script that's virtually free of objectionable vocabulary, makes this adventure acceptable for just about everyone else.

Garfield brings an appealing - and approachable - goofiness, both to his titular persona and to the superhero's alter ego, average teen Peter Parker.

Peter's high school graduation provides the setting for some early scenes during which we see that Spider-Man is so busy protecting the people of New York that Peter misses his girlfriend Gwen Stacy's (Emma Stone) valedictorian address and barely arrives in time to claim his own diploma.

Webb gives those viewers who may not have seen his earlier movie only a minimum of information about Spider-Man and how he got that way. He does let us know, via flashbacks, that Peter's father (Campbell Scott) was a genetics re-



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Andrew Garfield stars in a scene from the movie "The Amazing Spider-Man 2."

searcher with uber-conglomerate Oscorp who, together with Peter's Mom (Embeth Davidtz), disappeared under mysterious circumstances when Peter was still a small child.

Raised by his kindly Aunt May (Sally Field) and now-deceased Uncle Ben, Peter's quest to learn the truth about his parents led to his being bitten by a genetically altered arachnid - with results familiar to every 4-year-old who cherishes a "Spidey" figurine.

While Peter's initial conflict involved balancing his new powers with a concomitant sense of responsibility, he now struggles to reconcile the dangers of his mission with his desire to safeguard Gwen. Is there any way for him to do so short of parting with her forever?

Romantic troubles have to

be put on the back burner, though, when a new foe for Spider-Man emerges in the person of Electro (Jamie Foxx). The confused victim of a power-grid accident at Oscorp headquarters, Electro angrily hurls bolts of his namesake form of energy hither and yon, disturbing the denizens of Times Square and testing even Spider-Man's ability to contain him.

As Peter continues to probe the circumstances of his parents' long-ago departure, he has a fraught re-

union with his best friend from childhood, Oscorp heir Harry Osborn (Dane DeHaan). Afflicted with a fatal hereditary disease, Harry believes that Spider-Man can help to cure him, and he's

desperate to arrange a meeting with the wall-crawler.

Did we mention that there's also a crazed Russian gangster named Aleksei Sytsevich (Paul Giamatti) in the offing?

Giddy special effects and a lively pace help pass the long running time and make the excess of storylines somewhat less noticeable. More substantially, moviegoers will appreciate Spider-Man's knack for making the ordinary people he routinely rescues feel good about themselves. He thus not only battles evil but affirms and encourages goodness as well.

The film contains much action violence, including torture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II - adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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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

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.

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks is holding a Healing Mass.

Date: May 17

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Features: Fr. Doug Decker presiding. The Mass will be followed by an opportunity for individual prayer by our prayer ministry team. Donations appreciated.

Contact: RSVP by May 14 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or ph. 518-594-3253 if you plan on staying for the light lunch

IGNATIAN RETREAT

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

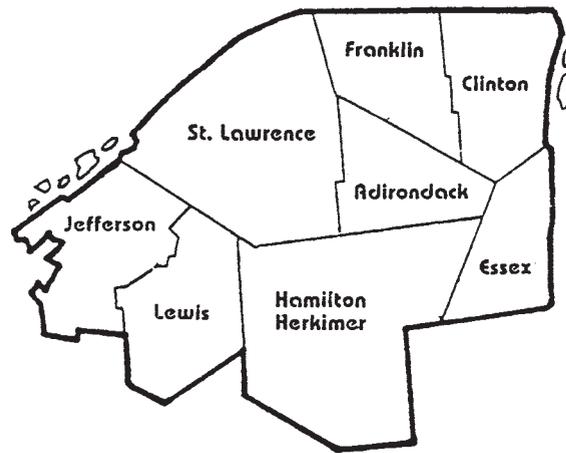
Date: May 31 beginning at 10 a.m. to June 1 ending at 5 p.m.

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, worldly influences, human weakness.

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.



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 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.

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: "Ever since Calvary, all men were her children. She loved them with a Mother's tenderness and longed for their supreme good as for her own; therefore, she was consumed with the desire to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament known to all, to inflame all hearts with His love, to see them enchained to His loving service." (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

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

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

FRANKLIN

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Brushton – St. Mary's will be having a Mother's Day Breakfast.

Date: May 11

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 or more \$25

Features: take-outs available by calling 518-529-6580.

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

ROSARY CRUSADE

Carthage – The 12th annual seven-hour Rosary Crusade will be held

Date: May 16

Time: Crusade begins with Mass at 5:15 p.m., followed by seven hours of the rosary.

Place: St. James Minor Church

Features: We will be praying 3 complete rosaries every hour for 7 hours in honor of Mary's Seven sorrows. Each year artist Bob Renaud, organizer of the Crusade, creates a painting which sets an overall theme for the evening. Those who take part in at least three hours of prayer at St. James will receive a free print of the painting.

Information: Photos of the previous paintings, the specific intentions for each hour, and all other information about the crusade can be found on the church website: <http://catholicof-carthageopenhagen.org/>

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting will be held.

Date: May 19

Presenter: Rev. Douglas Ort, an ordained American Baptist minister, mental health counselor with a private practice, in the Watertown area, for 23 years.

Theme: "The Importance of Taking Time to Say Goodbye"

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 third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

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

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

ST. PETER'S MAY FESTIVAL

Lowville – Plans are underway for St. Peter's May Festival

Date: May 16-18

Place: Lewis County Fair Grounds

Features: Ontario Amusement Carnival rides. Saturday matinee with unlimited rides from 1 p.m. to 5. The festival will feature homemade food specialties including Shiskabob, Pizza, Clam Chowder. Other booths will include "This-n-That", a Giant Bake Sale, and Games for all ages. Fri. is the Grand Opening at 5 p.m., Sat. there is the ride special, Calk Walk at 2 p.m. and R19 Band from 7 p.m. to 10. Sun. there is the Chicken Barbecue. please contact Bob Mullin or St. Peter's Church Office (376-6662) to reserve your chicken or the whole dinner. At 3 pm, the drawings begin for cash prizes totaling \$2000.

BULLHEAD FEED

Harrisville – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Bullhead Feed.

Date: May 9

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

Place: Harrisville Fire Hall

Cost: Adults, \$11 for Fish, \$9 for Ham; Children 5-12, \$6; under 5, Free

Features: Choice of Ham or Bullheads. Take-outs available.

ST. LAWRENCE

HOLY FAMILY MEGA REUNION

Massena – Join classmates at the first ever Holy Family High School Mega Reunion.

Date: Aug. 16

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: The Village Inn

Cost: \$40 per person payable to HFH Mega Reunion

Features: Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and cash bar. Additional activities for Aug. 15 and 16 will be listed at <http://holyfamil-massena.webs.com>
Contact: Ray Fenton at 315-250-4445. RSVP by May 16

COMPASSION RETREAT

Morristown – 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.

POTSDAM LIFECHAIN

Potsdam – A Lifechain is planned for the day before Mother's Day.

Date: May 10

Time: 1 p.m. to 2

Place: Downtown Potsdam along Market and Main Sts. We will gather around 12:45 p.m. at the parking lot across Main St. from the Roxy Theater.

Features: Life Chain will happen regardless of the weather. Don't forget chairs, hats and water.

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Honoring the mothers

Mothers. We all have a mother. Some may or may not still be with us. Some choose to be one. For some, this role comes naturally and for others it is more of a task.

Mothering is defined by most dictionaries as to watch over, nourish, and protect maternally. Mothers give us life. For some, becoming a mother is often referred to as life's defining moment.

The role of a mother can often be thankless work. This role can be filled with joy but sometimes sorrow. Motherhood is a responsibility that changes with each breath, each day, each moment.

The Catholic Church is rich with history of great women who graced this earth with their presence as mothers or maternal figures. Some of these women include Eve, the Mother of all Living, Sarah—mother of Isaac, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Mary, the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Jesus and the most noteworthy of them all. There are of course many others, many who are Saints, and even more who still walk this earth today.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our model of Love and Mercy, who through her Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became a Mother to all children on earth. Even today, Mary serves as the perfect example of motherhood for our modern world. Just as a good mother does not abandon her children, Mary too did not abandon, even in the midst of her own darkness and personal sufferings.

Just like Mary, we cannot abandon our mission family, often the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Your Mother is the most precious gift from God. A mother is the one who not only nurtures her children, but also love them unconditionally. Mothers teach of compassion, love and fearlessness.

A mother can be the one to pick you up when you fall down or help you when you are in need.

A mother is someone you can count on when no one else will answer your call. In this regard, the Missions can be thought of as a mothering presence in lands where despair and misery reign free.

This Mother's Day, take the opportunity to remember those in the Missions who continue to be nourished and loved through our prayers and sacrifice at home.

Many of the children there are orphans and the only mother they know are the missionaries who care for them. As the definition of mothering goes "to nourish and protect", may they know always the love of Mary, Blessed Virgin and guiding light to us all.

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

OBITUARIES

Carthage — William E. Carlisle, 77; Funeral Services May 3, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Champlain — June Alice (Boulrice) Juneau, 71; Funeral Services June 9, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

Dannemora — Alan Leigh Walpole, 73; Funeral Services May 2, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Ovid.

Heuvelton — Betty (Mittiga) Peacock, 102; Funeral Services May 27, 2014 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Hogansburg — Sally Ann Cook, 57; Funeral Services April 28, 2014 at St. Regis Church.

Hogansburg — George G. Gray, 73; Funeral Services April 29, 2014 at St. Regis Church.

Hogansburg — Daniel Moise "Pops" McDonald, 78; Funeral Services May 3, 2014 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Lowville — Linda A. (Erhardt) Yousey, 64; Funeral Services May 2, 2014 at St. Peter's Church.

Madrid — Howard J. Tyndall, 86; Funeral Services April 28, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Madrid Cemetery.

Malone — LeRoy F. Gonyea, 82; Funeral Services April 29, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Malone — Rhea L. (Dumas) Richey, 100; Funeral Services May 1, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone — Mary Helen Todd, 75; Funeral Services May 2, 2014 at St. Joseph's

Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Malone

Massena — Eileen T. (Duprey) Jeanson, 79; Funeral Services May 5, 2014 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Edward W. Sherman, 83; Funeral Services May 3, 2014 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Fairview Cemetery, Parishville.

Mineville — Florinda Posada Gago, 96; Funeral Services April 29, 2014 at All Saints Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

Norwood — Robert S. Donahue, 66; Funeral Services April 28, 2014 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Susan (Burton) Legault, 67; Funeral Services April 30, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Irma "Jean" Paradis, 87; Funeral Services at Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg — Lula B. (Moncrief) Poore, 86; Funeral Services April 28, 2014 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Leland G. "Lee" Buckley, 84; Funeral Services May 3, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Raymond Leonard Favreau, 93; Funeral Services April 28, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Mooers.

Plattsburgh — Blondine B. (LaRose) Peters, 87; Funeral Services May 3, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Rouses Point — Marie Elizabeth (Hodge) Sterling, 77; Funeral Services May 1, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

Warrensburg — Denice Hope (Robinson) Gregson, 57; Funeral Services April 25, 2014 at Alexander Funeral Home.

Watertown — Nicholas R. Cleveland, 20; Funeral Services April 30, 2014 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home.



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ST REGIS PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE THEIR FAITH



The parishioners of St. Regis Mission Church celebrated the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha with a special Mass at the church April 27, followed by a feast at the Kateri Hall. Among those present, pictured at left, were Father Jack Downs who frequently offers Mass at the Reservation; Father Jerome Pastores, former administrator of the parish and now administrator of St. Francis de Sales Church in Cornwall; Sister Mary Christine Taylor who was honored on her sixty-fifth anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph, and Father Anthony Osuji, present administrator of St. Regis Church. At right, Laura Morris, Debbie Thomas, Connie Thompson, Father Anthony Osuji, Sister Mary Christine, Darrell Caldwell, and Elaine Cook represented the parish at the diocesan Chrism Mass April 9 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

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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, former Baptist pastor, and Lighthouse Catholic Media featured speaker. This is an 8 week primer and overview to Studying the Bible Timeline. For more information, to watch a short video introduction, and to register for this course, go to <http://www.saintmaryscathedral.net/bible-study>

ST. JAMES CARNIVAL

Gouverneur – St. James Church to host Carnival.

Date: May 8, 9, & 10

GO GREEN!

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to sign up today.

Features: Rides, games, food, fried dough all three days. Bingo May 9 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6. Craft fair May 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

K of C BRUNCH

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

Date: May 11

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,

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.. Inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins.

Contact: Call Cherie @393-5050 or 393-

7158 or Joyce @528-1819.

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.

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

Ogdensburg – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Noon

Place: k of C clubhouse

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

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

Date: June 27-29

Place: Wadhams Hall

Speaker: Johnnette Benkovic, of Living His Life Abundantly

Features: 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, Johnnette will unfold

the truths of authentic femininity leaving a lasting imprint on minds, hearts, and souls

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

DIRECTED RETREAT

Ogdensburg – The annual summer directed retreat has been planned

Date: June 15-21

Place: Wadhams Hall Retreat Center

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

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@wadhams.edu